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## Kowloon East Inclusive Innovation & Growth: Research Findings and Sharing Session

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Under its current rapid development, Hong Kong faces increasing economic challenges and new opportunities to transform. As the traditional Central Business District (CBD) saturates, the Hong Kong Government identified the need to develop another kind of CBD-- Kowloon East is currently in the spotlight for a new wave of development.

Kowloon East (Kwun Town District), Hong Kong's poorest and most densely populated district, is currently undergoing a transition to become the second CBD. There are a set of socio-economic challenges faced by the underprivileged individuals during this urban regeneration process. How can we better drive collaboration among public, private and non-profit organizations to support equitable workforce and small business development efforts while promoting innovative solutions?

J.P. Morgan has commissioned MIT HK Innovation Node, MIT to conduct research seeking to understand the gaps and identify opportunities in Kowloon East that foster inclusive economic growth. It serves as a response to tackle the growing socio-economic disparity of the district's development into a CBD. The ultimate vision is to promote an inclusive, smart, innovative and human-oriented CBD2 in Kowloon East.

This one-hour webinar discussion will focus on sharing some key takeaways from this yearlong field research led by Sunnie S.Y. Lau, Director from the MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node. Two keynote speakers from Cambridge, Massachusetts Institute of Technology-- MIT professors, Charles G. Sodini, and Brent D. Ryan - are going to join us with respective insights on how to meet these challenges.

### **SPEAKERS**

**Charles G. Sodini**, Faculty Director, MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node, Lebel Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, MIT

**Brent D. Ryan**, Associate Professor of Urban Design and Planning; Head, City Design and Development Group, MIT

**Sunnie S.Y. Lau**, Director of Smart City Research and Industry Collaboration, MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node, MIT

### **MODERATOR**

**Charleston Sin**, Executive Director – MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node, MIT

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