



AmCham Women of Influence Awards 2020

Distinguished Judge

Elizabeth L. Thomson

The Amber Foundation Ltd.

Founder & Chairwoman



Elizabeth describes herself as “an entrepreneur by choice, A LAWYER BY PROFESSION and MORE LATELY A philanthropist”.

She is currently chairwoman of her family’s charitable foundation (The Amber Foundation) which supports disadvantaged and ethnic minority women’s education in Hong Kong, India and Canada. It’s LONG STANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT RESCUES airline kits and hotel toiletries AND REPURPOSES THEM into Men’s and Women’s Kits for the homeless, women in shelters, the elderly and refugees.

She founded EMPOWER by The Amber Foundation in April 2018 with 10 YOUNG University ENROLLED women from non-Chinese backgrounds. This program aims to build resilience and confidence and to provide a business/career network for these deserving young women leading to fruitful careers in Hong Kong.

She is a champion for Women and for Women Entrepreneurs in particular and founded The Women Business Owners Club in the 80’s which is now The Women Entrepreneurs Network. She is the Honorary Chairwoman. She was a founding director of The Women’s Foundation, a past Governor of the American Chamber of Commerce and is a current Governor of the Canadian Chamber. She was awarded “Entrepreneur of the Year” in 2008 by the Women of Influence committee of the American Chamber.

She is a founding director of Teach for Hong Kong, is a member of the Neo natal kits project of Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Elizabeth is on the Asia Advisory Board of McGill University.
