



AmCham Women of Influence Awards 2019

Distinguished Judge

Elizabeth L. Thomson

The Amber Foundation Ltd.

Founder & Chairwoman



Elizabeth describes herself as “a lawyer by profession, an entrepreneur by choice “.

She is currently chairwoman of her family’s charitable foundation which supports disadvantaged and ethnic minority women’s education in Hong Kong, India and Canada. It also repurposes airline kits and hotel toiletries into Men’s and Women’s Kits for the homeless, women in shelters, the elderly and refugees.

She founded the Unison Mentoring Program for Women which launched in April 2018 with 10 University women from non-Chinese backgrounds. This program aims to build resilience and confidence and to provide a 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 currently a Director of Teach for Hong Kong and for the Neo Natal kits project of Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Elizabeth is also on the Advisory board of the Faculty of Law at McGill and the Asia Advisory Board of McGill University.