The annual Forbes Under 30 Summit Asia took place in Hong Kong for the second year in a row, from July 11-13, 2019. Now in its fourth year, the summit brought together some 340 entrepreneurs and gamechangers from across the Asia-Pacific region, as featured in the Forbes’ 30 Under 30 Asia lists, as well as CEOs, mentors, investors and industry leaders.

Themed “A Lasting Impact,” the summit saw these young leaders sharing ideas not just on how to drive change, but also how to cement its positive effect in the long run. Spanning three days, the event presented diverse content in different formats—from panels and keynote interviews, to tech presentations and displays—as well as networking opportunities, a Food and Music Festival and a startup pitch onboard a Hong Kong iconic junk boat.
Welcome & Opening Remarks

Innovating For The Long Haul
In this segment, speakers discussed their journeys and challenges as they take on new technologies and introduce innovative solutions that will take us to the next level.

Building A Billion Dollar Startup

Blockchain Unchained

Women On The Rise – The Next Wave

The Hackers’ Hustle

Keynote Interview: One-on-one with Tony Fernandes, CEO, AirAsia Group

One-on-one with Carl Pei, Cofounder & Head of Global, OnePlus

Carl Pei shared his entrepreneurial journey in an interview by Rana Wehbe, Senior Editor – Special Projects of Forbes Asia.

Tony Fernandes gave attendees some invaluable advice about building a successful and disruptive business, in an interview by Wayne Arnold, Executive Editor of Forbes Asia.

Randall Lane, Chief Content Officer, 30 Under 30 Founder, Forbes Media
Daryl Ng, Chairman, Hong Kong Innovation Foundation

Sarah Chen, Cofounder, The Billion Dollar Fund for Women

(L-R) Ankiti Bose, Cofounder, Zilingo; Eric Gnock Fah, Cofounder, Klook Travel; Rana Wehbe, Senior Editor – Special Projects, Forbes Asia

(L-R) Jake Goh, Founder, RateX; Patrick Dai, Cofounder, Qtum Foundation; Jason Lee, VP, NEM.io Foundation; Pamela Ambler, Senior Reporter, Forbes Asia

Saket Modi, Ethical Hacker, Cofounder & CEO, Lucideus
A Look Into The Future

Solving Today’s And Tomorrow’s Social Problems

30 Under 30 Asia honorees shared about their causes and stories, as well as their solutions to solve pressing social problems.

Creating A Long-Term Social Impact

Participants discussed how they are tapping new opportunities by being considerate to the environment.

Driving Sustainability

Sustainability As A Business Opportunity

The Last Straw

Eva Mackinley, Founder, The Last Straw Australia

Startups With A Mission

(L-R) Michelle Sun, Founder, First Code Academy; Deane De Menezes, Founder, Red Is The New Green; Sabrina Bensawan, Cofounder, Saab Shares; Grace Chung, Associate Editor, Forbes Asia

Solving A Forgotten Problem

Noelle Martin, Law Reform Campaigner

The Human Cost Of Technology: My Fight For Justice

Richard Yim, Founder, Demine Robotics

(L-R) Akshay Singhal, Cofounder, Log 9 Materials Scientific; Mohammad Danesh, Cofounder, Transcelestial Technologies; Natalie Nguyen, Cofounder, Hyper Anna; Wayne Arnold, Executive Editor, Forbes Asia

(L-R) Pamela Ambler, Senior Reporter, Forbes Asia; Samer Al Moubayed, CEO, Furhat Robotics

(L-R) Hanaa Lakhani, Cofounder, Roshni Rides; Manuri Gunawardena, Founder, HealthMatch; Grace Chung, Associate Editor, Forbes Asia

(L-R) Tarun Jami, Cofounder, GreenJams Infrastructures; Katy Zhao, VP, International Client Advisor, Morgan Stanley; Orchlon Enkhtsetseg, CEO, Clean Energy Asia; Rana Wehbe, Senior Editor – Special Projects, Forbes Asia

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Discovery Area

The discovery area showcased some of the most exciting inventions and products from their creators who made it to the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia list— including smart locks, sunglasses, 3D-printers and healthy beverages.

Kaushik Mudda (middle) and Navin Jain (right), Cofounders of Ethereal Machines presented products printed from their consumer-oriented 5D printer, Ethereal Halo.

Morshed Abdulla Al, Cartoonist of Morshed Mishu’s Illustration (middle) exhibited his personal project titled ‘Global Happiness Challenge’—a viral series which transformed tragic images from wars into joyful art.

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Florence Van Dyke, CEO of Chia Sisters, showcased her CHIA products—healthy energy drinks crafted from juices with hydrated chia seeds.

An attendee interacting with a robotic forearm specially designed to help amputees, created by 30 Under 30 Asia honoree Kim Young-Jin, Cofounder of TESOLLO (right).

Kenny Wang, COO of igloohome (right), explained his company’s keyless solutions and demonstrated the usage of the Smart Padlock, a Bluetooth padlock.

Percy Lau, Founder of Percy Lau Studio (right), introducing her sunglasses to an attendee. The eponymous eyewear brand is famous for its bold style and irregular shapes.

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Food & Music Festival

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Ah Moon, one of Myanmar’s most recognized singers, returned to the stage in Hong Kong with her energetic performance.

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Participants also hit up trendy bars in Lan Kwai Fong, Hong Kong’s famous nightlife district.

(L–R) Rod Askarov, Founder, Credit Exim; Usman Ashraf, Senior Director, Seed Out; Dastan Omuraliev, Founder & CEO, Ecoproduct Asia; Kyrylo Medvediev, Cofounder, Persolio; Roman Vernidub, Founder & CEO, Koru Pharmaceuticals

(L–R) Htet Arkar Kyaw, Founder, Giant Pay; Martaza Behboudi, Founder, GUITI NEWS; Jonny Wilkinson, Cofounder & MD, Equitise; Pamela Ambler, Senior Reporter, Forbes Asia; Deep Bedi, Chief Product Officer, PayMe from HSBC; Ajay Prakash, Cofounder, Perlin
In collaboration with Hong Kong Tourism Board, the summit offered attendees the chance to participate in satellite activities and selected sightseeing tours to make the most of their stay in Hong Kong.

**Startup Pitch**
Forbes hosted a startup pitching session onboard the Aqua Luna junk boat, where three entrepreneurs presented to a panel of VCs to get valuable feedback on funding and growth.

**Lantau Island & Monastery Tour**
Summit attendees enjoyed an afternoon escapade to Lantau island, which included a visit to one of the largest outdoor bronze Buddha statues at Po Lin Monastery.

**Sino Inno Lab Tour**
Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia listmakers had the opportunity to visit a startup community hub, Sino Inno Lab, to get further insights into the city’s tech and innovation scene.
Networking
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