

To Assignment Editor:

Hong Kong Book Fair Open Public Forum on Friday *Wilbur Smith, Simon Winchester & Hannah Rothschild to Attend*

July 18 2016 – The 27th Hong Kong Book Fair organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) will be held from 20 to 26 July at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Sir David Tang continues his generous support of the fair this year by hosting the Open Public Forum featuring three respected English language authors, namely, novelist **Wilbur Smith**, journalist and author **Simon Winchester** and the current Chair of the Board of Trustees of the London National Gallery **Hannah Rothschild**.

Wilbur Smith published his first book *When the Lion Feeds* in 1964. This work is centred on early African racial politics as viewed from both sides of the racial divide. The book achieved wide acclaim and established Mr Smith as a sought after writer. When Simon Winchester worked for the British newspaper The Guardian, he reported on many important incidents such as Bloody Sunday and the Watergate Scandal. His first book *The Holy Terror* is based largely on his own experience of the clashes in Northern Ireland. Hannah Rothschild is deeply involved in the arts and is also a well-established writer. In 2015 she became the first female Chair of the London National Gallery Board of Trustees. In the same year she published her prize-winning book *The Improbability of Love*.

Sir David Tang and the three authors will meet the press prior to the Open Public Forum to discuss their ideas and writing styles. You and your representatives are invited to attend the press session and the forum. Details are as follows:

Open Public Forum Meet-the-Press Session

Date : 22nd July 2016 (Friday)

Time : 4:25pm - 4:55pm

Venue : HKTDC SME Services Centre (Near the Entrance to HKCEC)

Open Public Forum - “How and What and Why do Writers Write?”

Date : 22nd July 2016 (Friday)

Time : 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Venue: Theatre 1 & 2 Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Speakers : Wilbur Smith, Simon Winchester, Hannah Rothschild

Moderator : Sir David Tang

Language : English

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