



Yidan Prize Summit

A global platform for locally rooted ideas and changemakers shaping education's futures

An annual flagship gathering where global insights meet local expertise, the Yidan Prize Summit brings together a powerhouse of changemakers in Asia's world city, Hong Kong. Through a wide range of interactive sessions, networking events, and workshops, we spotlight, celebrate, and uncover innovations that are transforming how we learn and live.

Participants bring diverse viewpoints from **schools and universities, academia, philanthropy, NGOs, think tanks, multilaterals, governments, and businesses** — connecting across disciplines, domains, and cultures to spark new ideas and drive change. Previous speakers include:



**HRH Princess
Laurentien of the
Netherlands**
Co-director, Number 5
Foundation



**The Hon Gordon
Brown**
UN Special Envoy for
Global Education; former
Prime Minister of the
United Kingdom



**The Hon Julia
Gillard**
Former Prime Minister of
Australia; Chair,
Wellcome Trust



**Professor Abhijit
Banerjee**
2019 Nobel Prize
Laureate in Economics



**Dr Rukmini
Banerji**
CEO, Pratham Education
Foundation



**Professor Carol S.
Dweck**
Lewis and Virginia Eaton
Professor of Psychology,
Stanford University



Stefania Giannini
Former Assistant
Director-General for
Education, UNESCO



Dr Vee Kativhu
Girls Education Activist
and Founder,
Empowered By Vee



**Professor Ju-Ho
Lee**
Former Acting President
and Minister for
Education, The Republic
of Korea



**Angeline
Murimirwa**
CEO, CAMFED; 2025
TIME 100 Most
Influential People



**Andreas
Schleicher**
Director for the
Directorate of Education
and Skills, OECD



**Professor Yongxin
Zhu**
Founder, New Education
Initiative

Our 2025 Summit in numbers

Over two days of discussion, we examined the theme of “Education at a crossroads” through inspiring stories of transformation. Alongside the core program, we co-hosted a series of knowledge exchange events with partners including the University of Hong Kong, Our Hong Kong Foundation, Lirvana Labs, and UNHCR – the UN Refugee Agency.

588 in-person attendees
from **52** countries



84 representatives
from philanthropic foundations



265 youth leaders, students, and educators





Creating a better world through education

Yidan Prize Foundation is the global philanthropic organization behind the world's highest education accolade. Established in 2016, the foundation serves as a lighthouse to spotlight role models and illuminate possibilities for a brighter future. Through the Yidan Prize and its global learning community, it champions changemakers whose work is future-oriented, innovative, transformative, and sustainable. To date, the Yidan Prize Foundation has awarded a total of HK\$540 million (approximately US\$70 million) to recognize the outstanding achievements of 21 laureates and scale their work in over 50 countries across research and practice.

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