

## EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME: COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY ART 2016

### Module 4. Managing and Maintaining a Collection

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#### Francis Li

Claire & Francis Heritage Lane



Mr. Francis LI Chung-hung is a collector in the area of ancient Chinese ceramics. He is the owner of Claire & Francis Heritage Lane and also the founder of Curator International Art Consultant Limited. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain & Ireland (F.R.A.S.) in 2008. His paper entitled “‘Not Laugh, Not be Tao’: The Application of Tao Te Ching in the Drawings of Yue Minjun” was awarded in the International Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP)

Essay Contest in Asian Philosophy in the 16th ISCP Conference in 2009. His articles about Chinese Art have been published by the Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly and he was one of the keynote speakers in the 2013 Bloomberg Art Seminar in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong based Claire & Francis Heritage Lane Collection was founded by the couple Claire and Francis Li. They study seriously the aesthetics and history of Chinese ceramics and related works of art.

Claire and Francis Li take great pleasure in the process of collecting and they are always ready to share their knowledge and joy with others. A number of exhibitions of their collection have been organised, including the one in the Asia Art Archive in 2014.

Recently, they lent more than a hundred antique miniatures, ranging from Song dynasty (AD 960-1279) ‘hare’s fur’ bowls to ancient Egyptian amulets, to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library for an exhibition entitled “In the Palm of Hand”, which is held on 26th November, 2015 till 30th April, 2016.

Mr. Li is the founding member and academic director of Savantas Liberal Arts Academy, a non-profit UNESCO Hong Kong member school which has enrolled more than 1000 students since its establishment in 2009. Mr. Li is also the program advisor of UNESCO Hong Kong Association. In addition, Mr. Li is the member of Committee on Revising the Chinese History and History Curricula in Curriculum Development Council of the Hong Kong Government.