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## THE PRIZE

Founded in 2016 by Dr Charles Chen Yidan, Yidan Prize reaches out to the world to give recognition to individuals whose work makes profound contributions to education research and development, with the ultimate aim of creating a better world through education.

Giving out HK\$60 million (around US\$7.75 million) worth of awards annually, the Prize is divided into two categories: Yidan Prize for Education Research, which recognizes outstanding research that amounts to significant contributions to education, and the Yidan Prize for Education Development, which recognizes innovative ideas that tackle pressing challenges in the field of education.

Each Yidan Prize Laureate receives a gold medal and HK\$30 million (around US\$3.9 million) worth of awards, comprising a cash prize of HK\$15 million (around US\$1.9 million) and a project fund of HK\$15 million.

With an endowment of HK\$2.5 billion (US\$320 million), Yidan Prize is managed by Yidan Prize Foundation and governed by an independent trust committed to transparency and sustainability of the Prize. Through a series of initiatives, Yidan Prize serves to establish a platform that allows the global community to engage in conversations around education and to play a role in education philanthropy.

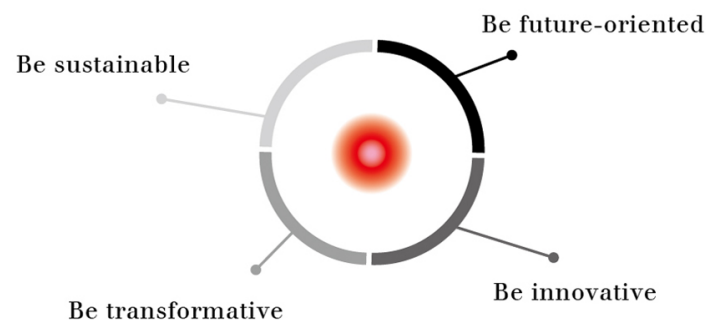
## NOMINATION

Yidan Prize invites nominators, comprising government bodies, non-government organizations, professional associations and individual thought leaders, to propose nominees. Self-nomination is allowed in exceptional cases. Nominees can be either individuals or working teams up to three persons who can be teachers, researchers, academics, policymakers and advocates. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Given on an annual basis, Yidan Prize reaches out to the world to recognize and support individuals for their most forward-looking innovations that create sustainable impacts on education systems of today and tomorrow. Each nomination will be reviewed according to a set of rigorous criteria in order to identify the very best individuals.

The criteria include:



## THE STRUCTURE

Yidan Prize is managed and governed by Yidan Prize Foundation, a board of directors, a judging committee and an advisory board formed by a respected team of independent and authoritative experts.

The **Board of Directors** is responsible for approving the Judging Committee's awardee recommendations.

The **Advisory Board** is responsible for inviting nominating organizations, developing the judging criteria and procedure. The board comprises:

The **Judging Committee** is responsible for screening nominations and selecting laureates. It comprises two independent judging panels, one for Education Research, the other for Education Development. The committee comprises:

Chairman



**Dr Qian Tang**  
Assistant Director-General for Education,  
UNESCO

Convenor



**Professor Cheng Kai-ming**  
Emeritus Professor at The University of Hong  
Kong

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**Dr Manzoor Ahmed**  
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and Chair of The Bangladesh Early Childhood  
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President and Chief Executive Officer at The  
American National Centre on Education and The  
Economy



**Dankert Vedeler**  
Deputy Permanent Delegate at the Norwegian  
Delegation to UNESCO/OECD

Chairman



**Dr Koichiro Matsuura**  
Former Director-General, UNESCO

The Yidan Prize for Education Research Judging Panel



**Panel Head: Andreas Schleicher**  
Director for Education and Skills, OECD



**Panel Member: Professor Bruce M. Alberts**  
Chancellor's Leadership Chair in Biochemistry and  
Biophysics for Science and Education at The  
University of California



**Panel Member: Professor Phillip A. Griffiths**  
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at The Institute for  
Advanced Study in New Jersey

The Yidan Prize for Education Development Judging Panel



**Panel Head: Dorothy K. Gordon**  
Former Director-General of The Ghana-India Kofi  
Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT



**Panel Member: Dr Steven Cohen**  
Executive Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia  
University



**Panel Member: Dr Allan E. Goodman**  
President and Chief Executive Officer of The Institute  
of International Education

## TIMELINE

### SEPTEMBER 2017 - MARCH 2018

Nomination Period

### APRIL 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018

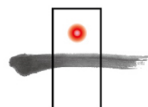
Judging Process

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- Announcement of 2018 Laureates
- Nominations open for 2019

### DECEMBER 2018

Yidan Prize  
Award Presentation Ceremony  
& Yidan Prize Summit



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#### Yidan Prize for Education Research Inaugural Laureate

##### PROFESSOR CAROL S. DWECK



Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., is one of the world's leading researchers in the field of motivation and is the Lewis and Virginia Eaton Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. Her research has identified different mindsets that students can hold about their talents and abilities: a fixed mindset in which talents and abilities are viewed as unalterable and a growth mindset in which they are seen as qualities that can be developed. The research then demonstrates the importance of these mindsets for students' motivation, resilience, and achievement—particularly for students from vulnerable populations—and shows that these mindsets can be changed.

She has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, and has won 10 lifetime achievement awards for her research. In addition to her scientific writing, she has written widely for educators and for the public. Her book *Mindset* (Random House) has been translated into over 25 languages.

#### Yidan Prize for Education Development Inaugural Laureate

##### MS VICKY COLBERT



Vicky Colbert is Founder and Director of Fundación Escuela Nueva. She is a Sociologist from Javeriana University in Colombia and pursued her graduate studies in Sociology of Education and Comparative International Education at Stanford University. In 2015, the American University of Nigeria distinguished her with an Honoris Causa Doctorate in Philosophy. She is co-author of the worldwide renowned Escuela Nueva model and was its first National Coordinator.

She has pioneered, expanded and sustained this educational innovation from many organizational spheres: as Vice Minister of Education of Colombia, UNICEF's Education Adviser for LAC and now from Fundación Escuela Nueva (FEN), an NGO she founded to ensure its quality, sustainability and innovation.

She has been recognized with several awards and distinctions in the fields of leadership and social entrepreneurship, such as the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship, 2013 WISE Prize for Education, Clinton Global Citizenship Award, the Kravis Prize and the Premios Magisterio. She has also been recognized as Outstanding Social Entrepreneur by the Schwab Foundation, Ashoka and the World Technology Network.