



Friends,

Hello and thank you for your interest in Club 13. I'm excited about this new project and I hope you will be as well. The idea for Club 13 came to me when I realised how many interesting ideas I heard and how much I learned at dinners and informal meetings with friends and acquaintances. Bringing together people from widely different backgrounds and areas of expertise in a casual and private atmosphere has a way of stirring the intellectual pot. People feel free to share their unpopular opinions, their boldest predictions, and the unconfirmed buzz they heard on the street - except in this case "the street" could be Wall Street, or a Silicon Valley R&D center, or the halls of a national parliament!

I was also inspired by the inter-disciplinary workshops I've been hosting at the Oxford Martin School for professors and researchers there. The cross-pollination effect of discussing the latest concepts and problems in your field with experts from other fields is remarkable. Everyone, from the physicists to the biologists, from the doctors to the donors, left feeling energised and informed. I've had similar positive experiences at the Oslo Freedom Forum, which brings together political dissidents from all over the world. The mission of Club 13 is to create that sort of atmosphere, one where we can challenge and be challenged, talk and listen, on politics, technology, investing, strategy, and anything else.

Each scheduled Club 13 event will include a few special guests, but the members are the key to our success. I am looking for people who are interested in shaping the future of our world with ideas and with action. If you are interested in joining me, please visit the link below for detailed membership information. Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

- Garry Kasparov

