

## The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers welcomes the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address

**11th October 2017, Hong Kong** The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) welcomes the initiatives outlined in the Policy Address given today by Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR. Some of the initiatives are specifically focused on nurturing local talent and supporting the development of FinTech in Hong Kong.

According to the 2017 Policy Address, the Government will set up a Commission for the Planning of Human Resources to enhance local training resources and policy initiatives to fully realise the city's soft-power and strengthen the training capacity. The Government will also continue to promote local FinTech development and encourage stakeholders to connect the financial institutions with various Fintech talents so as to facilitate the training and exchange of talents.

Carrie Leung, the CEO of the HKIB, said, "The HKIB supports the Government's stance on nurturing talent and promoting FinTech development in Hong Kong. We believe that a long-term and structured plan for talent development in the banking and financial services industry will enhance the city's position as an international financial centre. As a professional education and training services provider serving the local banking industry for over five decades, the HKIB pledges to work closely with the industry to foster professionalism and to equip local banking practitioners as well as new entrants with the skills required for the evolving business landscape. We are looking forward to learning more about the Government's new initiatives on talent development."

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### **About The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers**

The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) has been serving the local banking community as an independent organisation in the provision of education and professional training since 1963. The Institute also acts as an industry-recognised training and certifying hub for the local banking community. With an objective to maintain and further develop the territory's status as an international financial centre, the Institute works with the support of banks, regulators, financial institutions, academic institutions and various professional bodies to provide local banking practitioners with professional training and development opportunities. In view of the changing landscape of the banking and financial services industry in Hong Kong and Mainland China as well as on global scale, the importance of continuing to enhance the standards of professional development has gained increased attention. HKIB endeavors to provide and enhance its training and development products in order to equip its members with essential knowledge and skills that meet the industry's needs.

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