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The 10th HKIB Banking Conference Concludes in Hong Kong

This year's theme focuses on how banks can embrace the digital age to enhance customer satisfaction in a smart society

27 September 2018, Hong Kong The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) Annual Banking Conference 2018 was held today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, with more than 800 local and overseas senior representatives from government, regulatory bodies, leading banks and Fintech companies joining together for the premier banking industry event. Under the theme of 'Banking for a Smart Society', the full-day conference featured impactful presentations and real-life case studies where over 60 expert speakers shared their unique insights and vision for the future of banking in the digital era.

As a major banking event in Hong Kong, the conference, now in its 10th year, received strong support from the industry. In his opening keynote, Paul Chan Mo-po, Financial Secretary of the Government of the HKSAR, stressed the importance of a broad and continuing flow of talent in realising the long-term promise of innovation and technology. A regulatory keynote was also delivered by Arthur Yuen, Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee of the HKIB, where he urged for closer collaboration among the banking industry and technology community in adopting Fintech and Regtech measures.

Speaking at the opening session, Dr. Patrick Fung, Chairman of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the HKIB stated that banks are on the verge of great change. He said, "As customers become more digitally savvy and better empowered, banks have to proactively meet their evolving demands and expectations. Nurturing the financial ecosystem of Hong Kong has become a top priority for our industry."

The conference was divided into a morning plenary session and three afternoon streams featuring trending topics such as banking operations, Fintech, risk management and compliance. The content-rich sessions explored challenges facing the banking industry and offered tangible takeaways on how delegates can resolve these challenges through new ideas and innovations.

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Photo 1: Paul Chan Mo-po, Financial Secretary of the Government of the HKSAR delivers an opening keynote speech at the 10th Hong Kong Institute of Bankers Banking Conference.



Photo 2: (From the second on the left) Diana Cesar, Chief Executive, Hong Kong of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited; Ann Kung, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited; Adrian Li Man-kiu, Executive Director & Deputy Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia Limited and Angel Ng, Chief Executive Officer of Citi Hong Kong and Macau share their perspectives on how banks ought to reinvent their strategic roadmaps in the era of smart banking during the CEO Panel.

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