

## For Immediate Release

### **The 13<sup>th</sup> HKIB Banking Conference explores opportunities arising from sustainable development**

HKIB presented 'Honorary Certified Banker' titles to fourteen industry leaders

29 September 2021, Hong Kong – Hosted by The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB), the Annual Banking Conference 2021 was successfully held yesterday at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year's conference was hosted in a hybrid format for the second consecutive year and attracted close to 1,000 delegates. The presentation of the first 'Honorary Certified Banker' titles also took place, recognising the continued contribution of a select number of senior bankers in supporting financial talent development over the years.

The conference's theme for its 13<sup>th</sup> Year was 'Re-Globalisation, Sustainability, Transformation, under the New Normal'. Speakers discussed the latest trends in the banking industry and explored how to adapt to drive sustainable development in the financial sector and capture future opportunities.

During his keynote speech, **Eddie YUE JP, Hon, Certified Banker, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and Honorary President of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers**, highlighted that talent development support is crucial for the long-term development of the industry. He stated, 'One of our strategic directions is to better "connect" our workforce to the future of banking to ensure they stay relevant in the new era. Our success will be all about upskilling our people to meet the future needs of the industry. For this to happen, an essential ingredient is the availability of in-demand training programmes with credible certification frameworks.'

In his opening remarks, **Peter WONG, GBS, JP, Hon. Fellow (HKIB), Hon, Certified Banker, Council President of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, and Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited**, stressed the importance of retaining the world's best talent against the backdrop of globalisation in his opening remarks. He said, 'Creating a pipeline of top-quality talent has always been one of the HKIB's main missions. We won't be able to reap the benefits of globalisation, or the green economy, or transform ourselves for the new-normal unless we can attract, develop and retain the world's best talent.'

**Arthur YUEN, JP, FHKIB, Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and Deputy Chairman, Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers**, was also invited to share his insights on the topic of regulation. The CEO panel session featured top leadership from financial institutions including Bank of China (Hong Kong), Fusion Bank, JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong), who exchanged views on driving sustainable growth in business. At the COO panel session – introduced this year – COOs from various banks explored industry trends including cost structure transformation and innovations in operating models.

In addition to the insightful sharing during the different sessions, Mr Eddie YUE was also invited to officiate at the presentation ceremony of the 'Honorary Certified Banker' titles. Fourteen industry leaders were given this recognition.

The winners of the ‘Talent Development Excellence Award’ were also announced at the conference. The award aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of financial institutions in talent development, in particular by encouraging banking practitioners to seek Professional Qualifications to strengthen their professional knowledge and skillset. The winners were as follows:

Award	Winner
Grand Award	DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
Star Award – Career Development Framework	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
Star Award – HR Strategy	China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch
Star Award – Social Innovation	Hang Seng Bank Limited
Star Award – Human Capital Investment	Bank of Singapore Limited
Special Mention Award – Agile Innovator	China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited

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**Photo captions:**



**Photo 1:**

Eddie YUE, Chief Executive of the HKMA and Honorary President of the HKIB (eighth left) and Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of the HKIB (first left) and the new Honorary Certified Bankers taking a group photo on stage, including:

- Dr Mike CHEN, Chief Executive Officer of China Everbright Bank, Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch (second left)
- ZHU Qi, Chairman & Executive Director of CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited (third left)
- Mary HUEN, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong and Cluster Chief Executive Officer (Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau) of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (fourth left)
- SUN Yu, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (fifth left)
- Dr Patrick FUNG, Chairman of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited (sixth left)

- Dr David LI, Executive Chairman of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (seventh left)
- Peter WONG, Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (eighth right)
- Diana CESAR, Executive Director and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank (seventh right)
- GAO Ming, Chairman and Executive Director of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited (sixth right)
- Adrian LI, Co-Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (fifth right)
- Harold WONG, Chief Executive and Managing Director of Dah Sing Bank, Limited (fourth right)
- Angel NG, Chief Executive Officer of Citi Hong Kong and Macau CITIBANK, N.A. (third right)
- Miranda KWOK, President and Executive Director of China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited (second right)
- Felton LAU, Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive of Chong Hing Bank Limited (first right)



**Photo 2:** Eddie YUE, Chief Executive of the HKMA and Honorary President of the HKIB, provides a keynote speech at the Annual Banking Conference hosted by the Institute.



**Photo 3:** Arthur YUEN, Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and Deputy Chairman, Executive Committee of the HKIB, presents the 'Talent Development Excellence Award' to winners at the Annual Banking Conference hosted by the Institute.



**Photo 4:** (Second from left) Filippo GORI, Asia Pacific Chief Executive Officer of JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Mary HUEN, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong and Cluster Chief Executive Officer (Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau) of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited; Eric SUM, Chief Executive of Fusion Bank; SUN Yu, Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong) share their insights on how to drive sustainable growth in the banking industry at the CEO panel of the Annual Banking Conference hosted by the Institute.

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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 in the provision of professional training and certification services since 1963. HKIB is the first not-for-profit institution in Hong Kong to issue banking qualifications and was appointed by the Education Bureau as a Professional Qualifications Assessment Agency in August 2020. 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 a global scale, the importance of continuing to enhance the standards of professional development has gained

increased attention. The HKIB endeavours 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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