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The 14th HKIB Banking Conference explores the development of financial talent

Maintains industry's edge through customer empowerment and sustainable development

Recognises 21 industry leaders with 'Fellow Certified Banker' and 'Honorary Certified Banker' titles

27 September 2022, Hong Kong – Hosted by The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB), the Annual Banking Conference 2022 concluded successfully today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year's conference was held in hybrid format for the third consecutive year and attracted close to 1,000 delegates participating in-person and virtually. The presentation ceremony for the 'Honorary Certified Banker' and 'Fellow Certified Banker' titles took place and was officiated by **The Honourable Paul CHAN GBM, GBS, MH, JP, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR**, to recognise the unwavering commitment and contribution of 21 banking leaders in supporting the banks' sustainable development and efforts to cultivate industry talent.

Now in its 14th year, this year's conference was themed '**Strengthen Resilience, Empower Customers and Accelerate Sustainable Growth**'. Speakers discussed how to promote the sustainable development of the industry by nurturing and developing talent. The conference served as a platform for industry practitioners to exchange views and ideas across several areas, including Fintech; environmental, social and governance (ESG); cross-border business; and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). The exhibition zone also offered delegates insights into innovative products and services across the industry.

In his opening speech, **Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR**, affirmed the contributions of the banking industry to Hong Kong's economy over the years. Chan said, "Despite the gloomy economic outlook, our banking and financial system has remained highly robust and enviably stable. With the unflinching support from the Central Government towards the 'one country, two systems' principle, Hong Kong's status as China's international financial centre will only be strengthened, with the city maintaining its irreplaceable role connecting the Mainland and the world. The Greater Bay Area development, the various Connect schemes and pilot projects in the continuing opening up of the Mainland financial markets are huge development opportunities which Hong Kong's financial markets have exclusive access to. Hong Kong remains attractive to financial talent. As the local epidemic situation has been gradually brought under control, we will soon re-connect with the world fully, and I am confident that talent will return."

Arthur YUEN, JP, FHKIB, Hon. Certified Banker, Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and Deputy Chairman, Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, highlighted in his regulatory update that, "Fintech application and climate risk management are the major focuses of the banking industry; hence the talent demands in such areas remain strong. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority will continue to work closely with different industry stakeholders, including the HKIB, to launch different training and talent development schemes, to encourage banks to strengthen the talent pool through upskilling and reskilling, while fostering the sustainable development of the industry."

In her welcoming remarks, **Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of the HKIB** said, “Assisted by the strong support of all parties in the banking industry to nurture talent and develop professional skills, the local banks have remained resilient amid an uncertain global economic outlook. The Institute will continue to provide up-to-date professional qualification courses; to support banks to formulate strategies to attract, nurture and retain talent; and strengthen the local financial talent pipeline, while enabling banks to capture growth opportunities in areas such as Fintech, green finance, and cross-border business.”

The CEO panel sessions featured top industry leaders from Citi, Fubon Bank (Hong Kong), HSBC and livi bank who shared insights into strengthening the industry’s edge and promoting sustainable development. This year’s conference also included a new CTO panel session in which the heads of banks’ digital technology and IT business departments discussed how innovative products and services could shape the banking industry’s future transition strategy, while also empowering customer experiences.

Additionally, three discussion panels took place at the conference, featuring 40 industry leaders. The range of topics covered included ESG, sustainable development, future work modes, wealth management, digital currencies, Fintech, Regtech and risk management.

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Photo 1:

Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR (third right), and Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of the HKIB (first left), stand for a group photo on stage with the ‘Honorary Certified Banker’ 2021, including:

- Simon CHUNG, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (second left)
- BI Ming-qiang, President and Chief Executive Officer of China CITIC Bank International Limited (third left)

- SUN Long, Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Branch at Agricultural Bank of China Limited (second right)
- LIU Jun, Chief Executive and Executive Director of the Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited (first right)



Photo 2:

Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR (eighth left), and Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of the HKIB (first right), stand for a group photo on stage with the 'Honorary Certified Banker' 2022, including:

- Christine IP, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Greater China at United Overseas Bank (first left)
- ZHENG Wei, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited (second left)
- Stephen CHAN, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (third left)
- TANG Nai Pan, Executive Director, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Risk Officer of Risk Management Group at China CITIC Bank International Limited (fourth left)
- WU Long, Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) (fifth left)
- David LIAO, Co-Chief Executive of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (sixth left)
- CHAN Chun Ying, Advisor of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (seventh left)
- Arthur YUEN, Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA and Deputy Chairman, Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (ninth left)
- Brian LI Man-bun, Co-Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (ninth right)
- Ann KUNG, Advisor of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (eighth right)
- WU Ye, Chief Executive of Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch (seventh right)
- Ivy AU-YEUNG, Chief Executive of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited (sixth right)
- Filippo GORI, Chief Executive Officer of Asia-Pacific at JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (fifth right)
- Gokul LARROIA, Chief Executive Officer of Asia Pacific at Morgan Stanley Bank Asia Limited (fourth right)
- Peter LEUNG, Deputy Chief Executive of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited (third right)
- Peter HUI, Assistant Chief Executive of Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited (second right)



Photo 3: Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR (second right), Dr Patrick FUNG, Chairman of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the HKIB (first left), Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of the HKIB (first right) with David KWOK, Deputy Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited (second left), who was awarded the title of ‘Fellow Certified Banker’.



Photo 4: Arthur YUEN, Deputy Chief Executive of HKMA, and Deputy Chairman, Executive Committee of HKIB, presenting a regulatory update at the Annual Banking Conference 2022.



Photo 5: (second from left) Simon CHUNG, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited; Luanne LIM, Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited; Aveline SAN, Chief Executive Officer of Citi Hong Kong and Macau; and David SUN, Chief Executive of livi bank, share their insights into how to promote sustainable growth in the banking industry at the CEO panel of the Annual Banking Conference 2022.

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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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