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**The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers and Macau Institute of Financial Services  
Jointly Host the Third “Macao Financial Talent Development Day 2026”**

Launching new “Certified Banker (Stage II) – Specialist Certificate in Essential Fintech in Next-gen Banking”

Promoting talent development in Macao and strengthening financial sector collaboration

**11 June 2026, Hong Kong** – The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) and the Macau Institute of Financial Services (IFS) successfully co-hosted the third “Macao Financial Talent Development Day 2026” yesterday, attracting over 200 financial practitioners both online and onsite from Hong Kong and Macao. The event provided a platform to exchange insights on financial talent development and emerging Fintech trends.

Following the successful launch of “Specialist Certificate in Green Finance and Sustainability” (Specialist Certificate in GFS) programme in Macao in 2024, HKIB has now announced the **“Certified Banker (Stage II) – Specialist Certificate in Essential Fintech in Next-gen Banking”** in Macao, further expanding its support for talent development across the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) to meet new challenges in the technological era. A professional qualification conferment ceremony was also held, during which graduates were awarded certificates and outstanding participants were recognised for their achievements.

This year’s event, themed “AI and the Future of Banking”, brought together industry experts to share perspectives on the latest developments in AI, talent development, and their implications for the banking sector. The discussions fostered deeper exchange and collaboration to support the coordinated development of the GBA financial industry.

**Rosita LOU, Executive Board President of IFS**, said, “IFS remains committed to supporting the Macao SAR Government’s initiatives in financial talent development. Since 2009, we have maintained a close partnership with HKIB. Through the third ‘Macao Financial Talent Development Day’, we are pleased to introduce HKIB’s latest Fintech certification programme to Macao. We believe this programme will help participants enhance their professional competencies and competitiveness, enabling them to keep pace with Fintech developments and seize new opportunities in a rapidly evolving landscape.”

**Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of HKIB**, said, “The ‘Macao Financial Talent Development Day’ serves as a valuable platform for industry leaders to exchange knowledge and advance talent development in Macao. We are pleased to collaborate once again with IFS to introduce this new Fintech certificate programme, which equips participants with a solid understanding of IT systems and Fintech applications in banking and financial services. The programme aims to enhance the capabilities and knowledge of financial practitioners in Macao, further strengthen the development of the local talent pool, and contribute to the sustainable growth of the GBA financial sector.”

HKIB and IFS also jointly officiated the launch ceremony for the **“Certified Banker (Stage II) – Specialist Certificate in Essential Fintech in Next-gen Banking”**. The programme focuses on

Fintech applications in banking and financial services, covering key areas such as data analytics, cybersecurity, and AI, and provides a clear development pathway for local financial talent. HKIB also introduced two new designations, “CB Affiliate” and “ECF Affiliate”, allowing programme learners who have yet to accumulate sufficient relevant work experience to receive professional recognition.

The event also featured graduation ceremonies for the “Certified Banker Macao (Stage I)”, the Enhanced Competency Framework (ECF) professional qualifications, and the “Specialist Certificate in Green Finance and Sustainability (Macao)”. Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of HKIB, and Rosita LOU, Executive Board President of IFS, presented certificates to graduates, with 4 outstanding participants receiving awards for their excellent performance. To date, over 1,000 learners have completed the professional qualification programmes jointly organised by IFS and HKIB.

In addition, HKIB hosted its annual free membership seminar in Macao, featuring Jessica LIU, Chief Executive Officer of Planto, who shared practical insights on how financial institutions can leverage generative AI to drive innovation, enhance customer experience, and strengthen risk management frameworks.

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## Photo Captions



### Photo 1

Rosita LOU, Executive Board President of IFS (second from left), Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of HKIB (second from right), Daniel TANG, Executive Board Member of IFS (first from left), and Kenneth YU, Head of Programme Development and Implementation of HKIB (first from right) officiate the launch ceremony of the new programme, “Certified Banker (Stage II) – Specialist Certificate in Essential Fintech in Next-gen Banking”.



**Photo 2**

Rosita LOU, Executive Board President of IFS (centre), Carrie LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer of HKIB (third from left), and Prof. Lewis TAM, Associate Professor of Finance, University of Macau (third from right) present awards to outstanding participants.



**Photo 3**

Jessica LIU, Chief Executive Officer of Planto, shares insights and experiences on generative AI at HKIB's annual free membership seminar in Macao.

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**About The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers**

Established in 1963, The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) is the first not-for-profit organisation in Hong Kong dedicated to advancing banking excellence in the region. As a trusted learning and certification hub, HKIB is the only professional body in the city to offer banking professional qualifications comparable to a Master's degree. HKIB serves as an advocate for capacity building and is committed to cultivating a competent, ethical, and future-ready workforce to strengthen Hong Kong's advantages as an international financial centre. Through creating a common qualification benchmark, fostering knowledge exchange, promoting professional networking and enhancing talent development, HKIB supports local talent and the next generation of professionals, contributing to the long-term stability and effectiveness of the banking industry.

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**About Macau Institute of Financial Services (IFS)**

The Macau Institute of Financial Services (IFS) was established in March 2002. Its founding members are the Monetary Authority of Macao, Macao Association of Banks, Macao Insurers' Association and Macao Insurance Agents and Brokers Association. The objectives of IFS are to upgrade the professional standard of Macao's financial practitioners by providing professional training and examinations aiming to foster the sustainable development of Macao's financial industry.

In accordance with its objectives, IFS has carried out various activities. Its diversified training programs include practical training courses, seminars providing participants with up-to-date information, internationally-recognized professional certification programs, etc. Furthermore, in order to uphold the professional standard of Macao's financial practitioners, IFS holds licensing and certification examinations in the financial area, such as Insurance Intermediaries Qualifying Examinations (IIQE), Hong Kong Licensing Examination for Securities and Futures Intermediaries, CFP Certification Examinations, Shenzhen-Hongkong-Macau FinTech Professional Program, etc.

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme for insurance intermediaries has been implemented in Macao since 2018. It aims to promote the professionalism of insurance intermediaries through continuous learning. IFS has been appointed by the Monetary Authority of Macao as the assessment body of the CPD Programme since 2018.

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