

The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers and Hong Kong Computer Society join forces to enhance professional training for banking and financial services industry

Hong Kong (2 July 2015) – The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) and Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which paves the way for collaboration between the sectors of banking and Information Technology (IT) in the area of professional training and development.

The MOU recognises the need for increased cross-sector cooperation in training and development as the application of technology in the banking and financial services industry has been growing rapidly. The alliance also allows mutual assistance, exchange of expertise and resource sharing between the two professional institutes.

Dr Patrick Fung, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the HKIB and Chairman of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited together with Mr Michael Leung, President of HKCS signed the MOU in June on behalf of the two professional institutes respectively.

Dr Patrick Fung said at the signing ceremony, “The partnership between the technology community and banking and financial services sector is inevitable and will continue to grow. This MOU reinforces our belief that technology development plays an important role in contributing sustainable growth to the banking industry.”

“As the significance of technology in banking and financial services industry grows, HKIB has the responsibility to ensure that our future direction in training and development is in line with such progress.” Fung added.

The two industry bodies will jointly develop education programmes and examinations in order to meet the growing demand for training and development on topics relating to financial technology. Industry seminars and events will be co-organised by the two institutes and it is expected that new training courses will be launched in the first half of 2016 under this MOU.

Mr Michael Leung said, “Advances in technology allow banks and other financial institutions to explore growth opportunities. The signing of this MOU signals a commitment by the two industry bodies to work together in order to equip our

respective members with essential knowledge and skills that meet the industry's needs.”

Under this MOU, the two institutes will also step up their efforts to enhance the technological support for various education programmes which are currently in place.

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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. 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 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. In 2014, more than a hundred training programmes and seminars were delivered by HKIB in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Macau.

About Hong Kong Computer Society

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a non-profit professional organization established in 1970, which strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) industry. Being the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, the HKCS is dedicated to promote the highest professional standards for the industry. The HKCS members are from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT industry, from corporate users to individual talents, all working together for the benefit of the industry. For more information, please visit: www.hkcs.org.hk

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Notes to Editors



Photo caption - Dr Patrick Fung, Chairman of the Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers and Chairman of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited (front row, second from the left) together with Mr Michael Leung, President of Hong Kong Computer Society (front row, second from the right) signed the MOU in June on behalf of the two professional institutes respectively. Other representatives who attended the ceremony include:

Front row (from left):

1	Ms. Carrie Leung	Chief Executive Officer, HKIB
2	Dr. Patrick Fung	Chairman of Executive Committee, HKIB
3	Mr. Michael Leung	President, HKCS
4	Dr. Toa Charm	Vice-President (Innovation & Technology Applications), HKCS

Back row (from left):

1	Mr. Eric Yeung	Director of Talent Cultivation, HKCS
2	Mrs. Lena Chan	Executive Committee Member, HKIB
3	Mr. David Kwok	Honorary Secretary, HKIB
4	Ms. Barbara Chiu	Vice-President (Women & Youth Programmes), HKCS
5	Mr. Andy Bien	Vice-President (Membership Growth), HKCS
6	Mr. Leo Tong	Director of Membership (Corporates & Individuals), HKCS
7	Mr. Tony Wong	Director of Talent Cultivation, HKCS