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Hong Kong Should Nurture the Entrepreneurial Spirit and Enhance Fund-Raising Function of Earlier-stages and Growing Companies from HK and GBA, says CHKLC

**Excellence Awards Programme Adds ESG Dimension
Reflecting Importance of ESG in Overall Listed Companies' Governance Pursuits**

(Hong Kong, December 9, 2021) At the 2021 Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards Gala Dinner, Catherine Leung, Chairperson of the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies (CHKLC) urged, "The Government and the regulators should enhance Hong Kong's listing infrastructure and make it even more effective in catering to the fund-raising needs of businesses, particularly the earlier-stages and growing companies from the technology sector of Hong Kong and GBA, where the opportunities are most promising."

"The entrepreneurial spirit entrenched in these earlier-stages and growing companies, and the high resilience and firm determination it represents is the Hong Kong DNA that we all must hold on to," Leung said.

To showcase such entrepreneurial spirit, CHKLC invited Mr. Lap Man, Co-founder and Managing Partner of Beyond Ventures and Ms. Norma Chu, Founder and CEO of DayDayCook to host a dialogue sharing session at the gala dinner to talk about their entrepreneurial and investment experience in Hong Kong and the Mainland.

"The stories of the speakers epitomise the industriousness and 'can-do' attitude of the Hong Kong people and are what Hong Kong needs to overcome the challenges it is facing," Leung added.

The Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards, organized by the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies and Centre for Corporate Governance and Financial Policy of the Hong Kong Baptist University. 2021 is the first edition of the Awards Programme where an ESG Award Category is officially added in order to reflect its increasing importance in the investment world.



“Corporate governance has always been the cornerstone of market quality and company success. In recent years, the market has come to realise a company’s responsibilities do not just stop with their shareholders but are extended to the society and the environment. The increasing climate change risks we have witnessed of late further push social and environmental responsibilities to the forefront of the corporate agenda.”

“The addition of the ESG dimension to our Awards Programme is to highlight their importance and encourage more companies to come forward and showcase their success,” Leung concluded.

Commenting on the Awards results this year, Mr. Philip Tsai, Chairman of the Judging Panel said, “ESG has taken on great prominence in the investment world, with regulators mandating higher disclosure from issuers and investors requesting more information. The ESG Awards winners this year have not only complied with these new demands well but have upped their ante in both performance and disclosure quality.

“Winners come from a wide range of industries and they demonstrate well how they handle their corporate, social and environmental challenges in their particular industry circumstances, and in the process fulfil and exceed government and social expectations,” he said.

“Winner of the Corporate Governance Excellence category demonstrated continual improvement in succession planning, board diversity and directors’ capabilities, underlined by all-rounded board oversight with a robust risks management structure and a conscientious approach to stakeholders’ communication and protection of their interests.

“Overall, winners in both Corporate Governance and ESG Categories respond well to their own industry challenges by tailored strategies and effective measures, and manifesting a vision for doing good not only to their own business but the society and environment as a whole,” Tsai concluded.

The 2021 Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards is titled-sponsored by Tricor Hong Kong. “As Asia’s leading Financial Centre, Hong Kong plays a vital role in establishing the benchmark for ESG and Corporate Governance for



companies across the region. With stakeholders and investors demanding the highest standards of corporate governance going hand in hand with sustainable ESG practices, companies need to ensure they are able to live up to these expectations. At Tricor, we have been deeply committed to enabling our clients in driving robust corporate governance and ESG practices, and we are delighted to be supporting the 2021 Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards recognizing businesses who have excelled in maintaining high standards of corporate governance and ESG,” said Joe Wan, CEO of Tricor Hong Kong.

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Notes to Editors:

About the Hong Kong Corporate Governance Excellence Awards

“The Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards” (formerly known as The Hong Kong Corporate Governance Excellence Awards) is conferred annually since 2007 by the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies and the Centre for Corporate Governance and Financial Policy, Hong Kong Baptist University.

The Awards aim to foster the highest standards in corporate governance and ESG, business ethics and board leadership in Hong Kong; recognize excellence; showcase best practices and accomplishments, and thereby promote a strong culture in corporate governance and ESG.

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About the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies

Incorporated in September 2002, CHKLC is a non-profit organisation serving listed companies in Hong Kong. The Chamber strives to promote sound corporate governance, function as an effective communication channel between listed companies and regulatory authorities, strengthen the commercial linkage and foster co-operation among listed companies from Hong Kong and China and uphold Hong Kong's position as an international trade, commercial and financial centre. The Chamber organises the annual Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards jointly with the Hong Kong Baptist University to advocate best practices of corporate governance and ESG and recognise excellence.

About the Centre for Corporate Governance & Financial Policy of Hong Kong Baptist University

The Centre aspires to be a Centre of Excellence on corporate governance in the region. It promotes quality policy and academic research on corporate governance and related financial policy issues covering Hong Kong, China and the Asia-Pacific economies, with the aim to improve the quality of corporate governance practices. Additionally, the Centre provides professional executive education activities to disseminate knowledge and advance the highest ideals of responsible business leadership. Through consultancy projects, the Centre also assists organisations to design, improve and assess their corporate governance systems and structures.

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Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards 2021 Winners

Award of Excellence in Corporate Governance

Hang Seng Index Constituent Companies

- ★ Hang Lung Properties Limited (Stock Code: 101)
- ★ Link Real Estate Investment Trust (Stock Code: 823)
- ★ Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. (Stock Code: 2318)
- ★ Wuxi Biologics (Cayman) Inc. (Stock Code: 2269)

Hang Seng Composite Index Constituent Companies

- ★ China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited (Stock Code: 998)

Newly Listed Companies

- ★ China Everbright Water Limited (Stock Code: 1857)

Award of Excellence in ESG

Hang Seng Index Constituent Companies

- ★ BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited (Stock Code: 2388)
- ★ Henderson Land Development Company Limited (Stock Code: 12)
- ★ New World Development Company Limited (Stock Code: 17)
- ★ Xiaomi Corporation (Stock Code: 1810)

Honourable Mention

- ★ China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (Stock Code: 386)

Hang Seng Composite Index Constituent Companies

- ★ China Resources Power Holdings Company Limited (Stock Code: 836)
- ★ Kerry Properties Limited (Stock Code: 683)
- ★ Sino Land Company Limited (Stock Code: 83)

Honourable Mention

- ★ Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 215)
- ★ Xtep International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 1368)



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Hang Seng China (Hong Kong-listed) 100 Index Constituent Companies

★ Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp. (Stock Code: 322)

Others & GEM Companies

Honourable Mention

★ Far East Consortium International Limited (Stock Code: 35)

Newly Listed Companies

★ China Everbright Water Limited (Stock Code: 1857)

**Note: Alphabetical listing by company name*