

HKQAA Online Symposium Sustainable Finance • Hong Kong 2020

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The HKQAA Online Symposium successfully held on 23 October 2020. It was honoured to have **The Honorable Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor**, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as the officiating guest to address the audience via video. **The Hon Mrs Laura Cha Shin May-Lung, GBM, GBS, JP**, Chairman, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, **Mr Christopher Hui Ching-yu, JP**, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, and **Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP**, Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR, delivered the opening remarks.



The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, delivers a speech at the Online Symposium.

Keeping up with the Trend of Sustainable Finance

"This year, the theme of the HKQAA Symposium is 'Sustainable Finance • Hong Kong'. We aim to stimulate industries to think ahead, bring together ideas and navigate new directions, so as to achieve long-term success and contribute to a sustainable economy." **Ir C. S. Ho, Chairman of HKQAA**, addressed in the welcoming remarks.

To protect the health and safety of the audience during the pandemic, the agency moved the Symposium online. The event attracted more than 500 participants from the government, international banks, corporations, academic institutions and industry associations. A number of important topics relating to sustainable finance were discussed, including green collaboration in capital markets, sustainable financing: 2030 Agenda - regional and local transformation, opportunities under the Belt and Road, COVID-19's impact, and international standard development. There were also good practice sharing by the banking and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sectors.

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HKQAA is delighted to have the following distinguished guest speakers on the event: Dr Ma Jun, Chairman and President, the Hong Kong Green Finance Association; Mr Denis Yip, The Commissioner for Belt and Road, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the Government of the HKSAR; Professor Christine Loh, Chief Development Strategist, Division of Environment and Sustainability, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Dr Nigel Croft, Convener of the ISO/IEC Global Task Force for Management System Standards; Ms Grace Hui, Managing Director, Head of Green and Sustainable Finance, the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; Ms Rosamund Barker, Head of Legal, Asia Pacific Loan Market Association; Ms Lu Ying, General Manager of Global Corporate Banking Department, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited; and Ms Karen Li, Chief Executive Officer, Vinda International Holdings Limited.

Mr Simon Wong Ka Wo, BBS, JP, Deputy Chairman of HKQAA, gave the introductory remarks. "The pandemic crisis highlights the fact that sustainability and ESG factors have significant implications for the business and investment community, as well as for society as a whole. I believe our guest speakers will inspire the audience to formulate innovative sustainability strategies to address today's challenges and opportunities, under the new normal." Mr Wong noted.



Mr Ir Ho delivering opening remarks during the event.



Mr Simon Wong Ka Wo introducing the symposium to the audience.

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New e-Platform for Green Loan Assessment

At the Symposium, HKQAA announced the launch of the HKQAA Green Loan e-Assessment Platform in November, which represented another milestone of the Agency. It will provide a quick and easy way for companies to conduct green assessments for their loan projects via internet. Banking institutions were welcome to become the banking partners for this platform in the near future.

Result Announcement of Hong Kong Sustainable Finance Awards 2020

In addition, HKQAA announced the result of the Hong Kong Sustainable Finance Awards 2020. The Awards recognize the issuers, banks and financial service providers which had made contributions and achievements to the issuance of green or sustainable financial instruments. It aims to encourage more sustainability-linked issuance, thereby supporting Hong Kong's development towards a sustainable finance hub.

Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA, said, "HKQAA will continue to work hand in hand with different sectors to promote ESG management and sustainable finance in the region. By doing this, we can build a more resilient and sustainable world, and get competitive financial returns."



Dr Lam delivering the closing remarks.

Hong Kong Sustainable Finance Awards 2020 Result Announcement

Company	Award
Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Bond Lead Manager - Greatest Number of Green Bonds (Financial Investment Industry)
Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Structuring Advisor - Greatest Number of Green Loans (Verification)
BNP Paribas Hong Kong	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Structuring Advisor - Largest Single Green Loan (Hotel Development Industry)
Bocom Leasing Management Hong Kong Company Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Issuer - Largest Single Green Loan (Financial Leasing Industry)
Lai Sun Development Company Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Issuer - Largest Single Green Loan (Hotel Development Industry)
China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Structuring Advisor - Greatest Number of Green Loans (Certification)
China Oriental Group Company Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Issuer - Greatest Number of Green Loans (Iron & Steel Industry)
China Oriental Group Company Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Issuer - Comprehensive Green Framework - Overall Green Loans(Iron & Steel Industry)



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Company	Award
GSP Renewable Energy Pte. Ltd.	Outstanding Award for Green Bond Issuer - Comprehensive Green Framework - Single Green Bond (Renewable Energy Industry)
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, Hong Kong Branch	Outstanding Award for Green Bond Issuer - Largest Single Green Bond (Banking Industry)
Jiangxi Provincial Water Conservancy Investment Group Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Bond Issuer - Largest Single Green Bond (Water Conservancy Industry)
Jiangxi Provincial Water Conservancy Investment Group Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Bond Issuer - Comprehensive Green Framework - Single Green Bond (Water Conservancy Industry)
Leo Paper Group Finance Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Issuer - Comprehensive Green Framework - Single Green Loan (Printing & Communication Industry)
Rabobank, Hong Kong Branch	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Structuring Advisor - Largest Single Green Loan (Iron & Steel Industry)
The Bank of East Asia, Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Arranger - Comprehensive Green Framework - Single Green Loan (Printing & Communication Industry)
Vinda International Holdings Limited	Outstanding Award for Green Loan Issuer - Largest Single Green Loan (Fast Moving Consumer Goods Industry)

