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HKQAA Symposium 2018 Successfully Held

(17 May 2018, Hong Kong) The HKQAA Symposium 2018 was successfully held at the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers today. At the Symposium, HKQAA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hong Kong Polar Research Institute. Mr Joseph H. L. Chan, JP, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, the Government of the HKSAR, was the officiating guest of the Symposium.

Keeping up with the Trend of Sustainable Development

This year the theme of the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) Symposium was “Towards Sustainable Economy: Divergent Thinking in Business Strategies”. We have brought together ideas and navigated new strategic directions, so as to create both economic and social value in the community. The topics covered financing green projects, sustainable investment and ESG management, social capital, greening the urban environment, building a sustainable city with innovation and technology, renewable energy, energy management, as well as occupational health and safety.

Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, SBS, MH, JP, Chairman of HKQAA, said, “Stakeholders and investors increasingly view sustainability performance as an indicator of corporate risk and value. To meet their expectations and stay ahead of the competition, far-sighted leaders have to develop different management and investment strategies for handling sustainability risks so as to achieve long-lasting success.”

MOU Signed between HKQAA and Hong Kong Polar Research Institute

Over the years, HKQAA has kept up with the growth of the local economy and industry, and played an important supportive role in promoting management excellence and sustainable development. After establishing a strategic cooperation with the Authority of Qianhai (Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hongkong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone) in green finance in late April, HKQAA today signed a memorandum of understanding with the Hong Kong Polar Research Institute to support the Institute in promoting nature conservation and scientific research in Polar Regions through its expeditions, education and training programs. Our goal is to foster environmental research, raise public awareness and participation in sustainability projects in our city.

Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA, said, “Sustainable development is not only an issue for a particular sector. It also requires cooperative work from every person, every business and every government. I believe that if everyone embraces the common goal of sustainability, we will create a better world for the future.”

The whole day event attracted more than 700 participants from the government, corporations, academic institutions and industry associations. In addition, HKQAA CSR Index Presentation Ceremony was held during the breakout session of the Symposium. 39 organisations were presented CSR Index Marks. Among which 19 organisations received the CSR Advocate Marks and 20 organisations received CSR Plus Marks (please refer to Appendix 1 for the list of participating organisations).



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Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, SBS, MH, JP, Chairman of HKQAA, delivered a speech during the ceremony.



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The HKQAA Symposium 2018 attracted over 700 participants.



Ir C S Ho, Deputy Chairman (Left 8, first row) and Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer (Left 9, first row) of HKQAA, took a photo with the participating organisations of the HKQAA CSR Index during the ceremony.

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HKQAA Background

Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) is a non-profit organisation established by Hong Kong Government in 1989. As one of the leading conformity organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, HKQAA is committed to providing certification and assessment services. Through knowledge sharing and technology transfer, HKQAA helps enterprises enhance management performance and competitiveness. Apart from introducing world-class management systems to Hong Kong, HKQAA has also developed a wide range of innovative services to cope with increasingly diversified market demands and the growing need for sustainable development, bringing benefits to the community. Please visit <http://www.hkqaa.org> for further information.

Appendix

HKQAA CSR Index List of Participating Organisations

(As of 30 April 2018)

Name of Organisation	Index Category
A.S. Watson Industries	A
ATAL Engineering Group	A
Café De Coral Holdings Limited	P
China Everbright International Limited	P
Chun Lee Engineering Company Limited	A
CLP Holdings Limited	P
Comerife International Limited	A
Driltech Ground Engineering Limited	A
FrieslandCampina (Hong Kong) Limited	A
Fuji Xerox (Hong Kong) Limited	P
GP Batteries International Limited	A
Hanison Construction Holdings Limited	A
Hip Hing Engineering Company Limited	A
HKBN Ltd.	P
Hong Kong Exchanges And Clearing Limited	P
Hong Kong Trade Development Council	A
Housing Department (Development and Construction Division)	A
Housing Department (Estate Management Division)	A
Jumbo Orient Contracting Limited	A
Kai Shing Management Services Ltd. (International Commerce Centre Management Services Office)	P
Kerry Properties Limited	P
Leo Paper Group (Hong Kong) Limited	P
Megastrength Security Services Company Limited	P
New World Development Company Limited	P
NWS Holdings Limited	P
Sa Sa International Holdings Limited	P
Shenzhou International Group Holdings Limited	P
Shinryo (Hong Kong) Limited	A
Shinryo Technical Services Limited	A
Shui On Building Contractors Limited	A
Shun Tak Holdings Limited	P
Shun Yuen Construction Company Limited	A
Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited	P
Swire Properties Limited	P

Synergis Management Services Limited	A
The Wharf (Holdings) Limited	P
Tong Kee Engineering Limited	A
Well Born Real Estate Management Limited	P

Remarks:

Index Category:

A - CSR Advocate Index Mark

P - CSR Index Plus Mark

The above list does not cover all the participating organisations due to a particular organisation's wish for non-disclosure.