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The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Announces Winners of Directors Of The Year Awards 2015

(Hong Kong, 8 December 2015) – **The Hong Kong Institute of Directors** (“HKIoD”) announced and honoured winners of the Directors Of the Year Awards (“DYA”) 2015 today at the Annual Dinner of the Institute held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Guests from a wide range of industries and sectors were present to celebrate the winners’ exceptional commitments and achievements in corporate governance.

The event was hosted by Mr Henry Lai, Chairman of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, with Mr James Lau, Acting Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, as the Guest of Honour.

In its 15th year, the Awards project in 2015 sets theme on “Good Corporate Governance: Cornerstone to a Strong Financial Centre”. This theme reiterates the importance of sound corporate governance for all businesses in safeguarding the stature and goodwill of Hong Kong as an international financial centre.

Mr Henry Lai said, “HKIoD continually recognises directors and boards who demonstrated excellent director practices and corporate governance, as well as advocates awareness of the importance of good corporate governance and director professionalism in Hong Kong, which are fundamental to businesses and organisations of all types. It is worth noting that the many corporations implementing strong corporate governance play an important role in the Hong Kong business sector and are indeed the bedrock of the city’s success as an international financial centre, which contributes to the city’s economic prosperity.”

Mr Huen Wong, Chairman of the Awards Organising Committee of DYA 2015 said, “We are highly honoured to witness the awarding for excellence in corporate governance tonight. The judging panel has carefully assessed the candidates’ portfolios to ensure that awardees have been implementing effective measures to protect the benefits of their respective stakeholders. Congratulations to all winners for their dedication to the pursuit of the best practices of corporate governance. We sincerely hope that the winning directors and boards will serve as role models in leading their industries forward to create long-term value for the business and non-profit making communities at large.”

Dr Carlye Tsui, CEO of HKIoD said, “HKIoD will continue to empower and educate directors with the latest trends in global best practices as we believe it is crucial that they should engage in continuing professional development. As the premier body representing directors, the Institute acts as a facilitator in advancing corporate governance by organising a wide array of insightful director professionalism programmes in Hong Kong. Looking ahead, directors and boards are expected to consistently lead with integrity and to work collaboratively in augmenting a clear and influential voice to promote the core values of Hong Kong’s sound financial market system.”

The winners of the DYA 2015 in the various award categories are listed below.

Listed Companies (SEHK - Hang Seng Indexes Constituents)	
Executive Director	Dr Ma Mingzhe Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd
Listed Companies (SEHK – Non Hang Seng Indexes Constituents)	
Executive Director	Mr Wong Siu Kee, Kent Managing Director, Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Limited
Executive Director	Mr Cheng Ping Hei, Hamilton Finance Director and Company Secretary, Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Limited
Board	Board of Directors, SITC International Holdings Company Limited
Board	Board of Directors, Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology Co., Ltd.
Statutory/Non-profit-distributing Organisations	
Board	Board of Directors, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited

Directors Of The Year Awards 2015 is organised by HKIoD and co-organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the HKSAR Government, the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. China Minsheng Drawin Technology Group Limited is the Lead Sponsor of the event. Supporting Organisations include government bureaus, the media, service organisations, professional institutes and chambre of commerce and consultancy firms.

Mr George Hongchoy, Chairman of the Awards Organising Committee of DYA 2016 said: “Apart from announcing this year’s award winners, we are delighted to announce the theme of the Directors Of the Year Awards 2016 as ‘Corporate Sustainability – the Board’s Crucial Role.’ We welcome all companies and organisations striving for the best corporate governance practices to make their best efforts to be honoured at the awards!”

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About Directors Of the Year Awards

First launched in 2001, Directors Of The Year Awards were the first-ever such Awards organised in Asia and have now become an annual project of impact in the community. The objectives are to recognise directors and board of directors for outstanding director practices and corporate governance, to publicise the significance of good corporate governance and to promote awareness of good corporate governance and director professionalism in Hong Kong. Nominations are open to the public. As good corporate governance is vital to all types of organisations, and professional director practices are encouraged from directors in all board roles, the Awards recognise excellence in categories by company types, including listed companies, private companies and statutory/non-profit-distributing organisations, and categories by roles, including Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Boards. For more details on the previous years' Awards, please visit <http://www.hkiod.com/dya-awardees.html>

About The Hong Kong Institute of Directors

The Hong Kong Institute of Directors is Hong Kong's premier body representing directors to foster the long-term success of companies through advocacy and standards-setting in corporate governance and professional development for directors. A non-profit-distributing organisation with membership consisting of directors from listed and non-listed companies, HKIoD is committed to providing directors with educational programmes and information service and establishing an influential voice in representing directors. With international perspectives and a multi-cultural environment, HKIoD conducts business in biliteracy and trilingualism. Website: <http://www.hkiod.com>.

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