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## The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Announces Winners of Directors Of The Year Awards 2008

**Hong Kong, 24 November 2008** – The Hong Kong Institute of Directors (“HKIoD”) announced and honoured winners of the Directors Of The Year Awards (“DOYA”) 2008 today at the Annual Dinner of the Institute held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. More than 700 guests from different industries and sectors were there to celebrate the achievement in corporate governance excellence of the winners.

The evening was hosted by Mr Peter S H Wong, Chairman of HKIoD. The keynote speaker was The Honourable Ronald Arculli, Chairman of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.

It is the eighth year HKIoD presented the Awards to recognize outstanding directors and promote professionalism as an essential attribute of directors, critical to the effective performance of the board of directors of a company. The theme of the Directors Of The Year Awards 2008 is “Director Professionalism – Key to Corporate Value”.

**The Honourable Ronald Arculli** added “Company directors, much like regulators, are tasked to protect investors’ interests in the companies they are part of and maintain confidence in our system. A director’s role is not easy, requiring constant vigilance, unflagging commitment and independence of mind. Effective directors benefit us all and are vital to our city’s progress.”

**Mr Peter Wong** said, “Since its establishment in 1997, HKIoD has upheld the mission to promote good corporate governance in Hong Kong. Through the Awards, we encourage directors of different enterprises and organisations to strive for professionalism, making it a core value that can facilitate sustainable achievement of success.

**Mr Man Mo Leung, Chairman of the Awards Organising Committee**, said, “This year’s winners all demonstrated great efforts in upholding good corporate governance standards. The same as last year, many Mainland companies have shown corporate governance excellence on par with their international peers. These companies are assuming growing important roles in the Hong Kong business sector and their effectiveness also speaks for the effectiveness of Hong Kong as a global financial centre.”

**Dr Carlye Tsui, CEO of HKIoD** said, “The judging panel had a tough time selecting the winners as many of the candidates are exemplary models for their counterparts in different corporations. Notably, this is the first year when three ladies are recognised as outstanding directors. We hope the Awards can help raise awareness of the importance of corporate governance in society as well as encourage diversity in boards”.

The winners of the DOYA 2008 in the different award categories are:

<u>Listed Companies (SEHK – Hang Seng Index Constituents):-</u>	
Non-Executive Directors	<b>Ambassador Linda Tsao YANG</b> Non-Executive Independent Director, Bank of China (Hong Kong)
<u>Listed Companies (SEHK – Non-Hang Seng Index Constituents):-</u>	
Executive Directors	<b>Mr HU Aimin</b> Chairman, Shenzhen Investment Limited
Executive Directors	<b>Mr LIU Guoyuan,</b> ex-Vice Chairman, COSCO International Holdings Limited
Executive Directors	<b>Dr MA Weihua</b> President and CEO, China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.
Executive Directors	<b>Dr WEI Jiafu</b> Chairman, China COSCO Holdings Company Limited
Non-Executive Directors	<b>Dr QIN Xiao</b> Chairman, China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.
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Boards	<b>Board of Directors, COSCO International Holdings Limited</b>
Boards	<b>Board of Directors, Shenzhen Investment Limited</b>
<u>Private Companies:</u>	
Executive Directors	<b>Ms Ka Shi LAU</b> Managing Director & CEO, Bank Consortium Trust Company Limited
<u>Statutory/ Non-profit-distributing Organisations:-</u>	
Non-Executive Directors	<b>Mrs Ivy Sau Ping Kwok WU JP</b> Director (International & Relief Service), Hong Kong Red Cross
Boards	<b>Board of Directors, Agency for Volunteer Service</b>
Boards	<b>Board of Directors, The Hong Kong Society For The Aged</b>

Hosted by The Hong Kong Institute of Directors with 79 project partners, the DOYA 2008 is co-organised with the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau, the Securities & Futures Commission and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. The project has received extensive support from the business sector with High Fashion Group as the Lead Sponsor and a host of renowned companies as Co-sponsors. Supporting Organisations included government bureaux, the media, service organisations, professional institutes and consultancy firms.

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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. The project has now become an annual project of impact in the community. The objectives are to publicise the significance of good corporate governance, to recognise directors and board of directors for their outstanding director practices and corporate governance and their on-going bid to promote good corporate governance and directorship in Hong Kong. For more details on the previous years' Awards, please access to [http://www.hkiod.com/eng/dya\\_rollofawardees.asp](http://www.hkiod.com/eng/dya_rollofawardees.asp)

### **About The Hong Kong Institute of Directors**

The Hong Kong Institute of Directors ("HKIoD") is Hong Kong's premier body representing professional directors working together to promote good corporate governance to contribute towards advancing the status of Hong Kong, both in China and internationally. 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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