

# DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE 2008

Directorship in the 21st Century

## Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Opens First “Directors’ Conference” hosted by HKIoD

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### Themed Directorship in the 21st Century

**Hong Kong, 9 April 2008** – Organised by **The Hong Kong Institute of Directors (HKIoD)**, the inaugural “Directors’ Conference 2008” opened today officiated by the Honourable Donald Tsang GBM, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The theme of the Conference “Directorship in the 21st Century” responds to the needs of corporate leaders to be effective in delivering their responsibilities in the ever-changing business world filled with opportunities and challenges.

**Mr Peter S H Wong, Chairman of HKIoD**, said, “The worldwide business landscape changed dramatically and at accelerating pace in the last century. For a director of a corporation to fulfill his roles and responsibilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he needs to keep learning and enhancing his professional knowledge and skills. The Conference is a unique event designed to cater for the professional interests of directors and facilitate interaction among participants. It is also the main event commemorating HKIoD’s 10th anniversary. We are honoured to have the Chief Executive to officiate at this world class event with corporate directorship as focus.”

With a registration of over 400 attendees, the Directors’ Conference features a closing address by Professor K C Chan SBS JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury. Among other keynote speakers and participants of plenary discussions are Mr Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Limited, The Honourable Bernard Chan, President of Asia Financial Group and Mr Eddy Fong SBS JP, Chairman of Securities and Futures Commission. Topics including external challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century that directors have to face, the corporate governance trend to come in the region, regulation and global competition, and the role of directors in board meetings, etc are covered at the Conference.

**Dr Moses Cheng GBS OBE JP, Hon President of HKIoD and Chairman of Organising Committee of Directors’ Conference**, said, “The Conference gathers renowned leaders, top scholars and industry experts to explore and evaluate crucial corporate direction issues and share with participants their winning strategies and success stories. Through the event, we hope to promote corporate governance in different organisations, business or otherwise, and assist companies in developing or adopting global corporate governance standards and practices, and ultimately to strengthen Hong Kong’s position as an international financial centre. This ultimate goal has also been the mission of HKIoD over the past decade and will continue to be so in the future.”

HKIoD is the host of Directors' Conference 2008. The Co-Organisers of the event are the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau, the Securities and Futures Commission and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. T G Gold Investment Company Limited is the Lead Sponsor of the Conference.

**Dr Carlye Tsui BBS MBE JP, CEO of HKIoD**, concluded, "On behalf of HKIoD, we thank all supporting parties for making the Conference possible. We promise to continue to champion initiatives which can help directors lead their companies and enterprises uphold the highest corporate governance standards. This is the first Conference of its kind organised by HKIoD. Judging from the encouraging response, the Institute will consider to organise such an event regularly in the near future."

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### **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 and to contribute towards advancing the status of Hong Kong, both in China and internationally. A non-profit organisation, the Institute is committed to its mission through providing directors with educational programmes and information service and establishing an influential voice in representing directors. HKIoD organises a variety of programmes that have been well received by the audience, such as speaker meetings, seminars and the annual project Directors Of The Year Awards. Website: <http://www.hkiod.com>

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| Programme     | "Directorship in the 21st Century"  |
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| 09:45         | Arrival of Chief Executive The Hon Donald Tsang   |
| 09:55 – 10:00 | <b>Welcome Address</b><br>Mr Peter S H Wong, Chairman, HKIoD  |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | <b>Opening Address</b><br>The Hon Donald Tsang, Chief Executive,<br>The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region<br>Presentation of Souvenir by Mr Peter S H Wong, Chairman, HKIoD and<br>Dr Moses Cheng, Conference Chairman  |
| 10:10 – 10:50 | <b>Family Management, Public Company: Discipline and Accountability in a Traditional Firm</b><br>The Hon Bernard Chan, President, Asia Financial Group<br>Session Host: Dr Charles Cheung, Council Member, HKIoD  |
| 10:50 – 11:30 | <b>Challenges of Energy and Environment to Business in the New Century</b><br>Mr Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer, CLP Holdings Limited<br>Session Host: Ir Edmund K H Leung, Deputy Chairman, HKIoD  |
| 11:30 – 11:40 | Tea/Coffee & Networking   |
| 11:40 – 12:25 | <b>Panel on Excel Through Managing Change: The Board's Perspectives</b><br>Mr Thomas Ho, Chief Executive, Gammon Construction Limited<br>Mr Thomas James Mehrmann, Chief Executive, Ocean Park Corporation<br>Ir Ng Cheung Shing, Chairman and CEO, Computer And Technologies Holdings Limited<br>Session Host: Mr Peter Barrett, Council Member, HKIoD |
| 12:25-12:50   | Pre-luncheon Break  |
| 12:50         | <b>Luncheon commences</b><br><b>Acknowledgements</b> by Dr Carlye Tsui , CEO, HKIoD<br>Presentation of Souvenir to Lead Sponsor by Mr Peter S H Wong, Chairman, HKIoD<br>and<br>Dr Moses Cheng, Conference Chairman   |
| 13:35 – 14:15 | <b>Remarks</b> by Luncheon Sponsor, Ms Ada Chung, Registrar of Companies<br><b>Regulation and Global Competition</b><br>Mr Eddy C Fong, Chairman, Securities and Futures Commission<br>Session Host: Dr Moses Cheng, Hon President, HKIoD   |
| 14:15-14:30   | Post-luncheon Break   |
| 14:30 – 15:10 | <b>Global Management and Corporate Governance</b><br>Mr Liu Guoyuan, Executive Vice Chairman & President,<br>COSCO (Hong Kong) Group Limited<br>Session Host: Mr Edward K F Chow, Deputy Chairman, HKIoD  |
| 15:10 – 15:50 | <b>Corporate Governance: What's Next?</b><br>Mr Avendth Tilakdari, Member, King 3 Task Team, South Africa<br>Session Host: Mr Christopher To, Council Member, HKIoD   |
| 15:50 – 16:05 | Tea/Coffee & Networking   |
| 16:05 – 16:45 | <b>Asking the Right Questions - The Role of Directors in the Board Meeting</b><br>Prof Bob Tricker, Visiting Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University<br>Session Host: Mr George Magnus, Deputy Chairman, HKIoD  |
| 16:45 – 17:30 | <b>Panel on</b><br><b>Happy Board: From the Perspectives of Independent Non-Executive Directors</b><br>Mr Anthony Griffiths<br>Mr A R Hamilton<br>Dr Eric K C Li<br>Mr Alec Tsui<br>Session Host: Dr Kelvin Wong, Deputy Chairman, HKIoD  |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | <b>Closing Address</b><br>Prof K C Chan, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury<br>Presentation of Souvenir by Mr Peter S H Wong, Chairman, HKIoD and<br>Dr Moses Cheng, Conference Chairman   |
| 17:45 – 17:50 | <b>Adjournment of Conference</b><br>Dr Moses Cheng, Conference Chairman   |