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The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Announces Winners of Directors Of The Year Awards 2014

(Hong Kong, 9 December 2014) – **The Hong Kong Institute of Directors** (“HKIoD”) announced and honoured winners of the Directors Of The Year Awards (“DYA”) 2014 today at the 17th Anniversary Dinner of the Institute held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. More than 600 guests from different industries and sectors were present on the occasion to celebrate the winners’ achievements through their outstanding dedication to corporate governance.

The evening was hosted by Mr Henry Lai, Chairman of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, with Professor K C Chan, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, as the Guest of Honour.

In its fourteenth year, the Awards carry the theme of “Effective Leadership: Key to Corporate Success” to acknowledge the importance of boards and directors to achieve corporate success through constantly exploring development opportunities and through compliance with the guidelines of local regulatory bodies.

Mr Henry Lai said, “HKIoD cherishes this opportunity to honour the on-going efforts of directors to lead their company to achieve corporate success through the implementation of strategies to accomplish corporate goals. At the same time, their effective compliance with the guidelines set by regulatory bodies sustains Hong Kong’s position as an international financial centre through a well-established rule of law, solid infrastructure, as well as a place with many lucrative business opportunities to attract foreign investors. We are pleased to see boards and directors with leadership and vision embark on various initiatives to improve corporate governance for greater long-term value.”

Dr Anthony Yeung, Chairman of the Awards Organising Committee of DYA 2014 said, “The judging panel has carefully evaluated all the candidates in selecting the winners. We heartily congratulate tonight’s winners for their sincere dedication to advocate the highest standards of corporate governance through their effective leadership. All these winners are outstanding directors and boards with a commitment to achieving excellence in corporate governance. We fervently hope that the award winners will serve an important and exemplary role in advancing good corporate governance in the business community.”

Dr Carlye Tsui, CEO of HKIoD said, “We strongly believe that directors must demonstrate effective leadership within their enterprises and integrity in fulfilling the ultimate responsibilities of corporate governance. As our goal remains the advocacy of stronger corporate governance standards, HKIoD continues to offer insightful training courses and events to provide learning opportunities to our members to fulfill directors’

pursuit of professional knowledge and, ultimately, excellence in corporate governance practices.”

The winners of the DYA 2014 in the various award categories are listed below.

Listed Companies (SEHK - Hang Seng Indexes Constituents)	
Executive Director	Mr Hao Jian Min Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, China Overseas Land & Investment Ltd
Board	Board of Directors, AIA Group Limited
Board	Board of Directors, China Resources Enterprise, Limited
Board	Board of Directors, Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd.
Private Companies	
Executive Director	Ms Gao Anfeng Executive Director, Vice President, China Life Insurance (Overseas) Co. Ltd.
Executive Director	Ir Dr K K Wong GBS JP Group Chairman & CEO, Kum Shing Group
Statutory/Non-profit-distributing Organisations	
Board	Hong Kong Productivity Council
Board	Hospital Authority Board
Recognition of Excellence in Board Diversity	
	Hong Kong Productivity Council
	Hospital Authority Board

Directors of the Year Awards 2014 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. Shenzhen General Chamber of Commerce and the Shenzhen Business Elites Union are the Lead Sponsors of the event. Supporting Organisations include Government bureaus, the media, service organisations, professional institutes and Chambers of Commerce and consultancy firms.

Mr Huen Wong, Chairman of the Awards Organising Committee of DYA 2015 said: “Apart from announcing this year’s award winners, we are delighted to announce the theme of the Directors Of The Year Awards 2015 as ‘Good Corporate Governance: Cornerstone to a Strong Financial Centre’.”

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 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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