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The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Appoints Mr Jonathan Shea as Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong – 1 January, 2025 – The Hong Kong Institute of Directors (HKIoD) today announced the appointment of Mr Jonathan Shea as Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. In his new role, Shea will oversee the strategy formulation, implementation, and operations of HKIoD, focusing on enhancing the institute's drive to promote corporate governance and director professionalism in Hong Kong and beyond.

Biography of Mr Jonathan Shea: Mr Shea, a HKIoD Fellow since 2006, brings extensive senior management experience, notably as Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited ("HKIRC") from 2002 to 2016. Under his tenure, HKIRC significantly advanced Hong Kong's presence in the global internet community. In 2012, the HKIRC Board was honoured with the HKIoD Directors Of The Year Award in the Non-profit-distributing Boards category. Mr Shea also served as a board member of the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) and was elected Chairman for two terms.

New CEO's Statement: Mr Shea is committed to advancing HKIoD, stating "My proven experience in running an NGO, coupled with my expertise in governance, leadership, and stakeholder engagement, position me to elevate HKIoD and enhance value for our members. In an era shaped by rapid changes, continuing learning is imperative. We will keep our programmes and events at the forefront, equipping directors with the necessary insights and tools for effective leadership. HKIoD stands as your partner in professional development, whether you are a seasoned leader or an emerging talent."

"Your feedback is vital to our success. We will actively seek your input and insights to shape our future programmes and services, ensuring our responsiveness and agility as a forward-thinking organisation. Together, we will navigate the complexities of achieving corporate success and sustainability, fostering a diverse and inclusive community where every voice contributes to our collective wisdom."

HKIoD Council's Congratulations: The HKIoD Council warmly congratulates Mr Shea on his appointment and anticipates continued growth and impact under his leadership. More importantly, they convey their sincere thanks to the former Chief Executive Officer, Dr Carlye Tsui, for her remarkable achievement and dedicated service which established a solid foundation and well recognised reputation for HKIoD, and extend their best wishes for her future endeavours in retirement.

About The Hong Kong Institute of Directors ("HKIoD")

The Hong Kong Institute of Directors ("HKIoD") is Hong Kong's premier body representing directors working together to advance corporate sustainability in creating long-term value for companies, their owners, stakeholders, humankind and Planet Earth through advocacy and standards-setting in corporate governance and director professionalism.

Led by Founder Chairman Dr The Hon Moses Cheng, HKIoD was founded in 1997. Throughout the years, HKIoD is honoured to have the Chief Executive of HKSAR as the Institute's Patron. Membership of HKIoD comprises of directors from diverse industries and corporate types and includes Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Non-Executive Directors. With multi-culturalism and international perspectives, HKIoD organises activities that cover director training, seminars and forums, collective director voice, guideline establishment, public education, Award Series for Director Excellence, assessment of Corporate Governance Scorecard for listed companies etc.

As a member body of the Global Network of Director Institutes (“GNDI”), HKIoD is committed to global collaboration in promoting good corporate governance and director professionalism. HKIoD is the appointed Host of the Hong Kong Chapter of Climate Governance Initiative, a global network that collaborates with the World Economic Forum in actively promoting directors’ address of the risks and opportunities of climate change.

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