

HKIoD Annual Dinner cum Presentation of Directors Of The Year Awards 2023

Date 日期：Thursday 23 November 2023

Venue 地點：Convention Hall, 1/F, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre 香港會議展覽中心一樓會議廳

Theme 主題：Transform for a Better Tomorrow 變革創新 更好明天

Attended by 參與人數：471



▲ “HKIoD Annual Dinner cum Presentation of Directors Of The Year Awards 2023” group photo



▲ Address by HKIoD Council Chairman Dr Christopher To: Since 1997, HKIoD, advocates for corporate governance and professionalism. Our goal is to foster corporate sustainability, creating long-term value. Post-pandemic, businesses must reassess positioning, engaging in transformative efforts for a sustainable future. With 2,000+ members from diverse industries, we empower directors through our Code of Conduct and CPD pursuits, setting standards and educating the public. Aligned with global networks, we are part of the Global Network of Director Institutes (150,000 directors) and host the Hong Kong Chapter of the Climate Governance Initiative collaborating with the World Economic Forum. Grateful for strong support, we wish everyone an inspiring evening.

► 2023 Awards Organising Committee Chairman Ms Alice Yip expressed gratitude to Co-Organisers, sponsors, partners and consultants for their great support of the Awards project and commented: The Awardees exemplify outstanding corporate governance amid challenges, showcasing transformative practices for corporate sustainability. Recognized for creating value, some Board Awardees merit special acknowledgment for promoting diversity. As a sequel for this year's theme “Transform for a Better Tomorrow”, the 2024 theme is “Leading with Agility in an Era of Innovation” 「靈活領導 創意年代」.

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▲ The Guest of Honour, Dr Kelvin Wong SBS JP, Chairman, AFRC

Highlight of speech:

- ‘Transform for a better tomorrow’ is a very well-set and thought-provoking theme. The accelerating pace of technological change is causing individuals and societies to experience a sense of disorientation and anxiety toward their work, life, relationships and personal identity.
 - A topic that is highly essential for our collective future: Transform for a Better Tomorrow.
 - Who can take us through the transformation journey? The answer is clear and here. Yes, the Directors and therefore, all of us here.
 - Financial reports are the backbone of an efficient financial market. As an international financial centre, it is imperative that Hong Kong should have effective and internationally aligned auditor regulatory regime so that investor’s interest can be duly protected.
- Company directors have a pivotal and primary responsibility of upholding financial reporting quality to ensure trust and confidence from the public toward its reporting and governance.
 - It takes great courage and determination to challenge the status quo, break conventions and embrace transformations.
 - Transformation # 1: Mindset and business strategies
- The Board of Directors are ultimately responsible for the long-term success of an organisation. With heightened expectations on corporates to fulfill their social responsibilities that would ultimately contribute to the common good of mankind, it is not enough for directors, as the oversight body of an organisation, to only care about making profit. Nowadays, directors need to transform from their traditional short-term profit-driven mindset to embrace a long-term perspective that recognises the interdependencies between financial success, social progress, and environmental stewardship. Directors must acquire sustainability literacy and equip themselves in order to discharge their fiduciary duty. Directors need to set the right tone from the top and ensure that management.
- Transformation #2: Talent development
- Education and training are the most important investments in human capital. There is still much we can do, between directors and regulators, to ensure that director’s training and its scope are conducive to enhancing director’s performance.
- Transformation # 3: Sustainability
- To tell a good story about the sustainability efforts and outcomes, it is critically important for directors to ensure that the appropriate infrastructure, processes, systems, KPIs, data and assurance are in place for transparent and accurate disclosure.
- Transformation # 4: Upholding governance
- Almost all governance failure stemmed from “Obedience to Authority” and “Bystander Phenomena”. A failure in governance, I argue, is a failure to uphold governance by those who were in charge of the governance role. Though we stand at the precipice of a new era, we have a choice for tomorrow. We can either continue with business as usual, or we can embark on a transformative journey towards a better future.

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▲ Ms Kirsten Patterson, Chairman, Global Network of Director Institutes

Highlight of video speech:

- Congratulations to all of tonight's award recipients. I recognise this is one of Hong Kong's most coveted business awards, recognising outstanding industry leaders since 2001.
- I'd also like to acknowledge all directors who continue to engage with the Hong Kong Institute of Directors to enhance your governance capabilities.
- In the global dynamically changing business environment, transformation and sustainability are key issues for long-term viability.
- GNDI comprises 24 institutes representing more than 150,000 directors and other governance professionals – including my own country New Zealand and of course Hong Kong, represented by CEO Dr Carlye Tsui.
- Regardless of where we are in the world, the challenges we face as directors are immense – from climate change to artificial intelligence and sustainable value creation.
- It is critical that directors continue to advance understanding of how better boardroom decisions can drive better organisational performance and create better outcomes for shareholders and stakeholders.
- Earlier this year the GNDI released its third biennial global survey report.
- Two-thirds of directors said long-term robust strategy was the most critical priority to support organisational success.
- The need to rethink board structures also featured strongly, including consideration of technological advancements, diversity and inclusion, skills gaps and succession planning as well as the need for directors to upskill.
- With the need for upskilling identified in the GNDI survey, it is encouraging to see how well subscribed Hong Kong's Certificate in Sustainability Leadership has been.
- Rising sea levels, increasingly warm temperatures and projections of stronger typhoon intensity are all impacting life and business in the region. Just think back to the recent once-in-500-year rainstorm that pummelled Hong Kong.
- The Policy Address in October by Chief Executive John Lee Ka-Chiu acknowledged the super typhoons and extreme rainstorms that have battered Hong Kong. While the Policy Address noted the importance of scaling up the capability to cope with extreme weather events, as directors we know that we also have to be proactive, not just reactive. We need to mitigate, adapt and transform – and we need to be leading the bold and brave conversations.
- Ultimately the role of the board of directors is to add value by bringing the wider perspective, focussing on the long-term, managing the risks and capitalising on the opportunities, to give businesses life, not just now, but for the future.

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Link for Youtube video version:

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▲ Congratulations to the awardees, who are inspiring role models for all directors!
恭賀一眾實至名歸的得獎者！

Awardees' List 得獎名單

Listed Companies Categories 上市公司

Award category: Executive Directors 獲獎類別：執行董事

- Ms CHIU Siu Yin Lovinia, Chairman, Executive Director and CEO, Medialink Group Limited
- Ms JIANG Anqi, Vice Chairlady of the Board, Tianqi Lithium Corporation
- Mr LAM Wai Hon, Patrick, Executive Vice-Chairman, FSE Lifestyle Services Limited
- Dr MA Mingzhe, Founder and Chairman, Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd
- Ms Winnie WONG Chi Shun, CEO and Executive Director, Asia Insurance Company Limited
- 羚邦集團有限公司主席、執行董事兼行政總裁 趙小燕女士
- 天齊鋰業股份有限公司副董事長 蔣安琪女士
- 豐盛生活服務有限公司執行副主席 林煒瀚先生
- 中國平安保險（集團）股份有限公司創始人、創辦人、董事長 馬明哲博士
- 亞洲保險有限公司行政總裁兼執行董事 黃子遜女士 JP

Award category: Boards 獲獎類別：董事會

- Board of China Resources Beer (Holdings) Company Limited
- Board of FSE Lifestyle Services Limited
- Board of Tam Jai International Co. Limited *
- Board of Tianqi Lithium Corporation
- 華潤啤酒（控股）有限公司董事會
- 豐盛生活服務有限公司董事會
- 譚仔國際有限公司董事會 *
- 天齊鋰業股份有限公司董事會

Statutory/Non-profit-distributing Organisations Categories 法定／非分配利潤組織

Award category: Boards 獲獎類別：董事會

- Board of Friends of the Earth (HK) *
- Hong Kong Housing Society *
- Board of KELY Support Group *
- Board of Kids4Kids *
- 香港地球之友董事會 *
- 香港房屋協會 *
- 啟勵扶青會董事會 *
- 童協基金會董事會 *

* Additional recognition: Excellence in Board Diversity 另獲：董事會多元化卓越嘉許

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