



IFPHK FINANCIAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2019

## DRIVING FINANCIAL EDUCATION FOR BETTER LIVES

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## FOREWORD: TACKLING FINANCIAL LITERACY THROUGH FINANCIAL EDUCATION

The financial services industry has long been one of Hong Kong's most significant pillars. In 2017, it accounted for 17.7% of the city's total GDP, second only to the trading and logistics industry's 21.7%.

Nevertheless, recent research continues to highlight the problem of financial illiteracy among the general public. Carried out in the 2nd quarter of 2017, a survey conducted by the Investor Education Centre (IEC) has revealed that more than half of the survey interviewees, especially teenagers, have made investments without conducting appropriate due diligence. This is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Boosting financial education is one of the most sought-after ideals in Hong Kong, as it can have positive knock-on affects from one generation to the next. Therefore, we need an orchestrated effort to create a sea change. Regulators, industry players and professionals should come together to provide effective financial education to help the public make sound financial decisions responsibly.

As one of the leading professional bodies in the financial services industry, the IFPHK launched the first-ever "Financial Education Leadership Awards" awards last year to help widen Hong Kong's financial education vision – while encouraging and rewarding those who are doing their part to address society's needs.

Last year, the Awards aroused an overwhelming response in the community, from corporate entities to individuals. This reflects a firm commitment to deliver financial education unconditionally. I strongly believe that with our concerted efforts, together with the added recognition of the IFPHK Financial Education Leadership Awards 2019, we will continue to lead the public on better financial life journeys. Thus, I call upon your support for this meaningful initiative.



### **ABOUT THE AWARDS**

The Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK) was established in 2000 to develop and maintain high professional standards and self-discipline for providers of financial planning services in Hong Kong to ensure that consumers are well-served and their interests protected.

To align with the IFPHK's mission to increase awareness of the importance of financial planning, the IFPHK is organizing the first IFPHK Financial Education Leadership Awards 2018 in collaboration with Metro Finance to pay tribute to commercial firms, non-profit organizations and individuals that have made significant efforts in improving financial literacy levels in Hong Kong.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To recognize commercial firms, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), non-profit organizations (NPOs) such as schools, professional bodies, charities, social enterprises, etc., as well as individuals in providing public financial education to the community on a pro bono basis\*
- · To promote the importance of financial planning in Hong Kong
- To raise the overall level of financial literacy in Hong Kong

## ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Hong Kong commercial firms, NGOs, NPOs and individuals who have invested, undertaken or completed their financial education tasks between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018.

#### \* Definition of Pro Bono

The term Pro Bono is short for the Latin "pro bono publico," which means "for the public good." The term generally refers to free services that a professional provides to poverty-stricken clients, non-profit groups or charitable organizations. In the financial world, the term applies to free services or advice provided by a financial professional. (Investopedia, 2017)



## CORPORATE FINANCIAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP



This Award aims to recognize collective efforts that commercial firms and non-profit entities have made to improve financial literacy in Hong Kong.

Award	<b>Commercial Firms</b>	Non-Profit Entities			
Gold	Achieving 4 criteria or more	Achieving 3 criteria or more			
Silver	Achieving 3 criteria	Achieving 2 criteria			
Bronze	Achieving 2 criteria	Achieving 1 criterion			
Best Corporate Financial Education Leadership of the Year For the commercial firm that has achieved the most criteria.					



## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Criteria is set out to demonstrate how financial education could be met. Submissions of the firms should specify and elaborate on the criteria engaged.

#### The Criteria:

**Digital/Virtual:** Websites, apps, videos, social media platforms, online tutorials or hotlines that are available to consumers with free and impartial sources of information, tools and resources. Consumers are able to navigate the financial landscape and access the information they need

**Print:** Publication of books, toolkits and training materials for free financial education to the public

Games: Customized games for financial education

**Open Events:** Providing financial education through engaging and exciting competitions, road shows, etc

**Focus Groups:** Organizations focusing on what they know the best to offer a wide range of programs covering all aspects of financial education, e.g. seminars, talks, workshops and campus events

**Support of Employees' Engagement:** Organizations providing their employees with flexibility, support and encouragement to engage in policy-making and the creation of advocacy groups (outside of their own companies) related to financial education

**Vulnerable Groups:** Special programs or resources for specific cohort groups, e.g. people experiencing high financial stress, people with low income or few assets, vulnerable seniors, and religious differences as they pertain to loans and borrowings

**IT and Modular Examples:** Disruptive technologies and business models for a better financial education future, including the internet of things, artificial intelligence and the sharing economy

**Co-effort Examples:** Partnership or sponsorship to support a financial education program run by a charity, school, non-profit organization or policymaker, e.g. competitions and championship programs

**Volunteering Programs:** Building a sustainable volunteer program in which promoting financial education is one of the goals or activities

**Employee Programs:** Providing in-house financial well-being programs and workplace programs for employees

**Research Examples:** Commissioning research, or holding forums or summits to highlight the need for financial education so that the best practices can be shared and publicized

## ASSESSMENT AND JUDGES

The judging panel is comprised of the IFPHK's board members and experienced CFP<sup>CM</sup> professionals.

## CITIZEN VOLUNTEER IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION

This Award is given to any individual<sup>\*</sup> who has shown his or her commitment of time, energy and knowledge to deliver pro bono financial education services.

To be qualified, each individual has to meet the following requirements:

- 1. Individuals must complete at least one pro bono financial education event/program between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018.
- 2. The application must be duly endorsed by the event/program organizer or a service recipient. The event/program organizer must be an NPO registered in Hong Kong.
- 3. Service records, event pictures, etc., can also be provided as proof of evidence.

Award	Eligibility	Number of Winners	
Certificate of Recognition	1 event/program		
Gold	Being awarded for 5 consecutive years	Unlimited	
Silver	Being awarded for 3 consecutive years		
Bronze**	Being awarded for 2 consecutive years	-	

Application Fee: HK\$300

## CORPORATE VOLUNTEER TEAM IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION



A corporate award will be given to companies that encourage their employees to enroll as Citizen Volunteers in Financial Education.

Award	Eligibility	Number of Winners	
Gold	20 or more Citizen Volunteers		
Silver	10 - 19 Citizen Volunteers	Unlimited	
Bronze	5 - 9 Citizen Volunteers	-	



\* Note: "Citizen Volunteer" could be any individual and is not limited to financial services practitioners, financial planners, CFP<sup>CM</sup> professionals, AFP<sup>TM</sup> professionals, etc.

\*\*Note: A Bronze award would be given to "Citizen Volunteer" being awarded in both 2018 and 2019.

## CORPORATE PROGRAM FEE

Commercial Firms: HK\$48,000 - HK\$58,000 Non-profit entities: HK\$5,000

The above fee includes:

**Trophy:** As a token of appreciation, awardees will be presented with a trophy at the Awards Presentation Ceremony to showcase their commitment in promoting financial well-being and corporate social responsibility.

Awards Presentation Ceremony: Each awarding commercial firm and non-profit entities will be invited to the Ceremony. To mark this memorable occasion, government officials and industry figures will be invited to witness the naming of the winners. Advertisement in the IFPHK Journal: Awarding commercial firms are entitled to complimentary advertisement in Advisors Today, the official publication of the IFPHK.

**Logo Use:** Awarded commercial firms are eligible to use the award logo for a year (1 January to 31 December 2019). The "Use of Mark Guidelines" will be provided after the Awards presentation ceremony.

**Marketing Exposure:** Names and logos of the awarded firms will be seen in the Awards' promotional materials, including the campaign site, print ads in leading local newspapers and digital promotion, etc.

Corporate Program Fee					
List of Benefits	Commercial Firms – HK\$58,000	Commercial Firms – HK\$48,000	Non-profit Entities – HK\$5,000		
Complimentary Seats <ul> <li>Tables/ Seats at Awards</li> <li>Presentation Ceremony</li> </ul>	1 Table (10 seats)	Half Table (5 seats)	1 seat		
Advertisement • Advertisement in Advisors Today	1 x Full Page 4C	/	/		
Acknowledgement <ul> <li>Main screen <ul> <li>acknowledgement with</li> <li>logo during Awards</li> <li>Presentation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	*	\$	\$		
<ul> <li>Name &amp; logo on all marketing materials and event website</li> </ul>	${\leftrightarrow}$	\$	\$		
<ul> <li>Trophy presentation at Awards Presentation</li> </ul>	${\leftrightarrow}$	\$	*		
Use of Logo Rights <ul> <li>Eligible to use the awarded logo for one year</li> </ul>	☆	\$	/		

Remarks:

1. The content of this package and all insertion dates are subjected to the Organizers' final approval.

2. Ad material production is not included; materials are to be submitted by participating commercial firms.

# 2018 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The first "IFPHK Financial Education Leadership Awards 2018" concluded successfully on 19 January, 2018 with a prestigious Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Conrad Hotel. Mr. Joseph Chan, JP, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the HKSAR Government, graced the event as the Guest of Honor. He was joined by representatives from regulatory and professional organizations and over 150 guests from the industry to witness the naming of the "Best Corporate Financial Education



Leadership of the Year", "Corporate Financial Education Leadership", "Corporate Volunteer Team in Financial Education" and "Citizen Volunteer in Financial Education" awardees. The Ceremony ended on a high note as it celebrated firsthand the accomplishments of the 21 corporate and 27 individual awardees in attendance out of the 85 winners in total.



#### Best Corporate Financial Education Leadership of the Year

Hang Seng Bank

Manulife (International) Limited

#### **Corporate Financial Education Leadership**

#### Gold Award

- AIA International Limited
- Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
- Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch
- China Construction Bank (Asia)
- Convoy Financial Group
- Fundsupermart (FSM) HK
- FWD Life Insurance Company (Bermuda) Limited

- Hang Seng Bank
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Financial Education Centre
- Manulife (International) Limited
- Mercer (Hong Kong) Limited
- Nanyang Commercial Bank
- Noble Apex Advisors Ltd
- PCCW
- Po Leung Kuk

- Prudential Hong Kong Limited
- Sun Life Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited
- TWGHs Healthy Budgeting Family Debt Counselling Centre
- VISA

#### Silver Award

• iFAST Platform Services (HK) Limited

#### **Corporate Volunteer Team in Financial Education**

#### **Gold Award**

- Manulife (International) Limited
- Noble Apex Advisors Ltd

#### **Bronze Award**

China Construction Bank (Asia)

## **KEY DATES**





### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Application for the abovementioned Awards should be submitted to the IFPHK via the following websites together with supporting documents:

#### Corporate Financial Education Leadership

**Citizen Volunteer in Financial Education** 





The application deadline is 30 September 2018.

## **INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS**

Individuals are also eligible to participate in the Awards. Ceremony with details of application to be provided later. The seats are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **ENQUIRIES**

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Remarks: In case of any dispute, the decision of the organizer will be final and binding on all parties concerned.