

PRESS RELEASE

March 2015 CFP^{CM} Certification Examinations (Foundation Level and Level 1) Results Release

(Hong Kong – 14 May, 2015) – The Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK) today announces the results of the CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) and the CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) held in March 2015:

Pass Rates - The CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) recorded an impressive pass rate of 70.27%, whilst more than half (69.23%) of the examinees in the CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) passed the examination.

Meritors and Top Scorers – Thirteen examinees attained Merit status in the CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level). One examinee was awarded with Top Scorer status in the CFP Certification Examination (Level 1).

Examinees' Education Level – Over 72% of the total number of examinees in both examinations possess a Bachelor's degree or above.

Examinees' Industry Background – Of the examinees in both examinations, over 85% of them are employees of banking, insurance and independent financial advisory sectors.

Examinees' Age – Over 80% of the total number of examinees in both examinations are between 20 and 39 years old.

For results of the March 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level), please click <u>HERE</u>. For results of the March 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Level 1), please click <u>HERE</u>.

Next CFP Certification Examinations

The next CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level), CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) and CFP Certification Examination (Level 2) will be held on 27 June, 2015 (Saturday). Please visit our website www.ifphk.org for details.

About CFP Certification and AFP[™] Certification

The CFP Certification is the world's oldest and most-recognized advanced certification for financial planners. To obtain the CFP Certification, individuals have to satisfy the "4E" requirements of Education, Examination, Experience and Ethics. The certification process ensures that all CFP professionals are committed to providing competent and ethical financial planning services to clients.

The AFP[™] Certification equips financial industry practitioners with a wide range of core competencies in financial planning for their everyday professional needs. Individuals who passed the CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) may obtain the AFP Certification after satisfying the rigorous "4E" certification requirements before moving onto the CFP Certification.

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About IFPHK

IFPHK was established in June 2000 as a non-profit organization for the fast–growing financial services industry. It aims to be recognized in the region as the premier professional body representing financial planners dedicated to upholding the highest professional standards.

The Institute is the sole licensing body in Hong Kong authorized by Financial Planning Standards Board Limited to grant the much-coveted and internationally-recognized CFP^{CM} Certification and AFPTM Certification to qualified financial planning professionals in Hong Kong and Macau.

It represents more than 6,800 financial planning practitioners in Hong Kong from such diverse professional backgrounds as banking, insurance, independent financial advisory, stockbroking, accounting, and legal services.

Currently there are more than 153,000 CFP certificants in 26 countries/regions; the majority of these professionals are in the U.S., Canada, China, Australia and Japan, with more than 4,700 CFP certificants in Hong Kong.

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