

### PRESS RELEASE

## June 2015 CFP<sup>CM</sup> Certification Examinations (Foundation Level, Level 1 and Level 2) Results Release

(Hong Kong – 17 August, 2015) – The Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK) today announces the results of the CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level), CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) and CFP Certification Examination (Level 2) held in June 2015:

**Pass Rates** - The CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) and CFP Certification Examination (Level 2) recorded similar pass rates of 52% and 57% respectively, whilst 42% of the examinees in the CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) passed the examination.

*Meritors and Top Scorers* – Six 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 2).

*Examinees' Education Level* – Around 87% of the total number of examinees possess a bachelor's degree or above.

*Examinees' Industry Background* – Of the three examinations, over 78% of them are employees of banking, insurance and independent financial advisory sectors.

*Examinees' Age* – Of the three examinations, the CFP Certification Examinations (Foundation Level and Level 1) recorded similar percentages of 87% and 82% of examinees who are in the age range between 20 and 39. In the CFP Certification Examination (Level 2), 77% of the examinees are aged between 20 and 39.

For results of the June 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level), please click <u>HERE</u>. For results of the June 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Level 1), please click <u>HERE</u>. For results of the June 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Level 2), please click <u>HERE</u>.

### Next CFP Certification Examinations

The next CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) and CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) will be held on 19 September, 2015 (Saturday). Application has been closed. Application for the December 2015 CFP Certification Examinations (Foundation Level, Level 1 and Level 2) will close on 10 November 2015. For details please visit the IFPHK website.

# About CFP Certification and AFP<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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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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<sup>CM</sup> Certification and AFP<sup>TM</sup> 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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