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

(Hong Kong – 6 November, 2015) – The results of the September 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) and CFP Certification Examination (Level 1) were announced today by the Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK). Key highlights are as below:

**Pass Rates** - The CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level) recorded a pass rate of 50.62%, whilst 47.5% 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).

*Examinees' Education Level* – In CFP Certification Examinations (Foundation Level and Level 1), 58% and 87.5% of examinees had respectively earned a Bachelor's Degree or above.

*Examinees' Industry Background* – In both examinations, over 87.5% of them are employees of banking, insurance and independent financial advisory sectors.

*Examinees' Age* – In CFP Certification Examinations (Foundation Level and Level 1), 66.67% and 80% of examinees are in the age range between 20 and 39 respectively.

For results of the September 2015 CFP Certification Examination (Foundation Level), please click <u>HERE</u>. For results of the September 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 19 December, 2015 (Saturday). Application 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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