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IFPHK Commendation Award Ceremony for 20-year CFP® Certificants

Over 100 Veteran CFP Professionals Gather to Reflect on Two Decades of Professional Excellence

(Hong Kong/ Macau, 31 January 2026) — The Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK) today held the “IFPHK Commendation Award Ceremony for 20-year CFP Certificants” to honour CFP professionals who have upheld their certification for 20 to 24 years. The ceremony was conducted in two sessions, morning and afternoon, with over 100 CFP professionals in attendance.

Most attendees were senior management from financial institutions across banking, life insurance, fund management, securities, and family offices. Collectively, they represented more than 2,000 years of industry experience and expertise, reflecting the evolution and development of Hong Kong’s financial services sector over the past two decades.

The venue featured a signature board and photo-taking area, complemented by props with CFP marks and graduation gowns, allowing CFP professionals to capture memorable moments of this milestone occasion. The ceremony also saw several long-standing supporters of IFPHK, including the member of the Board Mr. Alvin Chan, members of the Membership Services Committee Dr. Peter So and Mr. Timothy Chan, as well as Mr. Louie Mak from the Education Development Committee. Among the attendees, the two youngest honourees were Mr. Alvin Tse of YF Life Insurance and Ms. Carrie Lam of HSBC Private Banking, symbolising their early commitment to attaining the CFP certification shortly after entering the profession.

In his welcome address, Dr. Paris Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of IFPHK said “I would like to thank you all for gathering to witness this moment of honour. Through your years of dedication and contribution, Hong Kong had approximately 3,500 CFP professionals as at the end of 2025, ranking among the global top ten by total number across 28 countries and territories. Measured by population, Hong Kong became the most densely populated region of CFP professionals worldwide in 2024, reflecting the vibrancy of our financial sector and our leading position in professionalism and internationalisation.”

He added, “These achievements would not have been possible without your long-standing commitment and contributions. Today’s recognition honours not only individual professional accomplishments, but also a dedication spanning more than two decades. You have grown alongside Hong Kong’s financial planning profession and continue to be a vital force driving its development.” Dr. Yeung was joined by Vice Chairman Dr. Keith Yu, as well as members of the Board Ms. Penny Mak and Mr. Stephen Chan.

Over the past 25 years, IFPHK has remained steadfast in promoting the development of the financial planning profession. Its achievements are the result of the collective efforts of members and stakeholders who have stood together through challenges, as well as generations of CFP professionals who have upheld and passed on professional values, setting benchmarks of excellence for the industry.

Through this ceremony, IFPHK hopes to encourage more young professionals to join the community of CFP professionals, inject fresh talent into the profession, and ensure the enduring continuity of the CFP certification, thereby advancing the professionalisation of financial planning in Hong Kong.

About IFPHK

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

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® certification and AFP® certification to qualified financial planning professionals in Hong Kong and Macau.

Currently there are more than 230,000 CFP certificants in 28 regions; the majority of these professionals are in the U.S., China, Japan, Canada and Brazil. As at 31 December 2025, Hong Kong had approximately 3,465 CFP certificants.

At present, IFPHK has 5,863 members in Hong Kong including 1,088 Qualified Retirement Adviser (QRA) holders; and represents financial planning practitioners in diverse professional backgrounds such as banking, insurance, independent financial advisory, stock broking, accounting, and legal services.

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	<p>Photo 1 :</p> <p>IFPHK CEO Dr. Paris Yeung delivers the welcome address at the IFPHK Commendation Award Ceremony for 20-year CFP Certificants.</p>
	<p>Photo 2 :</p> <p>Member of the Board Mr. Alvin Chan is one of the commendation certificate recipients.</p>
	<p>Photo 3 :</p> <p>IFPHK CEO Dr. Paris Yeung presents the commendation certificate to Mr. Alvin Tse, Head of Pension and Employee Benefits of YF Life Insurance International Limited, one of the youngest award recipients.</p>
	<p>Photo 4:</p> <p>Group photo of CFP certificants with 20 to 24 years of certification.</p>
	<p>Photo5:</p> <p>Guests capture memorable moments at the photo-taking area.</p>