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## **AI & FinTech Day 2026 Concludes Successfully Exploring the Future of AI, RegTech and Financial Planning**

(Hong Kong / Macau, 22 April 2026) — Organised by the Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK), with Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) as Supporting Organisation and Venue Sponsor, “AI & FinTech Day 2026: Trends and Developments in FinTech and AI in the Financial Services Industry” was successfully held on 21 April 2026.

The event attracted close to 100 industry participants and brought together representatives from regulatory bodies, banks, InsurTech firms, RegTech companies and FinTech experts to examine how artificial intelligence (AI) and financial technology (FinTech) are reshaping the financial planning profession and the broader financial services ecosystem, as well as redefining the future of financial talent development.

Building on the success of the inaugural AI & FinTech Day last year, IFPHK continued its commitment to exploring the practical applications of financial technology and analysing emerging industry trends.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Paris Yeung, CEO of IFPHK said, “The Hong Kong Monetary Authority’s Fintech 2025 strategy clearly sets out the direction for full digitalisation of banks, strengthening data infrastructure and promoting the adoption of regulatory technology (RegTech), enabling financial institutions to strike a balance between innovation and risk management. In recent years, the adoption of RegTech solutions in anti-money laundering monitoring, transaction surveillance and compliance review has increasingly become the industry norm.”

Dr. Yeung added, “IFPHK firmly believes that artificial intelligence will not replace financial professionals or financial planners. On the contrary, professionals who are able to leverage AI effectively will be more competitive in the future marketplace. We have therefore designated 2026 as the Year of FinTech and AI Development. Our continuing professional development programmes, thematic seminars and annual flagship conference will focus on technology applications, professional ethics and regulatory compliance, supporting members in navigating digital transformation with confidence.”

During the keynote session, Mr. Eric Kwok, General Manager (Digital and Information Technology), eMPF Platform Company, shared insights into the eMPF Platform’s experience in digital transformation and the implementation of large-scale financial infrastructure projects. He emphasised that robust technology architecture, sound governance frameworks and cross-sector collaboration are critical to advancing digital financial services. The core mission of the eMPF Platform, he noted, is to enhance efficiency, increase transparency and improve user experience, thereby delivering more convenient services to the public.

In his presentation titled “Fintech Talents Reimagined in the AI Era,” Mr. Paul Li, Founder of the Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association, highlighted that the rapid development of AI, AI agent,

Web3 and digital payments has significantly increased demand for cross-disciplinary talent. He stressed that future FinTech professionals must not only possess strong technical capabilities, but also have a deep understanding of regulatory frameworks and cross-border business trends in order to stand out in a fast-evolving market.

In the demo session “Sovereign AI — A Strategic Pivot for Hong Kong Financial Institutions,” Mr. Leo Tong, Managing Director of Capital Delight Inc Limited, discussed how financial institutions can effectively deploy AI solutions while safeguarding data security and ensuring regulatory compliance. He pointed out that successful AI transformation requires strengthened data governance, enhanced infrastructure readiness and clear long-term strategic planning to unlock the full value and potential of artificial intelligence.

The event concluded with a panel discussion titled “Innovation in Action: AI, RegTech and the Future of Financial Services,” moderated by Dr. Paris Yeung. Distinguished panelists included Mr. Thomson Ho, Co-Founder of 10Life; Mr. Matthew Lee, CEO and Co-founder of Fill Easy; and Dr. Martin Qiao, Head of Data Science Solutions, HSBC Hong Kong. The panel explored topics including risk management, anti-money laundering monitoring and client service transformation, and compared Hong Kong’s FinTech development with neighbouring Asian markets to examine how the city can seize opportunities and address future challenges.

Panelists unanimously agreed that as AI and automation technologies become increasingly prevalent, technology will not replace professional expertise. Rather, financial professionals who effectively integrate experience, judgement and technological tools will be best positioned to create sustainable long-term value.

In light of the enthusiastic response, IFPHK will continue to organise professional events on a range of forward-looking topics to help members stay abreast of developments in FinTech and AI, further advance professionalism and digital transformation within the financial planning industry, and contribute to the sustainable development of Hong Kong’s financial services sector.

### **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 236,300 CFP certificants in 29 regions; the majority of these professionals are in the U.S., China, Japan, Canada and Brazil. As at 28 February 2026, Hong Kong had approximately 3,238 CFP certificants.

At present, IFPHK has 5,298 members in Hong Kong including 956 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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**Photo 1:**  
IFPHK and HKSTP representatives pictured with keynote speaker.  
  
(From left) Dr. Paris Yeung, CEO of IFPHK; Mr. Eric Kwok, General Manager (Digital and Information Technology), eMPF Platform Company; and Mr. Philip Cheung, Senior Manager, Strategic Partnerships, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation.



**Photo 2:**  
IFPHK and HKSTP representatives pictured with distinguished speakers.  
  
(From left) Dr. Martin Qiao, Head of Data Science Solutions, HSBC Hong Kong; Mr. Paul Li, Founder of the Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association; Dr. David Pun, Vice Chairman of IFPHK; Dr. Paris Yeung, CEO of IFPHK; Mr. Eric Kwok, General Manager (Digital and Information Technology), eMPF Platform Company; Mr. Philip Cheung, Senior Manager, Strategic Partnerships, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation; Dr. Keith Yu, Vice Chairman of IFPHK; Mr. Leo Tong, Managing Director of Capital Delight Inc Limited; Mr. Matthew Lee, CEO and Co-founder of Fill Easy; and Mr. Thomson Ho, Co-Founder of 10Life.



**Photo 3:**  
Mr. Eric Kwok, Dr. Paris Yeung and Mr. Philip Cheung pictured with representatives of supporting organisations.



**Photo 4:**

The event saw strong attendance and an engaging atmosphere throughout.



**Photo 5:**

Welcome Remarks by Dr. Paris Yeung, CEO of IFPHK.



**Photo 6:**

Keynote Speech by Mr. Eric Kwok, General Manager (Digital and Information Technology), eMPF Platform Company.



**Photo 7:**

Individual Presentation by Mr. Paul Li, Founder of the Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association.



**Photo 8:**

Demonstration Session by Mr. Leo Tong, Managing Director of Capital Delight Inc Limited.



**Photo 9:**

Panel Discussion – “Innovation in Action: AI, RegTech and the Future of Financial Services”

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