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**Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia Limited Organized the First
‘IFTA Fintech Achievement Award 2018’
To Recognize Outstanding Corporates with 21 Awards**

(Hong Kong, 26 February, 2019) First organized by **Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia Limited (IFTA)**, co-organized by **PR ASIA Consultants Limited (PR ASIA)**, the award presentation ceremony of **IFTA Fintech Achievement Award 2018** successfully took place on 26 February, 2019. Business elites of the awarded companies received the distinction, shared their joy at the ceremony. Eminent figures from the business community and notable guests supported the event and witnessed this remarkable event.

Fintech has changed the outlook for traditional finance industry. As Fintech continues to reshape the traditional finance industry, benchmarks and talents’ skill sets need to be standardized and elevated. IFTA Fintech Achievement Award aims at recognizing companies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), non-profit organizations (NPOs) and individuals that have utilized, integrated, or implemented information technology solution to financial services in an creative and innovative way, to acknowledge their effort in promoting Fintech knowledge and competency, and to increase the overall visibility of financial technology in Hong Kong and reinforce Hong Kong as a top-notch Fintech hub. The Honorary Award Achievement was nominated by IFTA, recognizing the contribution of outstanding institutions to the Fintech ecosystem and Fintech education. The Fintech Ecosystem Contribution Award gave credits to organizations for their efforts in promoting local Fintech Ecosystem, especially for the incubation of local and start-up companies. The Fintech Education Award recognized education institutes for forward-looking and outstanding leadership in Fintech education.

The awarded companies are from different area in the Fintech Industry, representing multi-national enterprises, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Small and medium-sized local companies and etc. The list of awardees are as follows:

Award Type	Awardee	Award Achievement
Fintech Ecosystem Contribution	Cyberport Invest HK Hong Kong Applied Science And Technology Research Institute Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Financial Services Development Council Hong Kong Insurance Authority FinTech Association of Hong Kong Hong Kong Trade Development Council Macau Institute of Financial Services	Honorary
Fintech Education	Hong Kong Polytechnic University The Chinese University of Hong Kong Hang Seng University	Honorary
Fintech Development Leader	BC Group - Mr. Ken Lo Bowtie Life Insurance Company Limited - Mr. Fred Ngan Foris Limited - Mr. Jason Lau WeLab – Mr. Simon Loong PolyDigi Limited - Mr. Curtis Chan	
Payment Tech	China Everbright Bank Company Limited	Honorary
Artificial Intelligence	Shanghai Lujiazui International Financial Asset Exchange Co., Ltd.	Diamond
	Hang Seng Bank Limited	Platinum
	9F Jinke Holding Group Co. Ltd	Platinum
	Find Solution Ai Limited	Platinum
Data Science	51Credit Card	Platinum
Lending Tech	WeLab	Diamond
	China Everbright Bank Company Limited	Platinum
Algo-Trading	CASH Algo Finance Group Limited	Platinum
Cybersecurity	PolyDigi Limited	Diamond (Start-up)

Insur-Tech	Blue Cross (Asia-Pacific) Insurance Limited	Platium
	Bowtie Life Insurance Company Limited	Diamond (Start-up)
	OneDegree	Platium (Start-up)
Payment Tech	Octopus Cards Limited	Platium
	Transwap Limited	Gold (Start-up)
Reg-Tech	2GoTrade Limited	Gold
Investor Tech	ClusterTech Limited	Silver
	Farseer Limited	Platium (Start-up)
Wealth Tech	iFAST-Platform-Services-HK-Limited	Diamond
	Saxo Capital Markets HK Limited	Gold

Mr Paul Pong Po Lam, Chairman of IFTA said, “We are grateful to organize the IFTA Fintech Achievement Award, and see cooperates and individuals having their effort paid in promoting financial technology being recognized. IFTA’s mission is to enhance the overall quality of Fintech Industry, IFTA will continue to accelerating the Fintech development in Hong Kong through education and accreditation.”

Mr Wilson Kwong Chi Sing, Founder of IFTA stated, “The Award winners are highly praised in innovation, professional training, industrial and social impact, sustainability, security, performance and quality, globalization and scalability, competence and leadership, level of concern to the industry, cost effectiveness and business model, compliance to rules and regulations. We expect these companies to set a good role model and continue to lead the industry moving forward and make the Fintech industry of Hong Kong to develop prosperously.”

Mr. Andy Chung Wai Leung, Founder of IFTA concluded, “With the rapid development of Fintech, the Hong Kong SAR Government has taken notice of Hong Kong’s great potential and capacity for Fintech development. Government support and new policies have become the key driving forces of Fintech development in Hong Kong. We expect financial technology to be widely used in other industries in the future.”

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About Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia Limited (IFTA)

IFTA is an NPO established in Hong Kong on Sep 2017; to uphold the professional standards of fintech in Asia, to promote fintech education, and attract talents to the industry. In the witness of ITB, HKMA, FSTB, and City of London at the signing ceremony, IFTA entered into a collaboration agreement with the Certificate in Finance and Technology from the United Kingdom to introduce the first CFT program to Asia. Currently IFTA has more than 15 corporate founding members that assist the establishment of the organization.

About IFTA Fintech Achievement Award

IFTA Fintech Achievement Award is established to recognize innovations and contributions in fintech industry of companies and individuals. Aside from recognizing the latest innovations and achievements, the award also focus to enhance relevant ethics, strengthen talent training and promote sustainable development through the awards. The award is open for all corporates, startups, NGOs, and individuals.

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