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**CCB (Asia) partners with PolyU to present scholarships
“Financing the World, Building the Future”
Nurturing globally-minded financial talents**

Hong Kong – May 29, 2026 – China Construction Bank (Asia) (“CCB (Asia)”) and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (“PolyU”) have jointly launched a scholarship program to recognize students who have displayed talent in three key frontier areas – artificial intelligence (AI), sustainable finance and cross-border finance. The Scholarship Presentation Ceremony was successfully held today. Under the theme “Financing the World, Building the Future”, the scholarship program aims to guide young talents in integrating theoretical knowledge with industry practice, deepen their insights on the emerging trends in the financial sector, and cultivate financial elites equipped with international vision and innovation capabilities, thereby injecting new momentum into the sustainable development of the financial industry and reinforcing Hong Kong’s position as an international financial center.

The Ceremony was officiated by Mr. Zhang Jun, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CCB (Asia); Prof. Jin-Guang Teng, President of PolyU; Ms. Daphne Wat, Deputy Chief Executive of CCB (Asia); Mr. Cheung Leong, Vice President (Administration and Development) of PolyU; Mr. Wang Zi, Head of Executive Office of CCB (Asia); Dr. Laura Lo, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement) of PolyU; Prof. Jimmy Jin, Associate Dean (External Relations and Development) of the PolyU Faculty of Business; Prof. George Wong, Associate Head of the PolyU School of Accounting and Finance; Ms. Charmaine Li, Head of Institutional Banking of CCB (Asia); and Mr. Guo Jingtang, Head of Human Resources of CCB (Asia).

Mr. Zhang Jun, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CCB (Asia), said at the ceremony, “The hopes of a country and the future of a nation lie in the hands of its young generation.’ Since its launch, the CCB (Asia) Scholarship Program has upheld its mission of ‘nurturing future pillars’, striving to cultivate innovative and dedicated talents for Hong Kong and the Nation. This year, we

are delighted to join hands with PolyU for the first time, marking a new chapter in this talent development initiative. We look forward to using this collaboration as a new starting point to establish a long-term strategic partnership with PolyU, jointly advancing talent cultivation and academic research, continuously broadening and deepening our cooperation, and supporting Hong Kong's development as an international innovation and technology hub.”



Mr. Zhang Jun, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CCB (Asia), delivered a speech at the CCB (Asia) Scholarship Presentation Ceremony.

Prof. Jin-Guang Teng, President of PolyU, said in his speech, “This scholarship, jointly established by PolyU and CCB (Asia) for the first time, carries far-reaching significance—it identifies outstanding students in the field of fintech, and empowers them to become talents who will drive digital transformation of the financial industry and shape its long-term development. As an innovative world-class university, PolyU is committed to nurturing socially responsible professionals and leaders with a strong sense of national pride and a global perspective. In the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings by subject, the University’s Business and Economics disciplines were ranked 25th globally and first in Hong Kong, a recognition of our efforts by the international academic community. By deepening our collaboration with CCB (Asia), we strive to translate knowledge and technology into real-world impact through education, industry collaboration and professional networks, nurturing future leaders with professional excellence and the capability of creating long-term value for Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area.”



Prof. Jin-Guang Teng, President of PolyU, delivered a speech at the CCB (Asia) Scholarship Presentation Ceremony.

The 2025/26 CCB (Asia) Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding PolyU students who demonstrate academic excellence and innovative thinking. Selection is based on academic performance, internship experience and analytical insights into the fields of AI, sustainable finance and cross-border finance. The theme “Financing the World, Building the Future” highlights the importance of transcending geographical and knowledge boundaries to connect global resources and opportunities. As the pivotal overseas platform of CCB Group, CCB (Asia) bridges international financial resources and cutting-edge trends, while PolyU is committed to research innovation and talent cultivation for societal benefit. Through this collaboration, both parties will continue to nurture globally minded professionals and foster a sustainable finance ecosystem, empowering young talents to become the new generation of financial leaders rooted in Hong Kong, connected to the Greater Bay Area and empowered with a global perspective.

The scholarship program received an enthusiastic response from numerous high-caliber PolyU undergraduates across different disciplines and from diverse backgrounds. Following a rigorous selection process, 18 students were awarded scholarships across three tiers. The First Place Award winners are Mr. KHAN Hassam and Mr. Lam Yuk Tung, both majoring in Accounting and Finance, as well as Mr. Xu Bangyan, majoring in Digital Finance and Investment, under the Bachelor of Business Administration (Honors) program. The three First Place Award recipients expressed their commitment to seizing this opportunity to enhance their professional competence. They look forward

to joining the financial industry upon graduation, contributing to society through their expertise and driving innovation in the sector.



Mr. Zhang Jun, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CCB (Asia) (3rd from left), Prof. Jin-Guang Teng, President of PolyU (2nd from right) and the three First Place Award winners.

During the Ceremony, the three First Place Award winners delivered presentations on artificial intelligence, sustainable finance and cross-border finance respectively, showcasing their research findings and putting forward innovative and practical recommendations. Their presentations combined the latest industry developments with academic research, demonstrating the young generation's keen insights into financial trends and their strong sense of social responsibility. Awardees also wrote down their future career aspirations and placed them into a symbolic globe representing "Financing the World, Building the Future" and signifying the joint commitment of CCB (Asia) and PolyU to support young talents' dreams and collectively shape the development blueprint for the financial industries of Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area and beyond.



Mr. Zhang Jun, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CCB (Asia) (6th from left, first row); Prof. Jin-Guang Teng, President of PolyU (5th from right, first row); Ms. Daphne Wat, Deputy Chief Executive of CCB (Asia) (4th from right, first row); Mr. Cheung Leong, Vice President (Administration and Development) of PolyU (5th from left, first row); Mr. Wang Zi, Head of Executive Office of CCB (Asia) (4th from left, first row); Dr. Laura Lo, Associate Vice President (Institutional Advancement) of PolyU (3rd from right, first row), together with other guests from CCB (Asia) and PolyU and all scholarship recipients.

As the flagship of CCB Group's overseas business, CCB (Asia) continues to promote technological innovation, green transformation and cross-border financial collaboration in support of high-quality economic development in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. In fintech, CCB (Asia) has taken a pioneering role in Web3 infrastructure development, fully participated in the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA")'s Project Ensemble with successful validation of tokenized deposit transactions, and was selected for the HKMA's Generative Artificial Intelligence Sandbox testing for two consecutive terms, advancing the application of artificial intelligence in customer service and relationship management. In green finance, the Bank's green loan balance and scale of green bond underwriting have achieved steady year-on-year growth, providing strong financial support for the community's green transition. In cross-border finance, CCB (Asia) is deeply integrated into the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The Bank continues to optimize its cross-border wealth management product offerings and drive innovation in cross-border financial institutions and products, facilitating economic integration between the two regions.

About China Construction Bank (Asia)

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About The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) aspires to be an innovative world-class university that pursues excellence in education, research and knowledge transfer for the benefit of Hong Kong, the Nation, and the world. Driven by its motto, “To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind”, the University nurtures socially responsible professionals and leaders with a strong sense of national pride and a global perspective, and pursues world-leading research and innovation for societal benefits. The University’s unwavering commitment to excellence has garnered international acclaim, with PolyU ranking 54th in the QS World University Rankings 2026. Five subjects were placed within the top 30 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026. Furthermore, Hospitality & Leisure Management, Civil & Structural Engineering, Art & Design and Environmental Sciences were ranked first in Hong Kong. PolyU also strives to foster a University community in which all members are united with a strong sense of belonging and pride, empowering the University to scale new heights.

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