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## **ESG Achievement Awards 2023/2024 is Open for Application, Celebrating Innovative Sustainable Practices and Responsible Risk Management**

(Hong Kong, 24 April 2024) – The Institute of ESG & Benchmark (IESGB) proudly announces the fourth edition of the **ESG Achievement Awards 2023/2024**. The awards, returning for its fourth year, continues to honour innovative initiatives that empower businesses and communities to flourish through creativity, conscious enterprise, and commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles. The Early Bird application period is open until 24 May 2024 and all nominations are open until 24 June 2024.

This year's awards, announced under the theme, "**Driving Positive Change: Innovations in Sustainable Practices and Responsible Risk Management**", highlights the growing focus of today's business leaders on assessing the diverse impact of various issues on financial performance, corporate reputation, risk exposure, and business value. In the dynamic business landscape of Hong Kong, leaders are recognising that sustainability encompasses a broad range of concerns, from human rights to climate-related issues. This recognition has spurred constant drives towards talent development and the implementation of artificial intelligence (AI). According to IESGB, organisations embracing environmental and social risks with innovative thinking, curiosity, strategic insight, and valuing diverse stakeholders' perspectives, are best prepared to face the challenges posed by ESG development.

"We understand the fundamental role of sustainable practices and responsible risk management in shaping Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area's future. The government's growing emphasis on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations is not only commendable but also essential," said **Mr Paul Pong, Co-Founder of IESGB**. "The challenges we face, from climate change to social inequalities, are significant, but they present opportunities for innovation and transformation. Through the awards, we strive to provide a platform where organisations can work towards positive change and pave the way for a more sustainable Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area."

The award categories underscore a company's leadership in ESG, demonstrated through their comprehensive reporting, efficient operations, and creative strategies for sustainable development. A panel of highly respected jurors will select the winners for recognition at the Awards Ceremony Luncheon, tentatively scheduled for September 2024.

"This year's awards theme speaks profoundly to the critical juncture we find ourselves in, celebrating the resilience, innovation, and commitment of our industry leaders even amidst constant challenges. said **Mr Vincent Pang, Chairman of the awards' jury panel**. "Each application we receive is a testament to the incredible efforts being put forth by organisations to shape a more sustainable Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area. I look forward to witnessing the transformative ideas and groundbreaking initiatives that will undoubtedly be submitted for this year's awards."

IESGB is a non-profit organisation founded in 2020 with a mission to promote ESG practices in Hong Kong and beyond, facilitate ESG education, incubate Certified ESG Professionals (CESGP®), and encourage a balance between commercial and non-commercial organizations. Ultimately, IESGB hopes to co-create a better ESG ecosystem in Hong Kong

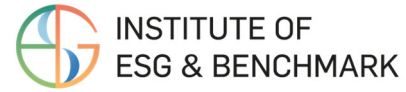
## Award Categories

Category	Sub-Categories
ESG Benchmark Awards	1.1) The ESG Leader 1.2) Outstanding Performance in Environmental Responsibility 1.3) Outstanding Performance in Social Responsibility 1.4) Outstanding Performance in Corporate
Outstanding ESG Awards	2.1) Listed Company 2.2) Non-Listed Company 2.4) NGO /NPO
Outstanding ESG Product and Service Awards	3.1) Outstanding ESG Fund 3.2) Outstanding ESG ETF 3.3) Outstanding ESG MPF 3.4) Outstanding ESG Service Provider
Criteria set by Fund Managers - Distinguished ESG Company	4.1) Listed Company
Best Sustainable Vision Awards	5.1) Listed Company 5.2) Non-Listed Company 5.3) NGO /NPO
ESG Learning & Development Awards	6.1) Company /Organisation
ESG Innovative Project Awards	7.1) Listed Company 7.2) Non-Listed Company 7.3) NGO /NPO
ESG Elite Awards	8.1) Individual
Honorary Awards (By invitation only)	9.1) Company /Organisation 9.2) Individual 9.3) Outstanding Sustainability Dividend Awards

## Jury Panel

Full Name	Post
<b>Chairman of Jury Panel</b>	
Mr Vincent Pang	Managing Partner, AVISTA Group
<b>Vice Chairman of Jury Panel</b>	
Ms Ashley Khoo	Past President, CFA Society Hong Kong
<b>Jury Panel Members</b>	
Ms Fanny Chan	Chief Administrative Officer, Head of Human Resources, Managing Director China Everbright Bank Hong Kong Branch
Ms Mabel Chan	Veteran of mutual fund industry Co-host of Metro Finance Radio HK
Ms Charmaine W.H. Cheng	Deputy General Manager / Named Company Secretary Fountain Set (Holdings) Limited
Ms Lovinia Chiu	Chairman, Executive Director and CEO Medialink Group Limited (2230.HK)
Ir Edward Chow	Deputy Head, Carbon and ESG Solutions Green Living and Innovation Division Hong Kong Productivity Council
Mrs Rebcca Choy Yung	Founder & Chair Golden Age Foundation
Ms Pamela Chung	Managing Director, Head of IPO & Share Registry Vistra 卓佳
Mr Roy Fan	Head of Sustainability, Climate Change and ESG Services SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited
Mr Robert LEE	Legislative Council Member Functional Constituency – Financial Services
Ms Nana Li	Head of Sustainability & Stewardship, Asia-Pacific Impax Asset Management
Prof Charles W W Ng	Vice-President Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)
Dr Kenny Tang	Chairman The Hong Kong Institute of Financial Analysts and Professional Commentators
Mr Mike Wong	Chief Executive Officer The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies
Ms Jessie Yu	Chief Executive Hong Kong Single Parents Association

For more information about the ESG Achievement Awards 2023/2024, please visit  
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### **About IESGB**

Institute of ESG & Benchmark (IESGB) is a non-profit organisation. Its endeavors are to elevate stakeholders' awareness and knowledge towards Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in all industry sectors. By organising Environment, Social and Governance relevant training, events and providing Certified ESG courses, IESGB hopes to lead and strengthen the ESG standards and development across Hong Kong.

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