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**“BOCHK Green Forum 2025 – Collaborate to accelerate transition:
financing sustainable development in Southeast Asia”
concludes successfully with joint research report release**

“BOCHK Green Forum 2025 – Collaborate to accelerate transition: financing sustainable development in Southeast Asia”, one of Hong Kong Green Week 2025’s flagship events, concluded successfully today, attracting over 200 leaders from various industries across the Asia-Pacific region and over 20 senior bankers from Southeast Asian financial institutions. The forum focused on the sustainable transition needs of Southeast Asian markets and explored how Hong Kong, as an international green and sustainable finance hub, can play a pivotal role of a “super connector” in advancing sustainable development in Southeast Asia.

The forum commenced with opening remarks by Mr Sun Yu, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong) (“BOCHK”), followed by keynote speeches by Mr Kenneth Hui, Executive Director (External) of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority; Dr Ma Jun, Chairman and President of the Hong Kong Green Finance Association; Mr Shane Edwards, Head of APAC Client Coverage at MSCI; and Mr Somboun Phongsavanh, acting CEO of Phongsavanh Bank. In addition, Hong Kong Financial Research Institute of Bank of China, MSCI Sustainability Institute and HKU Jockey Club Enterprise Sustainability Global Research Institute published a joint research report titled “The Asian Way: Sustainable Finance Market Outlook in Southeast Asia and the Role of Hong Kong”. The forum also featured panel discussions on “Sustainable finance opportunities and challenges in Southeast Asia” and “Hong Kong’s role in serving the Asian sustainable finance needs”, in which senior bankers from Southeast Asian financial institutions, as well as experts and intellectuals from different regions shared their valuable insights.

Mr Sun Yu, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of BOCHK, said, “The sustainable finance market in Southeast Asia is thriving, driven by two key pillars – green technology and green capital. Hong Kong can capitalise on its strengths to facilitate this transition. With green industries in the Chinese mainland leading globally, Hong Kong, as a major hub for enterprises in the Chinese mainland to go-global, can support these companies in advancing their green development in Southeast Asia. In addition, Hong Kong can ride on its unique position as an international green finance centre and serve as a bridge between international capitals and green projects in Southeast Asia through innovative green finance products and

services. Sustainable development is at the core of BOCHK's regional development strategy. The Bank will continue to expand our business in the Southeast Asian market and is committed to being a long-term partner for our clients in their green transition."

Dr Ma Jun, Chairman and President of the Hong Kong Green Finance Association, said, "Hong Kong is uniquely positioned to lead Asia's green transformation – connecting China's vast innovation in renewable energy and low-carbon technologies with global capital markets. With over 70% of the world's green activity rooted in this region and China's green lending market now surpassing US\$6 trillion, the momentum continues. The Hong Kong Green Finance Association strives to build a future where green growth is not just a vision, but a shared reality. As the region's financial gateway, Hong Kong has the expertise, infrastructure, and international reach to mobilise capital at scale and support the development of a resilient and inclusive green finance ecosystem that meets the demands of tomorrow."

Mr Shane Edwards, Head of APAC Client Coverage at MSCI, said, "Across Asia, MSCI is seeing real momentum in sustainable investing, with markets advancing in different ways but all moving steadily from aspiration to action. To help investors unlock opportunities at the speed and scale the region requires, we should deepen sustainable finance products, strengthen transition frameworks and improve cross-border consistency. At MSCI, our role is to provide the data, analytics and insights that give investors the clarity and confidence to navigate climate risk and allocate capital to the opportunities of Asia's growth and resilience."

Mr Somboun Phongsavanh, Acting CEO of Phongsavanh Bank, said, "Southeast Asian countries offer promising prospects and potential for investment and business growth. Sustainable development requires closer cooperation among stakeholders from different sectors and industries. Our financings must minimise social and environmental impact, and the BOCHK Green Forum would serve as a crucial venue for our fellows to share and exchange ideas, practice and lessons together for our sustainable development."

To embrace green and sustainable development principles, BOCHK used eco-friendly materials for the forum's production to minimise carbon emissions and promote carbon neutrality. Remaining emissions will be offset through carbon credits independently verified by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, making it the first carbon-neutral international financial forum hosted by a Hong Kong bank.

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