

Will Hong Kong Remain Among China's Future Financial Centres?

Experts assess Hong Kong's future role as China's international finance centre and implications for financial institutions

Hong Kong, 18 December 2013 — The Consul General of Canada to Hong Kong and Macao, Mr. J. Ian Burchett, in collaboration with Ivey Business School and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, hosted a seminar on China's Future Financial Centre(s) on 11 December, 2013. This especially focused on the role of Hong Kong: will the SAR remain China's key international finance centre, and what are the implications for financial institutions?

Held in the Ivey Business School campus, the seminar featured a keynote address by Ms. Julia Leung, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, the Government of Hong Kong SAR.

There were two panel discussions. The first was moderated by Nick Edwards, Business Editor, South China Morning Post. Panellists Gregory Chin, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, Canada; Nicholas Kwan, Research Director, Hong Kong Trade Development Council; K.C. Kwok, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, School of Economics and Finance, the University of Hong Kong; and Chi Lo, Senior Strategist Greater China, BNP Paribas Investment Partners, discussed "The Path To Hong Kong - China Financial Integration".

The second discussion covered "International Financial Institutions Report on Hong Kong's International Financial Centre Status". This was moderated by Dr. Janet De Silva, Dean of Ivey Asia, and panellists were George Gao, Chief Representative, TSX Beijing Representative Office; Kevin Strain, President, Sun Life Financial Asia; Jason Yeung, Deputy Chief Executive, Bank of China (Hong Kong) and BOC Hong Kong (Holdings); and Albert Yu, CEO Asia, BMO Financial Group.

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