

FSDC holds forum to explore career opportunities in next decade of banking

The Financial Services Development Council (FSDC) and the School of Business and Management at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST Business School) today (April 13) jointly hosted a forum on career prospects in the banking industry over the next 10 years.

Entitled "**Banking in the Next Decade: Ingredients for Success**", the forum marked the 10th event under the FSDC's "Practitioner Speakers Series" which aims to promote career opportunities in the banking sector. Today's forum featured Regional Chief Executive Officer, Greater China and North Asia of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, **Mr Benjamin Hung**, who also serves as a council member of the FSDC and the HKUST Business School Advisory Council.

Mr Hung is a seasoned banker with international experience in North America, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, and has held a number of senior management positions spanning corporate, commercial and retail banking.

During the forum, Mr Hung said, "Hong Kong's role as an international financial centre remains ever more important. In the decade to come, the evolution of technology and China's opening up are two of the most important trends that will shape the banking landscape and offer the industry many exciting opportunities." He added that soft skills including organisational collaboration, personal humility, ability to create followership, and global perspectives are fundamental qualities in becoming an exceptional leader, whether in the financial industry or beyond.

The FSDC's **Practitioner Speakers Series** is a project developed between FSDC and local universities, with speakers from the financial services industry giving talks to university students about important industry facts and the skill sets required in developing a career in financial services.

About the FSDC

The Hong Kong Special Administration Region Government established the FSDC in 2013 as a high-level, cross-sectoral advisory body to engage the industry in formulating proposals to promote the further development of Hong Kong's financial services industry and to map out the strategic direction for development.

The FSDC set up five committees, namely the Policy Research Committee, the Mainland Opportunities Committee, the New Business Committee, the Market Development Committee and the Human Capital Committee, as the five streams of its work.

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