

The IFTA FinTech Achievement Award 2019 award winners revealed

Awards recognise outstanding contributions to FinTech sector, with Mr John Tsang, Senior Advisor of Bowtie, Mr Jim Lai, Vice President, Tencent Holdings Limited & Chairman, Fusion Bank Limited and Dr Suen Wai Mo, Founder & CEO, ClusterTech Limited on list of awardees

(Hong Kong, 25 September 2020) – The IFTA FinTech Achievement Awards 2019 (the “Awards”) organized by the Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia (IFTA) successfully concluded today. The award ceremony this year was held online in response to the persistent influence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The award has returned in its second edition with the theme of “Transforming FinTech Communities with Competence, Character, and Care”, to recognise talents and corporates in their pursuit of innovative solutions that meet both business and social needs. A total of 26 corporate and 4 individual awards were announced in a wide range of fields, including Cloud Computing, Big Data Analytics, Payment Tech, Artificial Intelligence, and more.

Kicking off the award ceremony was Guest of Honour **Mr Joseph H. L. Chan, JP**, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the Hong Kong SAR government.

Mr Chan said “Hong Kong has one of the highest consumer FinTech adoption rates in the world. According to the Global FinTech Adoption Index, Hong Kong’s adoption rate increased from 32% in 2017 to 67% in 2019, ranking above other major markets including France, USA and Japan.”

“With over 600 FinTech companies and start-ups operating in Hong Kong, the government will continue to work closely with the industry and develop Hong Kong as a FinTech hub of the region” Mr Chan added.

Mr Paul Pong, IFTA Founder and Chairman, added “FinTech solutions enable businesses and consumers to address physical distancing needs without losing access to the financial systems they depend upon. We are in difficult times, but it can also be seen as a golden year for the development of financial technology.”

This year, the newly set Iconic Star award goes to **Mr John Tsang**, Senior Advisor of Bowtie; **Mr Jim Lai**, Vice President of Tencent & Chairman of Fusion Bank; and **Dr Suen Wai Mo**, Founder and CEO of ClusterTech, in recognition of how they have

devoted their time in their respective professions to create extraordinary impacts on the FinTech industry.

One of the Iconic Stars **Mr John Tsang**, Senior Advisor of Bowtie added “Living in an uncertain and volatile world, Bowtie, as a novel Fintech business platform, is challenging industry norms that we have taken for granted with the application of disruptive technological innovations with the aim of enabling society to reimagine our future.”

Corporate Achievements in FinTech (for corporates, NGOs, and start-ups)

Award Categories	Awardees Companies	Award Achievement Levels
Advisory Tech	Red Pulse	Silver
Algo-Trading	CASH Algo Finance Group	Gold
Artificial Intelligence	Lufax Holding Limited	Diamond
	BIBO Limited	Gold
	Convoy Financial Services Limited	Gold
Blockchain-based Transformation	Lufax Holding Limited	Platinum
	Blockchain Solutions Limited	Silver
	Forms Syntron Information (HK) Limited	Silver
	Liquefy Limited	Silver
Cloud Computing	Blue Insurance Limited	Diamond
	beNovelty Limited	Platinum
	Convoy Global Holdings Limited	Platinum
Cybersecurity	Lufax Holding Limited	Platinum
Big Data Analytics	FreightAmigo Services Limited	Platinum
	BIBO Limited	Gold
	Wizpresso Limited	Silver
	YOOV Internet Technology Limited	Silver
Data Privacy	BIBO Limited	Silver
Digital Banking	OneConnect Financial Technology (Hong Kong) Co., Limited	Platinum
	Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Limited	Platinum
	Forms Syntron Information (HK) Limited	Silver

Financial Planning Tech	Manulife Investment Management	Platinum
Innovative Tech	Blue Insurance Limited	Diamond
	Asiabots Limited	Gold
	IX Fintech Limited	Silver
InsurTech	Avo Insurance Company Limited	Diamond
	Blue Insurance Limited	Diamond
	MediConCen Limited	Diamond
	Prudential Hong Kong Limited	Gold
Lending Tech	FundPark Limited	Platinum
Payment Tech	QFPay Haojin Fintech Limited	Platinum
	Transwap Limited	Platinum
	AsiaTop Loyalty Limited	Gold
	Mojodomo Hong Kong Limited	Gold
	Octopus Cards Limited	Gold
	Universal Pocket (H.K.) Co. Limited	Gold
	GPEC Technology Co. Limited	Silver
PropTech	Centaline Data Technology Limited	Platinum
Reg-Tech	TransUnion Limited	Gold
	Earth Channel Limited	Silver
Robotic Process Automation (RPA)	BCT Group	Platinum
e-Provident Fund	BCT Group	Platinum

Outstanding Financial Technologists of the Year (for individuals)

Award Categories	Awardees	Award Achievement Levels
Entrepreneur of the Year	Mr Tomas HOLUB CoverGo	Certificate of Excellence
Entrepreneur of the Year	Mr Tim LEE QFPay Haojin Fintech Limited	Certificate of Excellence
Leader of the Year	Professor Jason W.K. LAU Crypto.com	Certificate of Excellence
Leader of the Year	Mr Simon AU YEUNG Kin Nam HashKey Digital Asset Group Limited	Certificate of Excellence

Leader of the Year	Mr Anthony TSANG Forms Syntron Information (HK) Limited	Certificate of Merit
Rising Star of the Year	Mr Chester SZEEN Mellow App Limited	Certificate of Excellence
Rising Star of the Year	Ms Vienna KOH Yan Wei Forms Syntron Information (HK) Limited	Certificate of Merit

The Prestige Award – Iconic Star (by appointment only)

Iconic Star

Mr John TSANG Chun-wah, GBM, JP - Senior Advisor, Bowtie Life Insurance Company Limited
Mr Jim LAI, Vice President, Tencent Holdings Limited & Chairman, Fusion Bank Limited
Dr SUEN Wai Mo, Founder & CEO, ClusterTech Limited

FinTech Ecosystem Contribution Honorary Award

Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

FinTech Education Contribution Honorary Award

Awardees Companies	Programme Name
City University of Hong Kong	BSc Computational Finance and Financial Technology
FINSPIRE	
Hong Kong Baptist University	MSc in Finance (FinTech and Financial Analytics)
Tencent Finance Academy (Hong Kong)	
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	MSc in Financial Technology
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Doctor of FinTech (DFinTech)
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	MSc in Financial Technology
The Open University of Hong Kong	BBA (Hons) in Financial Technology and Innovation
The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Financial Technology [BAsC(FinTech)]
The University of Hong Kong - School of Professional and Continuing Education	Advanced Diploma in FinTech

Institute of Vocational Education
Vocational Training Council

Higher Diploma in Financial Technology

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Event Photos:



The IFTA FinTech Achievement Awards 2019 successfully concluded today, honourable guests and awardees joined the group photo session.



Mr Paul Pong, IFTA Founder and Chairman delivered opening speech.



This year, the newly set Iconic Star award goes to Mr John Tsang, Senior Advisor of Bowtie. (From Left to Right) **Mr Paul Pong**, IFTA Founder and Chairman, **Dr David Chung, JP**, Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology of the Hong Kong SAR government, **Mr Joseph H. L. Chan, JP**, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the Hong Kong SAR government and **Mr John Tsang**, Senior Advisor of Bowtie

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The Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia (IFTA) is an NPO established in Hong Kong in September 2017; IFTA is dedicated to accelerating FinTech development and leading the global development of FinTech talent with the highest standards of ethics, education and professional conduct. In the witness of HKSAR Government and City of London representatives, IFTA entered a collaboration agreement with the Certificate in Finance and Technology (CFT) from the United Kingdom to introduce the first CFT program in Asia. Besides delivering certification, IFTA also organises events including boot camps, seminars, and an annual award to accelerate Fintech education and industry engagement among government, regulators, universities, enterprises, and start-ups.

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