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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR *Business Leaders Shared Insights at HSBC's Infrastructure Seminar*

HSBC today held an infrastructure seminar for Commercial Banking customers in Hong Kong, bringing together business leaders for insight into the theme of "Building for the Future: Opportunities for Hong Kong's Infrastructure Sector." As well as focusing on local infrastructure developments, entrepreneurs who have been involved with projects related to the Belt and Road Initiative shared their experiences on capturing the opportunities from infrastructure developments along the Belt and Road countries.

Eric Ma, Secretary for Development of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, officiated at the seminar, which was sponsored by HSBC Commercial Banking and jointly organised by Construction Industry Council and Hong Kong Economic Times. This event was also supported by the Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association and the Hong Kong Construction Association.

Albert Chan, Head of Commercial Banking, Hong Kong, HSBC, said at the event, "Hong Kong's strengths in financing and project management for infrastructure construction, coupled with its deep pool of professional talents across a range of fields, enable it to play a critical role in the Belt and Road Initiative. For example, companies can capitalise on the city's expertise in providing project management and advisory services when they participate in infrastructure projects along the route. HSBC is committed to supporting businesses to grow by connecting them with opportunities overseas."

The infrastructure sector has always been regarded as one of the pillar industries in Hong Kong, driving the sustainable growth of the local economy and enhancing Hong Kong's competitiveness globally. Investment in large-scale infrastructure projects including the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, Express Rail Link and Three-Runway System is expected to exceed HKD240 billion per year over the next decade.

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The seminar covered a range of topics related to infrastructure projects, including the latest developments with the Hong Kong International Airport Three-Runway project and the opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative for Hong Kong companies.

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