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HSBC RECOGNISES HONG KONG SMEs WITH EXEMPLARY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES*The 15th Anniversary of HSBC Living Business Awards
Supporting Businesses to Go Beyond Profit-making*

The HSBC Living Business Awards 2019 honoured small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Hong Kong today, shining a light on those that incorporate socially and environmentally sustainable practices into their operations.

Dr Bernard Chan, Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and Mr Terence Chiu, Head of Commercial Banking, Hong Kong, HSBC presented the trophies to the winners in today's ceremony.

Mr Terence Chiu said: "SMEs are an integral part of our economy and community. And their success depends on having sufficient support for their business development and expansion needs. HSBC provides them with a comprehensive suite of financial solutions and helps them to embed sustainable practices in their operations to shore up their resilience as the business environment continues to rapidly evolve. We have seen many awardees from the past 15 years benefit from sustainable practices and measures, and applaud those who have risen up to the challenge presented by the current Covid-19 pandemic."



This edition of the HSBC Living Business Awards recognised SMEs that are proven leaders in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices and those committed to addressing Goal 1 (No Poverty) and 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Since its launch in 2004, HSBC Living Business Awards have recognised more than 1,100 SMEs for significant achievements in sustainability.

HSBC Living Business Awards is organised by HSBC in partnership with The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Business Environment Council, and Policy for Sustainability Lab, Centre for Civil Society and Governance, The University of Hong Kong.

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Note to editors:

Photo	Caption
	<p>Dr Bernard Chan, Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (fourth from right); Mr Terence Chiu, Head of Commercial Banking, Hong Kong, HSBC (third from left); and Mr Hui-feng Zhang, Regional Head of Corporate Sustainability, Asia-Pacific, HSBC (first from right) together with Meiriki Japan Company Limited (fourth from left), Gold Award winner of HSBC Living Business SDGs Awards.</p>
	<p>Mr Terence Chiu, Head of Commercial Banking, Hong Kong, HSBC said many awardees of the HSBC Living Business Awards from the past 15 years have benefited from sustainable practices and measures and showed remarkable resilience amid the challenges presented by the current Covid-19 pandemic.</p>

Winners of HSBC Living Business Awards 2019

HSBC Living Business SDG Award: Goal 1 – No Poverty

Gold	<p>Meiriki Japan Company Limited</p> <p>Meiriki has a well-established CSR policy, focusing on the support for children, youth, underprivileged families and elderly. Meiriki enhances their company policies to better support their employees, in particular, single parents and disadvantaged groups (CSSA recipients and people with disabilities) by offering new positions, flexible work arrangements and free after-school care.</p>
Silver	Hong Yip Service Company Limited - Cheung Sha Wan 1
Bronze	John HY Yip Surveyors Limited

**HSBC Living Business SDG Award:
Goal 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production**

Gold	Meiriki Japan Company Limited Meiriki is committed to reducing the carbon footprint of their operation. Since 2017, the company has implemented the environmental programme “Meiriki Blue Sky” to review, assess and minimise the carbon footprint of the life cycle of their products.
Silver	Discovery Bay Services Management Limited
Bronze	Kai Shing Management Services Limited – LandMark North

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