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Forty-five HKU Students Successfully Complete the 11th Citibank University Banking Course

(Hong Kong) Citi and The University of Hong Kong (HKU) today jointly announced that “The University of Hong Kong – Citibank University Banking Course 2014–2015” has successfully concluded.

At the graduation ceremony held today, 45 students from the HKU were presented with a certificate for completing the three-month program, which consists of over 30 hours of lectures taught by senior bankers at Citi Hong Kong. Among the participants, four were selected to receive the “Outstanding Achievement Award”, which entitles them to internship opportunities with Citi in Hong Kong this summer. The selection criteria for the award are based on the students’ overall performance, taking into account their attendance record, class participation, mid-term test results, and final project scores.

In his remarks, Mr. Weber Lo, Citi Country Officer & Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong and Macau, said, “With the internationalization of the renminbi and other promising market developments, it is an exciting time to be in the Hong Kong banking industry now, more than ever. At Citi, our success lies in our ability to use our strengths to help clients take advantage of new market opportunities. I have been deeply encouraged by the enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity demonstrated by this group of elite students and I hope that they will continue to use these positive qualities to capture the opportunities ahead of them.

“Special thanks must go to The University of Hong Kong for its long-standing support on the university banking course. The provision of financial education programs to students across all age groups is a long-term commitment of Citi. We will continue to devote our resources and expertise in different initiatives from teaching primary school students about basic money management concepts to providing university students with an in-depth view of the banking industry. Through these activities, we hope to be able to assist the future generations in making better and more informed decisions,” Mr. Lo added.

Mr. Douglas So, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement), The University of Hong Kong, said, “We are pleased that the University and Citi both share the same mission and a strong commitment to nurture the next generation in the financial industry. The Banking Course is highly commendable as it demonstrates how the banking knowledge be applied in real life. Such holistic approach is central to the spirit of the University’s education. Hundreds of students have benefited from their participation in the Course for more than a decade. We are very much grateful to having such close relations with Citi and to their team of bankers who have made enormous contributions in sharing



their insights with our students. We look forward to more collaboration opportunities in the future.”

In January this year, 45 students were selected from close to 200 applicants to attend the university banking course. During the three-month program, students attended 15 classroom lectures covering a wide range of topics that are highly relevant to banking in today’s world. All students were required to complete a mid-term test and a final group project.

Established in 2004, the Citibank University Banking Course was developed with the aim of introducing university students to the banking industry and nurturing future business leaders. Since launch, more than 400 university students in Hong Kong have attended the banking course and received in total over 300 hours of teaching on the fundamentals of banking and finance.

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The Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE) at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) strives to nurture first-class business leaders and foster academic and relevant research to serve the needs of Hong Kong, China and the rest of the world in the new Asia-led economy.

As Asia’s premier international business school, FBE engages leading scholars from all corners of the globe and they instil in the students global knowledge with an Asian perspective. The Faculty attracts top students from Hong Kong and beyond. It admits the highest proportion of non-local undergraduate students amongst all Faculties at HKU. Three of its undergraduate programmes are ranked among the University’s top 10 programmes.

The Faculty’s full-time MBA programme, offered in partnerships with Columbia Business School (CBS) and London Business School (LBS), has a strong Asia and China focus and was ranked Asia’s no. 1 in the World MBA Rankings released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) for five consecutive years from 2010 to 2014.

The Faculty also offers an elite EMBA Global Asia programme, jointly with CBS and LBS, for globally-focused senior executives and professionals. Its International MBA Programme, delivered in Shanghai in collaboration with Fudan University, was the first of its kind when it was launched in 1998.

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