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The Tenth Citibank University Banking Course Successfully Completed
*Forty-six students graduated from the course with four awarded
summer internships with Citi Hong Kong*

(Hong Kong) Citi and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) today announced the successful completion of “The University of Hong Kong – Citibank University Banking Course 2013–2014”.

At the graduation ceremony held today, 46 students from the University of Hong Kong received their certificates for successfully completing the three-month program. Among them, four were presented with the “Outstanding Achievement Award”, which entitles them to internship opportunities with Citi in Hong Kong this summer.

In his remarks, Mr. Weber Lo, Citi Country Officer & Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong and Macau, said, “I am deeply encouraged by the students’ innovative spirit as evident in their final group presentations and it is important that they continue to apply that spirit in everything that they do in life. Innovation, or ingenuity, is one of the four core principles that have been guiding Citi on how we serve our clients and communities globally for over 200 years. Innovation has also enabled Citi to consistently stay ahead of the curve in the ever competitive environment.”

“I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the University of Hong Kong for its long-standing support on the banking course. Financial education catering to students across different age groups has always been and will remain key to our citizenship efforts. Looking ahead, we will continue to contribute our resources and expertise to equip higher education students with the skills and knowledge that will prepare them for their future careers,” Mr. Lo added.

Professor Shew-Ping Chow, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (University Relations), The University of Hong Kong, said, “The University advocates a totality of learning experiences with the aim to inspire and nurture students of the highest calibre. Since its launch in 2004, the Banking Course has been successfully complementing the University’s mission by developing and producing talents in the financial services sector. Its integrated approach of fusing knowledge with experience sharing of the seasoned practitioners from Citi compels an enthusiastic learning atmosphere and tailors student skills to their future pursuit in the banking industry. We would like to thank Citi’s extensive support as well as its dedicated partnership in the past ten years. The joint endeavours we have made are noteworthy and far-reaching. We look forward to more fruitful collaborations in the years ahead.”

During the three-month program, students attended 13 classroom lectures covering a wide



range of topics taught by senior Citibankers and aimed at providing participants with an inclusive understanding of banking operations and practices in today's world. The program included a visit to Citibank's flagship branch in Mong Kok, enabling students to gain an overview of the key aspects of branch operations. All students were required to sit a mid-term test and complete a final group project.

The four students awarded the "Outstanding Achievement Award" were selected based on their attendance record, class participation, mid-term test results, and final project scores. Citibank University Banking Course was first introduced in Taiwan in 1998 at the National Taiwan University. In Hong Kong, the program was launched at the University of Hong Kong in 2004 with the objective of introducing students in higher education to the fundamentals of finance and banking, and increasing future leaders' understanding of complex financial issues.

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