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**Hong Kong Investor Relations Association  
Announces Winners of 3<sup>rd</sup> IR Awards 2017**

**Tencent Holdings Limited received The Overall Best IR Company - Large Cap Award**

**Hong Kong (31 May 2017) – Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA)** today announced the winners of the HKIRA 3<sup>rd</sup> Investor Relations Awards 2017 (the “IR Awards” or “Awards”).

The IR Awards aims to recognise outstanding IR efforts made by companies and individuals and to promote best IR practices. Over 250 Guests from listed companies, the IR industry and investor community were presented at today IR Awards Conference and Awards Presentation Luncheon to celebrate the winners’ IR excellence and dedication. HKIRA was honoured to have Mr. Romnesh Lamba, Co-head of Market Development, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, as the keynote speaker at the Award Presentation Luncheon.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> IR Awards, same as in the previous years, had received widespread support from the investment community and 165 listed companies confirmed participation. Award winners were selected based on online voting from both the buy-side and sell-side investors. Over 640 eligible voters casted a total of more than 8,400 votes for their best IR professionals and companies, and 54 listed companies received awards in different categories. The Overall Best IR Company is the highest award recognition, which is selected among the winners of all the award categories by the Judging Panel comprising expertise from different backgrounds, to honour companies which demonstrate outstanding and all-round excellence in their IR efforts. This year, the winners of the Overall Best IR Company by company size - Large Cap, Mid Cap, and Small Cap go to Tencent Holdings Limited (stock code: 700), Tongda Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 698) and Canvest Environmental Protection Group Company Limited (stock code: 1381) respectively.

Furthermore, three new award categories have been added to the seven in previous year, including the Most Progress in IR, Best IR in Corporate Transaction and Best Investor Meeting. The other seven award categories, namely, Best IR Company, Best IR by Chairman/CEO, Best IR by CFO, Best IRO, Best IR Presentation Collaterals, Best IR Company for an IPO, and the Overall Best IR Company together with the three new award categories were added to help strengthen recognition of the IR profession and their efforts.

**Dr. Eva Chan, Founding Chairman of HKIRA** said, “It is the third year of the IR Awards since it was first launched in 2015. We are glad to see the IR Award is getting increasing support from the listed companies and investment community. The awareness of the importance of IR best practices is rising, which is conducive to professional development of the IR industry. Our aspiration for the IR Awards is for it to serve the industry as a benchmark for excellence in investor relations, and in turn help Hong Kong maintain its position as a key financial centre in the world. The poll results represent a vote of confidence from the investment community for the IR excellence the winners have achieved.”

For the complete list of winners, please visit <http://hkira.com/awards/winners.php>.

**Strategic Public Relations Group** is proud to be the Official Public Relations Partner and Diamond Sponsor of the HKIRA IR Awards 2017.

### **Judging Panel**

- **Professor Louis Cheng (Chairman of the Judging Panel)**  
Professor of Finance, School of Accounting & Finance  
*Hong Kong Polytechnic University*
- **Mrs. Amy Donati**  
Chief Executive Officer  
*EDICO Financial Press Services Limited*
- **Ms. Ashley Khoo**  
President  
*The Hong Kong Society of Financial Analysts*
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- **Professor Raymond So, BBS, JP**  
Dean, School of Continuing Education  
*Hong Kong Baptist University*
- **Mr. Marcus Sultzer**  
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Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA) is a professional association comprising investor relations practitioners and corporate officers responsible for communications between corporate management and the investment community. HKIRA advocates the setting of international standards in IR education advances the best IR practices and meet the professional development needs of those interested in pursuing the investor relations profession.

HKIRA is dedicated to advancing the practice of IR as well as the professional competency and status of our members. To date, HKIRA has around 650 members and most of them are working for companies primarily listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. HKIRA's membership profile covers a wide spectrum of professions from IR, finance, accounting, company secretarial to corporate investment roles. It consists of executives at various stages of their career, including the top executives from the IR professional and also the C-level management of listed companies.

For more information about HKIRA, please visit [www.hkira.com](http://www.hkira.com)

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