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### **KUALA LUMPUR, 1 August 2017 – The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers organises Banking Conference to discuss key issues and developments in the current banking landscape in China**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

AICB in collaboration with Tsinghua University, Beijing organised the AICB Global Banking Conference themed “China’s Banking Industry – Opportunities for Growth” on 1 - 2 August 2017 in Kuala Lumpur. The aim of the one and a half-day conference was to provide an engaging platform for industry participants to gain an in-depth understanding of the Chinese banking industry including the opportunities, threats as well as financial policies, reforms and risks. The Conference provided participants comprising mainly financial practitioners, with relevant knowledge required for business decisions for cross-border transactions or expansion plans. Participants also had the opportunity to have interactive dialogues and network with leading Chinese banking experts as well as business and technology experts on the various developments taking place in China.

The event brought to together several eminent speakers in finance and technology from China and Hong Kong including Stefan Xu Sitao, Chief Economist Deloitte China, Luo Ping, Chairman of Supervisory Board, Bank of Kunlun and Visiting Professor of Chinese Academy of Social Science, China, Mr Michael Dai, Senior Economist, Economics & Strategic Planning Department, Bank of China, Chi Lo Senior Economist, BNP Paribas, Ling Kong, Chief Technology Officer, Dianrong, China, Bill Song, Director of International Business, ZhongAn, Lucy Sun Tianlu, Vice Chairman, Shenzhen Outbound Alliance and other prominent bankers and captains of industry.

**Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman of AICB** said “This collaborative initiative is part of AICB’s efforts in our quest to provide our banking and financial practitioners an engaging platform to have robust debate and discourse on the various developments and opportunities in the area of banking taking place in the second largest economy in the world. Additionally, the Conference also highlighted significant discussions on disruptive technology and capitalising on Islamic finance as an alternative financing option. With these insights and experiences shared, we hope that our banking practitioners have gained an in-depth understanding to better serve the ever-rising bilateral trade, investment and financial flows between China and Malaysia.

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### **About AICB**

The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) is the professional body for the banking services industry in Malaysia. AICB is governed by a Council comprising representatives from Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), The Association of Banks in Malaysia, and the Malaysian Investment Banking Association. The Institute's aim is to elevate professional and ethical standards of banking practitioners and create a banking workforce which subscribes to high standards of professional conduct, knowledge and competence. In line with our mission, AICB continues to ensure that our professional qualifications are aligned with industry needs in order for talent in the banking industry to be equipped with the requisite skills and values through its series of professional qualifications. For more information on AICB, log on to [www.aicb.org.my](http://www.aicb.org.my).

### **About Tsinghua University**

Tsinghua University was established in 1911, originally under the name "Tsinghua Xuetang". The school was renamed "Tsinghua School" in 1912. The university section was founded in 1925. The name "National Tsinghua University" was adopted in 1928.

Since China opened up to the world in 1978, Tsinghua University has developed at a breathtaking pace into a comprehensive research university. At present, the university has 14 schools and 56 departments with faculties in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art. The University has now over 25,900 students, including 13,100 undergraduates and 12,800 graduate students. As one of China's most renowned universities, Tsinghua has become an important institution for fostering talent and scientific research.

The educational philosophy of Tsinghua is to "train students with integrity." Among over 120,000 students who have graduated from Tsinghua since its founding are many outstanding scholars, eminent entrepreneurs and great statesmen remembered and respected by their fellow Chinese citizens.

With the motto of "Self-Discipline and Social Commitment" and the spirit of "Actions Speak Louder than Words", Tsinghua University is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and to world development.