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**Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong celebrates 37 Years with Prestigious Community Awards & 'Destination Hong Kong' Theme**

**Hong Kong's Financial Secretary & ANZ Global CEO Honour Milestone Event**

HONG KONG, 19 June, 2025 --- The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AustCham) proudly celebrates 37 years in Hong Kong and announces 2025 Community Award Winners.

Guests of Honour Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong SAR, Paul Chan Mo-po; the Global CEO of ANZ Bank, Nuno Matos and Australian Consul-General to Hong Kong & Macau Gareth Williams, joined over 200 members and guests from the Australian and Hong Kong business community at the Conrad Hotel to celebrate 37 years since the establishment of the Chamber in Hong Kong and to recognise and highlight the achievements of the 2025 Australia-Hong Kong Community Awards winners.

The AustCham 37th Annual Dinner and 2025 Community Awards themed 'Destination Hong Kong' celebrated nearly four decades of fostering Australia-Hong Kong business ties and recognized outstanding contributions to the community. AustCham and its members have been a cornerstone of the growth of the bilateral business landscape, driving trade, investment, and cross-cultural collaboration. The 37th-anniversary celebration underscores the Chamber's enduring commitment to supporting its members and strengthening the economic partnership between Australia and Hong Kong.

The Chamber was formed in 1987 with around 20 corporate members and many more individuals, due to the growing mass of Australian business professionals in Hong Kong at the time. Now representing more than 900 members and over 280 companies, the Australian Chamber of Commerce has evolved from a regular business lunch club to the largest offshore Australian chamber and one of the most influential international business organisations in Hong Kong.

Almost four decades on, the Chamber's diverse membership is a cross-section of start-ups, NGOs and large corporates across all industries and expertise. Today AustCham supports not only Australian businesses but also Hong Kong investors who provide capital and investment into Australia. The Chamber supports connectivity between Australia, Hong Kong, and the Greater Bay Area. AustCham is one of the leading chambers of commerce in Hong Kong,

playing an active role in promoting the extensive trade, investment and people-to-people links between Australia and Hong Kong. Hong Kong is home to Australia's second largest expatriate community, and Australia's largest commercial presence in Asia, covering legal and financial services, construction and engineering, education, F&B, technology and more.

Australian Minister for Trade and Tourism, Senator, the Hon Don Farrell, said in a video message "...Each of you make a huge contribution to building commercial ties between Australia, Hong Kong and the wider region," adding "We are significant trading and investment partners for each other, and Hong Kong is the home to the Australian largest overseas business community anywhere in the world". He finished his message saying, "congratulations AustCham for the work that you do in furthering Australia's relationship with Hong Kong."

Australia's Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau, Gareth Williams said "AustCham plays a special role in our bilateral relationship, making a fundamental contribution to the longstanding commercial and people-to-people ties between Australia and Hong Kong."

AustCham Chair, Josephine Orgill, said "Our 37th anniversary marks not just a milestone, but a testament to the resilience and vibrancy of the Australia-Hong Kong business corridor. We are deeply honoured to host Financial Secretary Paul Chan and ANZ CEO Nuno Matos – their participation underscores the strategic importance of this relationship. This year we are celebrating Destination Hong Kong – bringing people, capital and talent to this vibrant and exciting city. The Community Awards allow us to shine a light on the inspiring talent and commitment driving positive change across our networks. We look forward to celebrating our shared successes and building an even stronger future together."

"The long presence of the Chamber is testament to the value of collective voice, the critical role of AustCham in representing our members in the business community, and the resilience and optimism of our businesses. Our belief in a bright future for Australia – Hong Kong relations binds us together. The Australia-Hong Kong Community Awards demonstrate the strength and value of the bi-lateral business relationship and the depth of the Australian ties to the Hong Kong story. The presence of ANZ's new global CEO Nuno Matos at this celebration further emphasizes the critical role of Hong Kong to major Australian corporations in the region and their long-standing commitment to Hong Kong as a global financial hub. We look forward to continuing to provide a constructive voice in the evolution of Hong Kong, with its dynamism, unique business environment and the opportunities this brings."

## **AustCham Community Awards – 2025 Winners Announced**

AustCham Hong Kong is pleased to celebrate the winners of the 2025 AustCham Community Awards who were announced at the Anniversary Dinner in Hong Kong on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Now in their third year and expanded to include a new Sports and Entertainment category, these awards recognise the outstanding achievements of members of the Australia-Hong Kong business community in six areas.

Winners presented on the night were:

- Sustainability, Social Impact and Governance Award (Award Sponsor: Sino Group) –  
**Winner:** WISE Inclusion Hong Kong Limited
  - This award aims to recognise a company's effort towards the use of best practices to limit negative impact or enhance positive impact on the environment, society, and governance bodies.
- Women in Leadership Award (Award Sponsor: Ambition Hong Kong) –  
**Winner:** Sharlene Jacquier, Director, Joint Dynamics
  - This award is designed to celebrate and honour successful women in the Australia-Hong Kong community; women who lead teams, businesses, and agendas. This award highlights the inclusiveness and courageousness that women who serve as role models and mentors in their fields of expertise embody.
- Business Innovation and Professional Services Award (Award Sponsor: QBE) –  
**Winner:** MTR Corporation Limited
  - This award recognises excellence and demonstrated commercial success in furthering Australian-Hong Kong trade, investment, and/or tech transformation.
- Australian Consul-General's Outstanding Alumni Award (Award Sponsor: Australian Consulate General Hong Kong) –  
**Winner:** Ricky Mui, Regional Commercial Director – Asia, Robert Walters
  - This award is designed to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of alumni of Australian universities and highlights their positive impact on business and society.
- U-40 Entrepreneur Award (Award Sponsor: CK Infrastructure) –  
**Winner:** Shivang Jhunjhnuwala, Chief of Staff, Ovolo Group & Co-Founder, Young Soy Gallery
  - This award identifies and celebrates an outstanding young Entrepreneur, highlighting the achievement and growth of the individual and their company's achievements.
- Sports and Entertainment Award (Award Sponsor: Kai Tak Sports Park & Populous) –  
**Winner:** James Irvine, General Manager - Commercial, ASM Global
  - This award is designed to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of athletes, artists, creatives and performers who are deserving of their spotlight.

AustCham acknowledges with gratitude all the companies and individuals who entered the 2025 Community Awards.

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## About AustCham Hong Kong

The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AustCham Hong Kong) was incorporated in 1987 to promote Australian business interests by providing ongoing business development and networking opportunities. AustCham HK has over 900 members, who are representatives of more than 280 Australian, international, and local companies within the Hong Kong business community.

The Chamber seeks to connect, engage, and represent members through networking and informative events, supporting and facilitating industry-led committees and representing the

views, values, and interests of Members to government departments, private think-tanks, and other leading organisations in Hong Kong and Australia.

The Chamber's mission is to promote and represent Australian business and values, while enabling members to connect, engage, and grow bilateral relationships.

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