



**ICBC (Asia) Sponsors Finale Performance of  
the Hong Kong Arts Festival for the Seventh Consecutive Year  
Celebrating a Successful Conclusion of the 47<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival**

25 March 2019, Hong Kong – With a commitment to giving back to the community, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited ("ICBC (Asia)") renders steadfast support for the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong. It has been sponsoring the Finale of the Hong Kong Arts Festival for seven consecutive years. On 23 March 2019, the Festival Finale The World of John Neumeier by the Hamburg Ballet – John Neumeier concluded the 47<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival on a perfect note.

John Neumeier, Artistic Director of the renowned Hamburg Ballet, has produced more than one hundred and fifty ballets. He is the recipient of innumerable awards and distinctions all over the world. The World of John Neumeier brings together some of his greatest works, including highlights from Lady of the Camellias, The Nutcracker, Saint Mathew Passion, Bernstein Dances and Nijinsky, which represent milestones in Neumeier's glittering dance career.

To celebrate the Finale of the 47<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival, ICBC (Asia) held a pre-event private cocktail reception, which was hosted by the Chairman and Executive Director of ICBC (Asia), Ms. Gao Ming, in the presence of HKSAR government officials, board members of the Hong Kong Arts Festival and distinguished guests of ICBC (Asia).

In her welcome remarks, **Ms. Gao Ming, Chairman and Executive Director of ICBC (Asia)** said, "ICBC (Asia) is honoured to sponsor the Finale of the Hong Kong Arts Festival for the seventh consecutive year, through which we wish to promote the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong and to build a quality cultural life. 'At Every Stage', the theme of this year's Hong Kong Arts Festival, echoes the career of John Neumeier, who has created numerous distinguished works. It also parallels ICBC (Asia)'s steady progress forward towards achieving remarkable development.

ICBC (Asia) persists in pursuing innovation and excellence continuously with its customer-centric approach and providing quality cross-border financial services for local customers in Hong Kong, 'Going Global' customers of Mainland China, and customers in the Asia Pacific Region and around the world. Going forward, ICBC (Asia) will actively seize the opportunities brought by the 'Belt

and Road' initiative and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and further deepen the cooperation with our valued customers to achieve mutual benefits, with an aim of becoming a leading bank for cross-border financial services.”

The Hong Kong Arts Festival is a premier cultural event in the international arts community. The 47<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival, held from 21 February to 23 March 2019, featured 1,700 outstanding artists from Hong Kong and overseas, who presented 166 wonderful ticketed performances for audiences in Hong Kong.

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**Photo caption:**



(Photo 1) Gao Ming, Chairman and Executive Director of ICBC (Asia), delivered a speech at the pre-performance cocktail reception of the 47<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival Finale.



(Photo 2) Gao Ming, Chairman and Executive Director of ICBC (Asia), (the fourth from left) and the ICBC (Asia) management team proposed a toast at the cocktail reception.



(Photo 3) The Honourable Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR (middle); Victor Cha, Chairman of the Hong Kong Arts Festival (the third from left); Gao Ming, Chairman and Executive Director of ICBC (Asia) (the second from left) and other officiating guests were photographed at the Closing Ceremony of the 47<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Arts Festival.

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