

Application: 5023

Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association

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**Name of Organization/Company**

Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association

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**Page: Entry Information**

**Entry Title**

Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association

**Category**

M02. Educational or Research Institution of the Year - Financial Technology

**Educational or Research Institution of the Year Submission Format**

Written Answers

**a. Briefly describe the nominated non-profit organization's history and past performance (up to 200 words). Required**

The Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association (HKFIA) was established in 2014 as a non-profit organization. Over the past decade, HKFIA has been a key player in bridging the fintech industry between the East and West. Its efforts are primarily focused on policy research and fintech education.

Policy Research: HKFIA has been instrumental in advocating for regulatory frameworks that support fintech and Web3 development in the region. By enhancing industry standards and fostering partnerships among fintech startups, established financial institutions, and government bodies, HKFIA has significantly influenced the growth of the fintech ecosystem in Hong Kong.

Fintech Education: Collaborating closely with regulators and universities, HKFIA has launched various fintech programs aimed at improving the professional competence of banking practitioners and the general public. These courses are accredited by Hong Kong's banking regulator, ensuring high educational standards and relevance to the industry.

Through these initiatives, HKFIA aims to position Hong Kong as a leading global fintech hub, leveraging its strategic location, robust regulatory environment, and advanced technological infrastructure.

**b. Outline the nominated non-profit organization's achievements since the beginning of 2022 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 250 words). Required**

1. Major regional events: The substantial growth of Hong Kong Fintech Week, along with the Web3 Festival, attracted over 50,000 participants globally. This positions it as one of the largest fintech events in Asia, showcasing HKFIA's ability to draw international attention and participation.

2. New Web3 and Fintech Policies: Since 2022, Hong Kong has launched several policies to support the fintech industry, including a Fintech roadmap, ESG and green finance initiatives, digital currency pilot projects, and new licenses for virtual assets. HKFIA has been a key industrial partner of the government, actively advocating for these policies, thereby reinforcing its influence and leadership.

3. International Partnerships: In 2023, HKFIA celebrated its 10th anniversary by co-founding the International Digital Economies Association (IDEA) in Hong Kong. This initiative, involving global leaders from over 25 countries, aims to drive collaboration and knowledge sharing among digital economy leaders. HKFIA's strategic alliances with global fintech hubs foster unparalleled cross-border collaboration, facilitating greater innovation and investment opportunities.

4. Sustainable Fintech Initiatives: HKFIA's focus on green finance and ESG integration sets it apart within the fintech community. Few fintech associations prioritize sustainability to this extent, making HKFIA a leader in promoting responsible innovation and aligning fintech growth with global sustainability goals.

**c. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other institutions in the organization's field and/or to the organization's own past performance (up to 250 words). Required**

Back to the world stage after covid: Year 2023 was the first full calendar year for Hong Kong to reopen after covid lock down. It was very tough to re-connect with the world and re-establish as global fintech hub. The two major events (Hong Kong Fintech Week and Web3 Festival), we have spent lots of effort to invite key speakers and guests to come Hong Kong. Thanks to our partnerships built in the past 10 years, these events achieved record high participants and established quite a number of significant global partnerships, reflecting HKFIA's enhanced global influence and ability to draw international attention.

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**d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words). Optional**

- Website of the courses we launched with universities:

<https://hkuspace.hku.hk/cht/prog/exe-cert-in-fintech>

<https://hkuspace.hku.hk/prog/exe-cert-in-applications-of-blockchain-in-financial-technology>

<https://icb.hku.hk/en/staff/detail/paul-li>

- Hong Kong Monetary Authority official documents showing our courses are accredited:

<https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-information/guidelines-and-circular/2021/20211203e1.pdf>

- Stablecoin License Consultation official document showing HKFIA as one of the participants:

<https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-information/press-release/2024/20240717e3a1.pdf>

- A Law and Web3 lab we established with a university to research on the efficient ways of regulating Web3 (Our president Paul is a key sponsor for this lab):

[https://www.polyu.edu.hk/media/media-releases/2023/0120\\_polyu-partners-with-cybaverse-to-set-up--hong-kongs-first-research-laboratory-on-law-and-web3/](https://www.polyu.edu.hk/media/media-releases/2023/0120_polyu-partners-with-cybaverse-to-set-up--hong-kongs-first-research-laboratory-on-law-and-web3/)

- Event Info and photos for Hong Kong Fintech Week and Web3 Festival and the launch of International Digital Economies Alliance.

**Webpage Link**

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<https://group.hashkey.com/en/newsroom/hong-kong-web3-festival-2023-event-summary> (<https://group.hashkey.com/en/newsroom/hong-kong-web3-festival-2023-event-summary>)

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