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Hong Kong – BDO, the world's fifth largest accountancy and advisory network, announced that the 7th BDO ESG Awards 2026 is now open for entries and will be closed by 23:59 HKT, 26 April 2026. Centering on the theme of "ESG AI Excellence Awards," Hong Kong listed companies are encouraged to participate, demonstrating their achievements at the intersection of ESG and AI. As always, the BDO ESG Awards has an independent judging panel to review and evaluate participating companies and select the final winners. BDO has also engaged an independent professional organisation to conduct preliminary screening of submissions to ensure the quality of the Awards.

BDO ESG Awards
The BDO ESG Awards recognises outstanding listed companies on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong that have made positive impact in the areas of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG). BDO held the inaugural BDO ESG Awards in 2018 and was the first in Hong Kong to encourage greater social responsibility and to emphasise the importance of integrating sustainability into business models.

Theme Awards titled "ESG AI Excellence Awards"
This year's Theme Awards will put a spotlight on the listed companies that leverage AI to advance ESG practices and reporting, while demonstrating sound AI governance and a firm commitment to ethical standards.

Award category
As a renowned advocator of sustainability in the industry, BDO endeavours to provide a diverse array of award categories for non H-share companies and H-share* companies, commending those that have demonstrated outstanding performance in ESG.

- Best in ESG Awards
- Best in Reporting Awards
- ESG Report of the Year Awards
- Outstanding ESG Performance of H-share Companies Awards
- Theme Awards

**It refers to companies listed on the HKEx's List of H-share Companies.*

BDO encourages closer integration of sustainability and AI

The quality of ESG practice is rising across Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area, with companies improving disclosure depth and stakeholder engagement. Integrating AI into ESG can further improve data accuracy and reporting efficiency but must be paired with strong governance and ethical safeguards to ensure responsible outcomes.

Ricky Cheng, Director and Head of Risk Advisory, BDO Hong Kong, said, "AI can reduce manual errors, improve data consistency and accelerate ESG insights. To realise these benefits, organisations must combine advanced analytics with robust governance, organisations must prioritise ethical AI governance to ensure responsible innovation that strengthens business models and protects stakeholders."

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