

# **News Release**

#### DBS GREATER BAY AREA CONFERENCE 2019 LAYING FOUNDATION FOR GREATER CHINA'S TRANSFORMATION



HONG KONG, 3 April 2019 - With considerable optimism and excitement surrounding the Greater Bay Area, which has a combined gross domestic product greater than that of Australia, DBS is proud to host the inaugural DBS Greater Bay Area Conference 2019. Bringing together leading industry thought leaders, business luminaries and world-class academics, the DBS Greater Bay Area Conference is a key platform to discuss and explore how best to leverage the many opportunities and unlock the true potential of what is expected to be the biggest bay area economy in the world.

Sebastian Paredes, Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank (Hong Kong), said, "DBS has been and continues to be a key supporter of the development of the Greater Bay Area. Through our strong established network in Asia, and our keen market insights, we believe DBS is well positioned to

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help customers benefit from the development of the Greater Bay Area and leverage the enormous opportunities of this economic powerhouse."

Neil Ge, Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank (China), said, "In the development of the Greater Bay Area, financial integration is critical. Finance must serve the development of the real economy, and the free flow of capital across the region will optimise resource allocation and improve industrial efficiency. DBS is proud to host the DBS Greater Bay Area Conference, and we aim to build a platform to integrate resources to further support China's economic transformation and upgrading."

As the blueprint for the Greater Bay Area highlighted a number of key development areas, including innovation and technology, infrastructure connectivity, financial systems, and education, the conference speakers will share their insights on financial services, FinTech innovation, high-tech manufacturing, education and other related topics. Notable speakers at the conference include CY Leung, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Former Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and economist Dr Fan Gang of the National Economic Research Institute China Reform Foundation.

DBS, which has been named Global Bank of the Year by The Banker, and Best Bank in the World by Global Finance, is strategically positioned to be a leading foreign bank serving the onshore and offshore needs of customers.

For more information, please visit the conference's <u>microsite</u>.

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## **Photo Caption**

Photo 1: (from the left) Neil Ge, DBS China CEO, Tan Su Shan, Group Head of Institutional Banking of DBS Group, joined C.Y. Leung, Vice Chairman, National Committee, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Former Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and Sebastian Paredes, DBS Hong Kong CEO, at the DBS Greater Bay Area Conference.



Photo 2: Mr. C.Y. Leung, Vice Chairman, National Committee, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Former Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, delivered his keynote Speech in the Conference.



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Photo 3: Ginger Cheng, Head of Large and Mid-Cap Corporates Institutional Banking Group, DBS Bank (China) Limited, hosted the Panel Discussion, under the theme of "Financial Services to Boost Tech Innovation and Real Economy in GBA".



Photo 4: Dr. Fan Gang, Economist, National Economic Research Institute China Reform Foundation (NERI-China) shared his insights on GBA development opportunities.



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Photo 5: (from the left) Sebastian Paredes, DBS Hong Kong CEO joined Neil Ge, China CEO at the press conference after the GBA Conference.



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Recognised for its global leadership, DBS has been named "<u>Global Bank of the Year</u>" by The Banker and "<u>Best Bank in the World</u>" by Global Finance. The bank is at the forefront of leveraging digital technology to shape the future of banking, having been named "<u>World's Best Digital Bank</u>" by Euromoney. In addition, DBS has been accorded the "<u>Safest Bank in Asia</u>" award by Global Finance for ten consecutive years from 2009 to 2018.

DBS provides a full range of services in consumer, SME and corporate banking. As a bank born and bred in Asia, DBS understands the intricacies of doing business in the region's most dynamic markets. DBS is committed to building lasting relationships with customers, and positively impacting communities through supporting social enterprises, as it banks the Asian way. It has also established a SGD 50 million foundation to strengthen its corporate social responsibility efforts in Singapore and across Asia.

With its extensive network of operations in Asia and emphasis on engaging and empowering its staff, DBS presents exciting career opportunities. The bank acknowledges the passion, commitment and can-do spirit in all of our 26,000 staff, representing over 40 nationalities. For more information, please visit <u>www.dbs.com</u>.

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