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AIGCC appoints new Chair and Vice Chair

The Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chair, Sophia Cheng, CIO of Cathay Financial Holdings and Wong Dan Chi of Nikko Asset Management as Vice Chair of the AIGCC. AIGCC thanks outgoing Chair Emily Chew for her significant contribution over the past two years.

New AIGCC Chair, Sophia Cheng, CIO of Cathay Financial Holdings commented:
“I am delighted to be appointed as the new Chair of the AIGCC. There is so much work to be done in the region. Investors need to work together to identify the solutions that are required in Asia to accelerate climate action and transition to net zero carbon economies.”

Wong Dan Chi, Global ESG Specialist at Nikko Asset Management has been appointed to the newly created Vice Chair role. Commenting on the appointment, Dan Chi noted that “AIGCC plays a critical role in building investor capacity on climate change in the region. It is a privileged opportunity to further our efforts in contributing to the investor community.”

AIGCC has grown rapidly since being re-established in 2016, drawing on strong and emerging investor appetite for climate action and low carbon investment in the region. The work performed by AIGCC provides a conduit for Asian investors to engage with their local and international peers and to participate in global climate initiatives such as the [Climate Action 100+](#) and [The Investor Agenda](#).

Outgoing Chair of the AIGCC, Emily Chew, Global Head of ESG for Manulife Asset Management, successfully increased the awareness of AIGCC and the need for investor action on climate risks across Asia. During her two year tenure, AIGCC membership increased from 8 to 26 organisations, who represent over US\$2.4trn in assets under management, and convened the annual Asian Asset Owner Roundtable to provide a unique forum for strategic collaboration on climate change in the region.

Emily commended Sophia and Dan Chi for their commitment to engaging with investors in Asia. “Sophia has shown clear leadership in encouraging investors to step up their ambition and actions to address climate change risks and opportunities across Asia. Dan Chi brings a great enthusiasm to help build further capacity in the region. With their leadership, I am looking forward to seeing AIGCC continue to accelerate engagement and advocacy with a greater number of Asian investors.”

“On behalf of AIGCC members, I would like to thank Emily for the significant contribution she has made to the development of the organisation and helping to raise awareness with investors to incorporate climate into their policies and practices,” said Rebecca Mikula-Wright, Director of the AIGCC.

“I look forward to working with Sophia and Dan Chi to help drive increased investor participation across the region”, said Rebecca.

The change in Chair and appointment of a Vice Chair is effective immediately.

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About the Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)

The Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) is an initiative to create awareness among Asia’s asset owners and financial institutions about the risks and opportunities associated with climate change and low carbon investing. AIGCC provides capacity for investors to share best practice and to collaborate on investment activity, credit analysis, risk management, engagement and policy.

With a strong international profile and significant network, including pension, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies and fund managers, AIGCC represents the Asian investor perspective in the evolving global discussions on climate change and the transition to a greener economy.

AIGCC currently has 26 members who represent over US\$2.4trn assets under management.

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