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HLB'S 2017 ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE HELPS TO CREATE 'PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROSPERITY'

HLB's 2017 Asia Pacific Conference, hosted by Australian member firm HLB Mann Judd in Melbourne, brought together nearly 80 attendees from the HLB network in Asia Pacific and the rest of the world, and became the largest regional conference to date.

Apart from the large delegation from Greater China and the host country Australia, more members from the USA joined the conference, highlighting the business interest in Asia Pacific from the USA in particular.

The conference, dedicated to 'Partnerships for Prosperity' welcomed distinguished speakers Daniel Bisignano from the Department of Economic Development Jobs Transport and Resources, and Eric Vassiliadis, State Manager BT Investment Solutions Economist, who delivered the keynote speech and insight on doing business in Australia and its connection to Asia Pacific.

HLB Mann Judd's business channel partners, including Westpac, BMY Group, SILC, Lauders Group, Moray Agnew, Beer & Co Corporate Advisor, were invited to share their views on Cross-border Investment and doing business with China.

HLB Mann Judd was named as the <u>Best Accounting Firm</u> (revenue \$50 - \$500 million) in the 2017 Financial Review Client Choice Awards, which is the fifth time the firm has won the award. Tony

Fittler, Chairman of HLB Mann Judd, shared with the delegates examples of the federation's success through his speech "Working together for Success: Best practice from HLB Mann Judd".

Preceding the conference, a HLB Greater China meeting took place as well as a meeting of our award-winning Global China Service, which was attended by over 20 delegates from Greater China and China Desks from Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore and the USA.



2017 HLB Greater China Meeting and Global China Service Group meeting took place at the Melbourne office of HLB Mann Judd

HLB International is well positioned across Asia Pacific where it ranks within the Top Ten in many countries including Australia and Greater China while having a well-established and active presence in other Asian markets.

About HLB International

HLB International is a leading worldwide network of independent professional accounting firms and business advisers. Formed in 1969, HLB International services clients through its member firms in 140 countries, their 2,210 partners and 20,110 staff in over 660 offices worldwide. Member firms are well-established locally with many firms ranked among the top twelve nationally.

HLB International is a member of the Forum of Firms and focuses on quality and personal service, reinforced by regular quality assurance reviews of all member firms, an up-to-date ISA compliant international audit manual and membership of external professional bodies focused on quality issues.

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