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PARIMA Launches 2026 Masterclass Series in Hong Kong with Partner-Led Insights

18 March 2026 — PARIMA concluded its first Masterclass of the year in Hong Kong, on 12 March 2026, at The Mira Hong Kong Hotel, with close to 100 attendees.

The masterclass featured six insightful sessions, including an exclusive session for PARIMA members only, hosted by Steve Tunstall, Co-founder, Director and General Secretary of PARIMA, and Antonio Kam, Head of Insurance Asia Pacific at BASF and Board Member of PARIMA. The remaining five sessions were led by our valued partners – Aon, AXA, Descartes Underwriting, FM and Marsh.

The masterclass started with FM’s session, *“From Ignition to Containment: Loss Prevention Strategies for Combustible Construction”*, a deeply practical and insight-rich session examining fire risk in environments where combustible construction materials are present, with a focus on the real-world decisions that meaningfully reduce risk and protect assets and operations.

“Risk managers, brokers and C-suite leaders face growing challenges when protecting facilities built with combustible materials — especially in a dense, fast-moving economy like Hong Kong and its surrounds. Our session examines ignition, human factors and critical protection systems, sharing practical, engineering-led strategies that strengthen resilience and reduce the likelihood and severity of fire events,” said Stanley Chan, Sr Learning Specialist at FM.

Aon’s session, *“The Role of Risk Management in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”* explored how AI is reshaping the risk landscape. The discussion emphasised the growing need for risk leaders to understand their organisation’s liability and exposure profile in an era of rapid technological advancement.

“Competitive forces are demanding that businesses continue investing in their artificial intelligence agenda. This is transforming the enterprise risk landscape and presenting new challenges that risk leaders must actively address. Aon is delighted to share insights on the latest losses, exposures, and risk capital opportunities that businesses should be evaluating as they navigate this new technological era,” said Adam Peckman, Head of Risk Consulting & Cyber Solutions, Asia Pacific and Global Head of Cyber Risk Consulting of Aon.

Concurrently, Descartes Underwriting hosted the session *“Rethinking Disaster Risk: Innovations and Insights in Parametric Insurance”* which explored how parametric insurance is transforming resilience by offering faster, more transparent financial protection.

“As the frequency and severity of weather-related events become more prevalent in the Greater Bay region, and in South-East Asia in general, we are seeing greater understanding and higher adoption of alternative insurance products such as parametric. An unique combination of asset resilience with transparent and simple risk transfer, it is no doubt they have become cornerstone of any risk manager's toolkit,” said Ben Qin, Head of Asia Pacific at Descartes Underwriting.

Following this, Marsh conducted the session *“Crisis or Catalyst? Thriving Amid Global Volatility and Political Shock”*, explored emerging geopolitical risks, including the implications of Trump 2.0, while equipping Asian companies with strategies and best practices to navigate political and economic uncertainties in an increasingly complex risk landscape.

“Managing political risk isn’t a silo — it belongs in your organisation’s overarching ERM framework. Embed geopolitics into existing risk management process. Treat instability like any other material threat — assess, monitor, mitigate. Move beyond simply staying informed by the news and use it proactively to prepare and respond effectively,” said Nicky Liu, Head of Enterprise Risk Management, Marsh Risk Consulting Asia.

Over in the next room, AXA XL hosted the session *“Navigating the Risk Manager’s Journey from Underwriting to Claims and Beyond”* which equipped attendees with strategies to influence every stage of the insurance process — from mastering underwriting negotiations and leveraging risk engineering insights to managing claims effectively and securing comprehensive multinational coverage.

“Underwriting is more than numbers — it is a commitment to protection, guided by judgment, responsibility, and trust. By looking beyond statistics, we craft coverage that truly reflects each client’s needs. With insight and integrity, we safeguard property and futures, driven by expertise and a passionate promise of care,” said Vivian Zee, Head of Property Underwriting, Greater China at AXA XL.

First Edition of Next-Gen Risk Takers in 2026

The three finalists who took centre stage were:

- Junning Tu, ERM Specialist at Aboitiz Foods
- Karson K. C. Tang, Assistant Manager – Enterprise Risk at MTR Corporation Limited

- Animus Chow, Assistant Security Operations Manager at The Walt Disney Company (Hong Kong) Limited

After a compelling round of speeches, the judges deliberated and crowned Animus Chow as the winner of the **Next-Gen Risk Takers – Hong Kong Edition**, our first winner in 2026.

Next-Gen Risk Takers is a speaking challenge for emerging Risk Professionals to share their risk-related learning and stories to a live audience. Winners of the challenge will be awarded with a subsidised trip and an opportunity to speak at the PARIMA Conference in Singapore, from 14 to 15 October 2026.

For more information on upcoming PARIMA Masterclasses and events, visit <https://parima.org/>.

ABOUT PARIMA

The Pan-Asia Risk and Insurance Management Association (PARIMA) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to advancing the risk management profession across Asia-Pacific. Through its events, partnerships, and educational initiatives, PARIMA empowers risk professionals with resources, connections, and knowledge to navigate today's complex risk landscape. With more than 2,600 members representing over 1,300 companies, PARIMA collaborates with 31 partners to foster resilience, growth, and dialogue within the APAC risk management community.

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