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PARIMA Launches First Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge in 2026 in Hong Kong

Hong Kong, 25 March 2026 — The Pan-Asia Risk and Insurance Management Association (PARIMA) successfully concluded its **Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge – Hong Kong Edition** (the Challenge), a dynamic speaking competition designed to empower emerging risk professionals by providing them with a platform to share their insights, experiences, and perspectives with a live audience.

The Challenge attracted strong interest from the local risk community, with eight risk professionals from various industries applying to take part. After a competitive selection process, three finalists were chosen to compete in the finals.

Each finalist was given 15 minutes to present their speech, followed by a live question and answer (Q&A) session where they responded to questions from both the audience and a distinguished panel of judges. The Challenge tested not only their knowledge of risk management, but also their ability to communicate ideas with clarity, confidence, and critical thinking under pressure.

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

Following an engaging round of presentations, the judging panel deliberated and ultimately selected Animus Chow as the winner of the Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge – Hong Kong Edition.

The Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge is proudly supported by QBE Asia as the Title Sponsor, reflecting a shared commitment to supporting the development of the next generation of risk professionals across the region.

“Winning the challenge is a bonus, but what I truly valued was the experience of learning about different areas of risk management. It gave me the opportunity to speak for my

sector, engage with others, and highlight that our profession is just as important and impactful as any other field within risk management,” said Animus.

“Supporting initiatives like the Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge reflects QBE’s long-standing commitment to developing the next generation of risk professionals – and serves to highlight the many opportunities and great talent we have in the region. We believe the Challenge will encourage innovative and new perspectives; helping to channel tomorrow’s risk professionals to a rewarding career within the industry,” commented Ross Bethell, Head of Partnerships, QBE Asia.

“It is inspiring to see emerging risk professionals’ step forward to share their ideas through the Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge, and we are excited to see the challenge continue across upcoming editions in Asia,” said Annacel A. Natividad, President of PARIMA.

Building on the success of this inaugural challenge in Hong Kong, PARIMA announced that the Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge will continue across Asia in 2026, with upcoming editions scheduled in Taipei, Taiwan, on 10 April 2026; Manila, Philippines on 21 May 2026; Penang, Malaysia on 6 August 2026; and Beijing, China, on 17 September 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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