

PARIMA partners with QBE to empower future risk leaders through the Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge

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2 March 2026 – The Pan-Asia Risk and Insurance Management Association (“PARIMA”) has announced a strategic partnership with QBE Asia as Title Sponsor of the **PARIMA Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge 2026**.

The partnership reflects PARIMA and QBE’s shared focus on nurturing emerging risk talent across Asia, equipping young practitioners with practical exposure, industry insights, and professional development within the risk and insurance ecosystem.

Each challenge will be evaluated by a three-member judging panel, comprising two representatives from PARIMA and one representative from QBE, reflecting a collaborative industry-led approach to talent development.

“The Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge is designed to give emerging talent meaningful exposure to the evolving realities of risk management. We are pleased to partner with QBE Asia as Title Sponsor, whose support significantly strengthens our ability to develop and inspire future risk leaders across the region. I look forward to seeing a new generation of talent step forward through this initiative,” said Annacel A. Natividad, President of PARIMA.

In 2026, PARIMA will host six Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge rounds across six cities — **Hong Kong, Taipei, Manila, Mumbai, Penang and Beijing**. One winner will be selected from each city, with all six winners invited to attend PARIMA’s Singapore Conference, where they will compete in the Grand Final Challenge.

The 2026 Grand Winner of the Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge will be offered the opportunity to participate in the 2027 edition of Equip, QBE’s flagship broker development program or an equivalent leadership development programme, subject to availability.

“This partnership reflects QBE Asia’s focus on nurturing the next generation of risk leaders across the region. We believe that developing young risk professionals through programmes like the PARIMA Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge, is critical to helping organisations navigate uncertainty and build long-term resilience,” said Rob Kosova, CEO Asia of QBE.

The Next-Gen Risk Takers Challenge is part of PARIMA's broader efforts to strengthen the risk profession in Asia, by building a sustainable talent pipeline, and fostering closer collaboration across the industry ecosystem.

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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