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Courtesy visit to NFRA

HKFI joined the delegation led by the Hong Kong Insurance Authority to pay a courtesy visit to the National Financial Regulatory Administration (NFRA) in Beijing on 30 July 2025.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to present an overview and the latest development trends of the Hong Kong insurance market to Mr Li Yunze, Party Secretary and Minister of the NFRA. We also took the opportunity to exchange ideas with him and other NFRA officials on how Hong Kong could leverage its role as a global risk management centre and the industry's integration into national development.

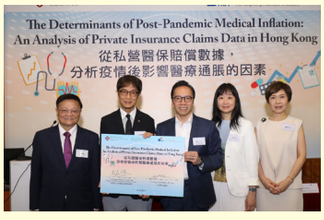
Announcement of TF/WG/SC 2025/2026

We sincerely appreciate the steadfast support of all Member Companies, which has enabled us to accomplish various initiatives. This year, we once again received an overwhelming response to our annual nominations for all Task Forces/ Working Groups/Steering Committees (TF/WG/SCs).

All TF/WG/SCs have been duly formed for the term 2025/2026. You may visit our website for the latest list of Members (Circular Ref: Mv050/25).

Sustainability of Medical Insurance

Collaborative research with PolyU



A recent study reveals that Hong Kong's medical inflation reached 10.3% in 2024, significantly higher than the general inflation rate of 1.7%. This uptrend is profoundly affecting the sustainability of medical insurance.

Against the backdrop of soaring medical inflation, we partner with academia to examine the underlying structural factors driving this upward trend. On 9 July 2025, HKFI together with the PolyU CPCE's Centre for Ageing and Healthcare Management Research jointly hosted an agreement signing ceremony to launch our first collaborative research project titled "The Determinants of Post-Pandemic Medical Inflation: An Analysis of Private Insurance Claims Data in Hong Kong".

Policy Address Consultation

The same subject was also brought up at the consultation session of the *Policy Address* for the Health Sector on 18 July 2025. Our representatives expressed industry's concerns on medical inflation, the related fraud, wastage and abuse, VHIS review as well as the deployment of technology.

Meeting with Secretary for Health

Incidentally on 31 July 2025, we had a direct dialogue with Professor Lo Chun Mou, Secretary for Health, Mr Thomas Chan, Permanent Secretary for Health, and their team at the Health Bureau. We are encouraged to see that the Administration has acknowledged the vital role insurance plays in supporting our healthcare system. We share common goals of enhancing price transparency in private healthcare and ensuring the sustainability of medical insurance. In this regard, we will explore opportunities for collaboration, including data pooling and coding standardisation.

Working hand in hand with the academia as well as the Administration, we hope to address the issue and pave the way for the sustainable development of the local healthcare system in the long run.

Climate Risk Management

The HKFI continued to co-organise the Second Climate Risk Management Forum 2025 on 11 July 2025, in partnership with the Business Environment Council and the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, and with support from the Development Bureau. The Forum marked another successful dialogue about climate resilience in our city. It delved into how our city could collaboratively address the increasing climate risks associated with flooding and sea-level rise. Fire Insurance Association Chairman, Mr Clement Hau, spoke at the Forum on the role of insurance in extreme weather events.

Coincidentally, insurance coverage for property damage came into focus during Typhoon Whipa. The HKFI once again proactively shared insurance tips with the public through the media, emphasising the importance of obtaining suitable and adequate coverage to protect both lives and property.

Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles

The Government announced the policy direction of Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles (Southbound Travel Scheme) on 2 July 2025. HKFI welcomes the implementation of the Southbound Travel Scheme which facilitates exchanges between Guangdong and Hong Kong and the integration of the Greater Bay Area.

Regarding the insurance arrangements for southbound vehicles, the HKFI has been in close communications with the IA and the Transport Department during the past months with an aim of facilitating motor insurers to prepare the suitable products, sales process, etc.

To provide GBA drivers with the accurate information about motor insurance under the Southbound Travel Scheme, the HKFI will launch a dedicated website providing relevant insurance and claims information, immediate links for online insurance purchase and more.

Low-Altitude Economy (LAE)

On 3 July 2025, a LAE briefing took place in collaboration with the Transport and Logistics Bureau, the Civil Aviation Department (CAD), and the Insurance Authority. The session covered important topics, including emerging risks, regulatory frameworks, and the potential for cross-sector collaboration involving Small Unmanned Aircraft and Unconventional Aircraft in Hong Kong. Following this discussion, the HKFI initiated an industry survey (Circular No. A3719), in collaboration with the CAD, to collect insights from Members and identify the latest product offerings.

Executive Certificate in Insurance Leadership Acceleration

After eight weeks of dedicated study, the second cohort of the executive training programme was officially completed on 26 July 2025!

Running for two consecutive years, the programme has received overwhelming positive feedback from more than 80 young executives and the industry. With financial support from the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, it has effectively inspired and equipped participants with the strategic mindset necessary to excel in their roles. Participants also benefited from engaging in high-level dialogues with industry thought leaders and expanding their professional networks.

To celebrate this achievement and express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this meaningful journey, we will be hosting a graduation ceremony on 20 August 2025, with Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury Mr Christopher Hui as the officiating guest.

Stay tune for our quality training sessions at https://event.hkfi.org.hk/en_US/event!

Publication of HKFI *Annual Report 2024/2025*

We have published the latest HKFI *Annual Report*, sharing with you the achievements and initiatives of the HKFI over the past 12 months, highlighting our commitment to communication, collaboration and innovation.

Scan the QR code or visit https://www.hkfi.org.hk/annual-report.

Tribute to Ms Cindy Tang, A Valued Member of the Medical Insurance Association

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of Ms Cindy Tang, former Deputy Chairman of the Medical Insurance Association (MedIA) of the HKFI, on 27 June 2025. To Cindy's family, we want to express our deepest condolences.

Cindy served as a long-time delegate at the MedIA, where she played a pivotal role in standardising policy terms and spearheading initiatives that enhanced the professional standards within the medical insurance sector.

Cindy will always remain in our thoughts.

Summer Greetings

We will have a break in August and come back in September. Wishing you all a refreshing summer break!

Membership News

New Member

We extend our warmest welcome to The Sincere Life Assurance Company Limited as our Life Insurance Member.

HKFI Membership

As at 31 July 2025, the HKFI has 79 General Insurance Members and 54 Life Insurance Members.