

# News Release

## **HONG KONG GLOBAL INSURANCE CONFERENCE DRAWS 500 INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVES**

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK, May 19 – The International Insurance Society, Inc. (IIS) will host its annual meeting in Hong Kong, July 10-13, where some 500 insurance executives from around the world are expected to attend. The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong with the support of 16 Hong Kong based insurance companies and over 20 insurance leaders representing global financial service organizations featured on the program titled: *A New World of Opportunity*.

Patrick Kenny, President and Chief Executive Officer, IIS said that “each year in planning our meetings we survey attendees at our meeting to find out what they think are the most important issues.” This past year in London our survey indicated that taking advantage of new market opportunities was uppermost on executives’ agendas.

“Our 2005 program,” said Mr. Kenny “will speak to many timely issues that key off our survey” including: achieving expansion strategies, taking advantage of new and revitalized markets, keeping and building organizational talent, the role of the independent directors, and other issues. He indicated that such regional issues as the growing and changing markets in China, and India would be a highlight of the meeting. Further, original research presentations sponsored by a research partnership of the IIS and The Geneva Association will be a key feature of the meeting.

New to the program this year is the *Insurance Directors Summit*, a special session aimed at non-executive directors and designed to provide an overview of critical issues affecting the industry and the role of directors. “As a result of new regulatory interest the industry must focus on maintaining a balanced board with representation from independent directors,” Mr. Kenny said, “we developed the *Insurance Directors Summit* in response to the industry’s need to provide fundamental information to their directors from outside the industry in a concise and constructive format.”

Among the speakers at the meeting are:

- **Nikolaus von Bomhard**, Chairman of the Board of Management, Munich Re, Germany
- **Gregory Boyko**, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Hartford Life International, Ltd., USA
- **Vincent Cheng**, Chairman, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong
- **Dominic D'Alessandro**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Manulife Financial, Canada
- **Brian Duperreault**, Chairman, Ace Limited, Bermuda
- **Bernard S.Y. Fung**, Chairman & CEO, Aon Asia, Hong Kong
- **Herbert Hui**, Chairman, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, Hong Kong
- **Dominic Leung**, Chairman & CEO, Ping An Insurance, PR China
- **Trevor Matthews**, Chief Executive Officer UK Life and Pensions, Standard Life, UK
- **Allan O'Bryant**, President & Deputy Chief Financial Officer, AFLAC International, Inc., Japan
- **Frank M. O'Halloran**, Chief Executive Office, QBE Insurance Group Ltd., Australia
- **Ron Pressman**, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer, GE Insurance Solutions, USA
- **Stephen Roder**, Head of Financial Services, KPMG, Hong Kong
- **Alexander Rinnooy Kan**, Member of the Executive Board, ING Group, Hong Kong
- **Shikha Sharma**, CEO, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, India
- **Tan Beng Lee**, Director & Chief Executive Officer, Great Eastern Life, Singapore
- **Richard Yuen**, Commissioner of Insurance, The Government of Hong Kong Special Administration Region, Hong Kong
- **Tang Yunxiang**, General Manager, PICC Holding, PR China
- **Wang Guoliang**, Chairman, China Pacific Insurance Group, PR China

“Year after year, our attendees know that we offer opportunities to hear from the leading executives in the industry. Further, our meeting has become one of the best places for chief executives to meet and learn from colleagues around the world. It is truly the United Nations of the insurance world, with great networking opportunities,” said Mr. Kenny.

Founded in 1965, the International Insurance Society, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with almost 1000 members from 90 countries, representing all regions of the world. Further information can be found at: [www.IISonline.org](http://www.IISonline.org).

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