

[AoF Financial Leaders Programme completes 2024 field trip to ASEAN \(with photos\)](#)

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Building on last year's inaugural success, this year a delegation of 24 participants from the Hong Kong Academy of Finance (AoF) Financial Leaders Programme (FLP) completed a field trip to Bangkok and Jakarta from September 23 to 27.

The field trip aims to deepen the exchanges between the FLP participants and local financial and business leaders on the macro landscape and opportunities in the region and explore how the Hong Kong financial sector can better support the growth of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region and establish closer collaboration.

During the trip, the FLP cohorts met with senior executives from 12 prominent institutions (Note) in the two cities through bilateral meetings, fireside chats and site visits. They exchanged views on a wide range of topics, including macro developments in the region, fintech innovation and digitalisation, infrastructure and environmental, social and governance, as well as trade and global supply chain management and financing in the region.

The delegation also participated in a high-level luncheon forum with over 20 Mainland Chinese corporates from the China Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia. The chief representatives of these Mainland Chinese corporates shared insights on the opportunities and challenges for Chinese corporates in the region, while the FLP cohorts shared how Hong Kong, as an international financial centre of the region, could facilitate closer economic ties between ASEAN and Mainland China.

Concluding this ASEAN trip, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the AoF, Mr Enoch Fung, said, "This field trip to ASEAN has deepened our FLP participants' understanding of the ASEAN region and established friendship with the local financial and business community. The exchanges between the two sides were immensely fruitful, paving the way for future collaboration. We hope to continue to organise other field trips under FLP in the future."

About the Hong Kong Academy of Finance

The AoF was set up with full collaboration amongst the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission, the Insurance Authority and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. It aims at facilitating financial talents' development and fostering collaboration for applied researches.

About the Financial Leaders Programme

Launched in 2022, the FLP is a programme to inspire Hong Kong's future financial leaders (currently around two levels below the CEO position), equip them with a mindset to lead and to look at issues from macro perspectives, as well as expand their network. Participants are nominated by their CEOs. The 2025 intake will open for application around late October 2024.

Note: Enterprises visited in Thailand include: Bank of Thailand, AAPICO Group, Charoen Pokphand Group, China Petroleum Pipeline Bureau Co. and Siam Commercial Bank. Enterprises visited in Indonesia include: Akulaku, Bluebird Group, HDF Energy, HSBC Indonesia, Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, PT Chandra Asri Pacific, Tbk and PT Semen Indonesia (Persero), Tbk.



