HKMA and DFSA co-host Climate Conference to strengthen sustainable finance cooperation across Asia and the Middle East

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) announced today (August 22) that the inaugural HKMA—DFSA Joint Climate Finance Conference will take place on September 16, 2024, in Hong Kong. The conference will be held in hybrid format.

As the flagship initiative of the <u>HKMA-DFSA partnership announced in December 2023</u>, the conference further promotes Hong Kong and Dubai's deepening relationship on sustainable finance.

Along the journey towards net zero, many in Asia and Middle East share the common challenge of reducing dependence on fossil fuels and shifting to a more sustainable growth model. The conference will focus on the opportunities and challenges of transition finance, driving practical discussions between both regions.

It will feature an engaging fireside chat between the Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Eddie Yue, and the Chief Executive of the DFSA, Mr Ian Johnston, and will also include high-profile speakers who will lead insightful panels concentrating on topics such as the vision for net-zero transition, channelling capital into transition, and the future of transition.

Details of the conference can be found here.

About HKMA

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About DFSA

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