IFFO hosts panel discussion on Sustainable Finance in Infrastructure at the fourth Belt and Road Summit (with photo)

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office (IFFO) today (September 11) hosted a panel discussion titled "Sustainable Finance in Infrastructure" at the fourth Belt and Road Summit, looking into the business case of adopting sustainable finance in infrastructure projects and the latest industry trends and offerings.

The panel discussion was moderated by Executive Director (External) of the HKMA and Deputy Director of the IFFO, Mr Darryl Chan, and attended by the following industry leaders as speakers (in alphabetical order of last name):

- Director General, Private Sector Operations Department, Asian Development Bank, Mr Michael Barrow;
- Finance Director, MTR Corporation Limited, Mr Herbert Hui;
- Group General Manager, Head of Belt and Road Initiative and Business Corridors, Asia Pacific, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Mr Mukhtar Hussain;
- Managing Director, Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets, Macquarie Asset Management, Mr Neil Johnson; and
- Managing Director and Chief Representative, Asia Pacific, International Capital Market Association, Mr Mushtag Kapasi.

There is a growing emphasis on integrating sustainability factors into infrastructure development, in view of its direct impact on the financial and operational performance of the assets. The panel speakers discussed the key trends in sustainable finance, the merits of incorporating Environmental, Social and Governance factors into business decisions, and how those factors have transformed the investing and financing behaviours.

