

AFRC Housewarming Cocktail Reception 15 September 2023 Chairman Dr Kelvin Wong's remarks

Good evening the Honourable Christopher Hui, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, distinguished guests, fellow board members, dear colleagues, ladies, and gentlemen,

On behalf of the AFRC, may I extend my warmest welcome to you for attending this housewarming cocktail reception.

Firstly, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Finance and Administration Department for all their hard work and dedication to ensure the realization of our new office at Two Taikoo Place.

To reflect our core value, this new office is designed to promote better transparency, frank communication, seamless collaboration, improved efficiency, and high effectiveness.

More than just bricks and mortar, it symbolizes growth, progress, endless possibilities and opportunities for our staffs. It is a testament to our collective ambition and commitment to excellence in everything we do.

Our new office is more than just a physical space. It is arranged to foster collaboration, creativity, and innovation. It is a space where ideas will be born, partnerships will be forged, and dreams will be realized. It is also a space where frustration will be shared, difficulty will be resolved, and friendship will be cemented. It is the cradle where public interest is the DNA of our staffs.

As we settle into this new office, let us be clear that it is all of you who work here truly make it your home. While the board and committees are the brain of the AFRC, it is our talented staff who is the heart and soul of our organization. Together, we will continue to build a culture of collaboration, trust, and mutual respect. I am confident that this new home will serve as a catalyst for even greater collaboration and achievement in the years to come.

You may have noticed that there are some wood prints around the corridor of the meeting rooms. Each room is named with a Greek god or goddess, Gaia, Hercules, Themis, just to name a few. They serve the purpose to remind and reinforce our unwavering belief, especially when we are struggling on the brink of collapse, frustration, and hopelessness, that righteousness and justice do exist in this earthly world.

In closing, may I express my deepest appreciation to the staunch support of the HKSAR Government, the highly devoted yet overly burdened fellow board members, the useful guidance of committee members, and the professional and diligent management team led by our CEO. By upholding financial reporting quality, we are confident that the Accounting Reform will create enormous opportunity for the accounting professions. Thank you once again for being an important part of this incredible journey. Thank you.

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