

Report of Activities in 2015

Corporate Governance Development Foundation Fund Limited (“the Foundation”) was established with the purpose of promoting good corporate governance in Hong Kong so as to benefit the general public and the overall development of Hong Kong. Activities undertaken, sponsored or supported by the Foundation may include research, promotion programmes, training courses, seminars, exhibitions, conferences and other formats of educational programmes as well as publications.

In the year ended 31 December 2015 the Foundation participated in and sponsored the following project in Hong Kong:-

1. Directors Of The Year Awards 2015

Nature:	An annual project with the following objectives:- (a) to recognize outstanding directors, (b) to publicize the significance of good corporate governance, (c) to promote good corporate governance and director professionalism. A community-wide project featuring 80+ project partners, extensive publicity and public participation with nominations open to the public.
Duration:	Jan-Dec 2015– Nominations and publicity. Presentation of Awards – 8 December 2015
Foundation Role:	Co-Sponsor
Project Partners:	The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, Securities and Futures Commission, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, plus other government units, professional bodies, chambers of commerce, sponsoring firms, judging panel, selection consultants, the organising committee.
Outreach:	Publicity via print and electronic media, direct marketing and events reaching to target audiences of over 1 million in readership and viewership. Publicity objectives: inviting the public to make nominations of candidates, promoting the significance of the Awards and eventually announcing the winners to enhance public awareness of good corporate governance and of role models of company directors in the fulfillment of their responsibilities in corporate governance. Presentation of 8 Awardees in the categories of listed companies, private companies and non-profit organizations, in the presence of 600 attendees.

2. Directors’ Symposium 2015

Nature:	A forum with the following objectives:- (a) to promulgate best practices in corporate governance, (b) to provide directors with timely insights, knowledge and inspiration on visions and strategic directions, in the fulfillment of their responsibility in corporate governance.
Duration:	Organising period June-September 2015 Event date: 22 September 2015
Foundation Role:	Sponsor
Project Partners:	The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, Companies Registry, Construction Industry Council, CCB International (Holdings) Ltd, professional bodies and chambers of commerce.
Outreach:	Newspaper advertisements and direct marketing to enlist enrolment from the public. Event attendance: 6 speakers and 160 participants

3. *The 21st Century Director*

Nature:	A 60-page periodic publication in English and Chinese, with contents covering the latest trends in corporate governance and best director practices, interviews with business leaders and articles giving insights on company direction.
Duration:	Editorial and production work: Jan-Dec 2015 Published in May, Sep, Dec 2015
Foundation Role:	Sponsor
Project Partners:	The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, the editorial board
Outreach:	Circulation of 7,000 printed copies and electronic copy on website, free of charge, and free copies to public libraries

4. *Clear and Concise*, guidelines for the preparation of the Business Review of an Annual Report

Nature:	The publication aims to help companies to focus the Business Review on important information, this Guide is written for directors of Hong Kong companies and should also help boards to incorporate reporting into their work schedule.
Duration:	Editorial and production work: Jan-Dec 2015
Foundation Role:	Sponsor
Project Partners:	The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, the editorial board
Outreach:	Electronic copy on website, free of charge.

In the year ended 31 December 2015, the Foundation held three meetings of its Executive Committee and an Annual General Meeting of its members.