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## **Grand Opening of the AIA Building and Headquarters (27 May 2024)**

**Speaker:** AIA Group Chairman Edmund Tse

- Distinguished Guests, AIA colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.
- First of all, I would like to thank the Acting Financial Secretary Mr. Michael Wong for joining us as our guest of honour and for sharing his inspirational remarks.
- I would also like to thank Mr. Christopher Hui, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr. Stephen Yiu, Chairman, and Mr. Clement Cheung, CEO, of the Insurance Authority, Mr. Xu Weigang, Director-General of the Economic Affairs Department, The Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR, Mr. Qin Hong, Counselor of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong SAR...and all our distinguished guests for your presence here today. It means so much to all of us at AIA.
- As we have heard, the Grand Opening of the new AIA Building is a truly momentous occasion.
- Each of you has been invited to be part of this celebration because of the valued partnership and friendship we have shared.
- I would also like to thank our people at AIA and our partners for their incredible work on this magnificent new building.
- Many of you will know that we affectionately call the reopening of the AIA Building our “homecoming”.
- This is because it is built on the foundation of our historic home at No. 1 Stubbs Road.
- After more than 50 years, I still clearly remember my excitement at the opening of the original Building here on Stubbs Road.
- Very few private companies had their own buildings at the time, and we were very proud that AIA was among those few.
- When we moved in, I was delighted to be assigned my first private office, even though it was a small one.



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- I have many fond memories of that corner office on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor – actually I had a view of the whole harbour back then!
- It was from this very site that I witnessed the tremendous growth and development of the insurance industry in Hong Kong.
- Over this time, AIA has successfully navigated many market cycles, with Hong Kong acting as an anchor, supporting growth across our 18 markets.
- One of my most cherished memories was when we successfully listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, achieving a record-breaking IPO. To this day, it remains the largest insurance IPO globally.
- We have since established ourselves as a leader in life and health insurance on the worldwide stage. The protection we provide to our customers is now more relevant and important than ever before.
- Amidst all these experiences, one thing has remained constant for me: the tremendous pride I have in all that AIA has achieved and the exceptional talent we possess across our company.
- I am genuinely moved by the work we do and everything we stand for, particularly our Purpose to help people live Healthier, Longer, Better Lives.
- Pride swells within me even more as we gather for the Grand Opening of our new headquarters. The AIA Building continues our legacy of innovation and relentless progress on a solid foundation.
- Looking back, the AIA Building represents our connection to our roots as it serves as our "ancestral home" and a link to our founder, CV Starr.
- Looking ahead, the Grand Opening marks a new era for AIA...
- One in which our executives, staff and agents will continue to make an even more profound difference in the lives of millions of people in our communities.
- A new era of Purpose and service to our customers...
- And creating sustainable value for our stakeholders.
- Once again, thank you for being with us today.
- Let's embark on this new era with optimism, enthusiasm and strong partnerships.



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- I know the AIA Building will be a tremendous platform for our growth and success for years to come.
- Thank you.