



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

Speaker: AIA Group Chief Executive and President Lee Yuan Siong

- Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
- I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone here today.
- And to our special guests Mr. Michael Wong, the Acting Financial Secretary of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr. Christopher Hui, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, Mr. Stephen Yiu, Chairman of the Insurance Authority, 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, as well as other dignitaries from the government, regulators, our partners, Edmund Tse, our AIA Group Chairman and members of the AIA Group Board and senior leaders.
- I am delighted to welcome you all to the AIA Building – our newly redeveloped Group headquarters.
- It is a pleasure to see so many of you in person and many more of our AIA colleagues online from across Asia.
- Thank you for joining us. I couldn't be happier to be sharing this moment with each and every one of you.
- This is a significant milestone for AIA.
- First opened in 1969, the AIA Building here at 1 Stubbs Road has been a long-standing symbol of our heritage, and after years of planning, this momentous occasion has now arrived.
- I would like to thank the many teams at AIA and our partners for working tirelessly together to realise our vision for the new AIA Building.
- And of course, our Chairman, Edmund Tse, the driving force behind this redevelopment.
- We are grateful for his leadership, for where we are as a company, the positive impact we have in society and where we stand today in the AIA Building.
- This Grand Opening marks the transformation of an iconic building and an exciting new chapter for AIA.



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- It is a celebration of our over 90-year history in Hong Kong and a reflection of our confidence in our home city's bright future.
- As a leading international financial centre, super connector and regional insurance hub, Hong Kong offers the right ecosystem for businesses to flourish for generations to come.
- We are committed to contributing to Hong Kong's economic and social development, and meeting the evolving life and health insurance needs of customers throughout Asia Pacific.
- We are in a fantastic position to do so, in the right place, with the right strategy and the right people.
- In fact, we will have over 40 nationalities represented in this building, which is a prime example of Hong Kong's attractiveness for global talent.
- The AIA Building is the city's first Urban Campus and is a brand-new home in Hong Kong from which we will continue to innovate and lead our industry.
- Our newly developed headquarters offers dedicated spaces for collaboration, community and wellness.
- It has been designed with sustainability at its core and has obtained the highest ESG credentials.
- Our new home redefines what is possible for workplaces in Hong Kong, with facilities including a 200-metre indoor running track and this multipurpose room that we are currently in, which also doubles up as a basketball court.
- At capacity, the AIA Building will be home to around 1,800 AIA employees and underscores our long-term dedication ensuring that AIA remains an employer of choice here in our home market.
- It is from the AIA Building where we will continue to provide financial peace of mind to millions of people across the region and fulfil our Purpose to help people live Healthier, Longer, Better Lives.
- And guided by this Purpose, I am confident we will capture the significant opportunities for our business in the years ahead.
- Thank you very much for your attention, I would now like to call on our guest of honour, Acting Financial Secretary Michael Wong, to share his perspectives.