

Lifetime Achievement Award Philip Chan

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Philip WK Chan has more than 45 years of experience in the insurance industry, across broking and insurance, having worked across Hong Kong and China.

Starting his career in 1975 with an insurance broking firm, Chan worked in New Zealand Insurance for two years before joining Norwich Winterthur International Insurance in 1983.

Chan remained with Norwich Winterthur International, which over the years became part of Axa following several mergers and acquisitions, until his retirement in 2019.

During these years, Chan worked across marine underwriting, marketing, account management, and regional leadership across Hong Kong and Shanghai.

On top of his management roles, Chan also handled global programs business relationships with over 30 network partner companies in 14 countries in the Asia Pacific region.

In his illustrious career, he has served as Regional Account Manager, International Division - Winterthur Swiss Insurance for Greater China, Philippines and Vietnam, General Manager, Hong Kong, Winterthur International; Principal Officer, Catlin Hong Kong; Country Manager, Hong Kong, XL Insurance; Country Manager and Executive Director, China, XL Insurance; Chair, Board of XL Insurance Company of China; President, Greater China - XLCatlin, and Regional Hub Manager (Incoming global programs), Asia Pacific, XL Insurance.

Chan returned to the insurance market in early 2021 joining Navigators Asia (now known as The Hartford Asia) as the Head of Asia. Chan took his second retirement in the 2023, leaving The Hartford.

He is currently a mentor in the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers Élite Talent Development programme 2023 and a part-time CPD programme tutor.

Chan was elected the president of the Chinese Underwriter’s Club for the term 1996-97 and has served as an Honourable Secretary of the Insurance Institute of Hong Kong from 2001-2002.

Philip is a Senior Associate of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance. He also holds a doctorate in business administration from Bulacan State University, the Philippines, and a master’s degree in international marketing from the University of Strathclyde.

Commenting on the award, Chan said: “It is my great honour to receive this Lifetime Achievement Award from InsuranceAsia News. The award has given me a feeling of completeness in my insurance career.”

“It is a message to every individual currently, or will be in the future, engaging in the insurance business, that their effort and achievements would ultimately be recognised highly in the industry.”