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## **BPI wins the awards for Best Trade Finance Bank and Leading Counterparty Bank in the Philippines for 2013**

- **BPI runs an extensive branch network as well as the largest ATM network in the Philippines, with a total of 800 branches and 2,000 ATMs**
- **The bank has achieved strong growth in its internet and mobile banking business, with usage growing 23% in 2013**
- **BPI is the only domestic bank in the Philippines to offer electronic forms in an interactive Adobe format**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014**—BPI has been named the winner of the Best Trade Finance Bank and Leading Counterparty Bank in the Philippines Awards for the year 2013 during the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Banker Summit. The ceremony was held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.

With an extensive branch network and the largest ATM network coverage in the nation, BPI is able to cater to the cash management needs of its clients. It has also adapted swiftly and successfully to online banking, growing internet and mobile banking usage of its customers by 23%.

BPI has made its standard trade finance forms electronic for download in an interactive Adobe format, the only domestic bank in the Philippines to do so. The bank also provides real-time trade transaction information delivery to nominated email addresses of its trade customers to keep them informed of completed trade transactions.

About 1,000 delegates attended the event, consisting of industry specialists, senior bankers, regulators, service providers and decision makers from leading institutions in Asia, the US, Europe and Latin America, where opinions and responses of practitioners from across the region to global issues are shaped.

The Asian Banker Achievement Awards are widely acknowledged by the financial services industry as the highest possible accolade available to professionals and banks in the industry as recognised in the Asia Pacific region.

A stringent three-month evaluation process based on a balanced and transparent scorecard had been used to determine the winners.

## **Winners of the Achievement in Transaction Banking Awards:**

### **Domestic Trade Finance Awards**

1. Australia—Westpac Bank
2. China—Bank of China
3. China—China Minsheng Bank (Small Business Trade Finance)
4. Hong Kong—HSBC
5. India—State Bank of India
6. Indonesia—Bank Negara Indonesia
7. Malaysia—Maybank
8. The Philippines—Bank of the Philippine Islands
9. Singapore—OCBC Bank
10. South Korea—Kookmin Bank
11. Taiwan—CTBC Bank
12. Thailand—Bangkok Bank
13. Vietnam—Techcombank

### **Domestic Cash Management Awards**

14. Australia—Commonwealth Bank of Australia
15. China—ICBC Bank
16. Hong Kong—Bank of China (Hong Kong)
17. India—HDFC Bank
18. Indonesia—CIMB Niaga
19. Malaysia—Maybank
20. The Philippines—BDO Unibank
21. Singapore—DBS
22. South Korea—Woori Bank
23. Taiwan—Taipei Fubon Bank
24. Thailand—Kasikornbank
25. Vietnam—Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam

### **Domestic Leading Counterparty Awards**

26. Australia—ANZ Bank
27. China (National) —ICBC
28. China (Provincial) —Industrial Bank of China
29. Hong Kong – HSBC
30. India—State Bank of India
31. Indonesia—Bank Negara Indonesia
32. Malaysia—Maybank
33. The Philippines—Bank of the Philippine Islands
34. Singapore—DBS
35. South Korea—Hana Bank
36. Taiwan—Bank of Taiwan
37. Thailand—Bangkok Bank
38. Vietnam—Techcom Bank

**International Transaction Banking Awards, Asia Pacific**

- 39. Best International Transaction Bank—Deutsche Bank
- 40. Best Transaction Banking Product—IDEAL™ 3.0, DBS
- 41. Best Cash Management Bank—Deutsche Bank
- 42. Best Trade Finance Bank—Citibank
- 43. Leading Counterparty Bank—HSBC
- 44. Most International Asian Transaction Bank—ICBC Bank
- 45. Achievement Award for US\$ Clearing—J.P. Morgan
- 46. Achievement Award for EURO Clearing—Deutsche Bank
- 47. Achievement Award for RMB Clearing—Bank of China
- 48. Achievement Award for GBP Clearing—Barclays

The following individual was awarded the Transaction Banker of the Year

The press releases for each country's winners are issued separately.

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**About The Asian Banker**

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## **The Asian Banker The Achievement in Transaction Banking Awards 2014**

### **About the Achievement in Transaction Banking Awards**

The Asian Banker Achievement Awards for Transaction Banking programme was instituted in 2001 to identify emerging best practices and leadership in the cash management, trade finance and payments industries amongst international and domestic financial institutions operating in the Asia Pacific and the Middle East regions. The programme is also a repository of evolving best practices from which players can benchmark their own products and processes over the long term.

### **The Board of Advisors**

The following distinguished personalities served as members of the advisory council for the selection of this year's winners. They bring to bear tremendous expertise and global perspectives to the conduct of the annual meeting.

- James Cullen, former senior vice president, Wells Fargo
- Mathew Welch, former global head of banks, Standard Chartered Bank
- Damian Glendinning, treasurer, Lenovo and president, Assoc. of Corporate Treasurers

### **The Selection Criteria**

We believe that a leading transaction bank is one that is able to be intimately involved in helping their corporate or financial institution clients take advantage of all the drivers transforming supply and value chain dynamics today by maximising their trade, cash or payments needs in a way that helps them manage their credit, liquidity and financial competitiveness in their respective marketplace.

An outstanding player in the transaction banking industry should demonstrate the following attributes:

1. Outstanding annual performance of the transaction banking unit
2. Intimately involved in helping their clients
3. Comprehensive range of services
4. Strong penetration and efficiency of innovative products
5. A high and seamless level of straight-through-processing
6. Attained a high level of satisfaction
7. Ability to compete to win new market share
8. Ability to secure new and complex deals

### **The Selection Process**

The selection process begins in November and ends in March of the following year. The initial selection is through a survey and desk research done by the research team at The Asian Banker. The identified candidates are then subject to further scrutiny through interviews with third parties, including local banking journalists and analysts who have had contact with the candidates, peers and third party reviews. The shortlisted candidates are then submitted for a review by the board of advisors, based on a comparative evaluation done by the research team.