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2011 Aon Benfield Global Scholarship winner announced

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (the Institute) and Aon Benfield Australia is pleased to announce Mei Ling Ho, Business Analyst in Retail Sales & Marketing - International Brokers from CGU Melbourne, as the recipient of the 2011 Aon Benfield Global Scholarship.

The Scholarship was established by Aon Benfield and the Institute in 2004, to recognise an outstanding insurance professional in the Australian and New Zealand markets and to provide the winner an opportunity to attend an internationally recognised seminar in London.

Ms Ho said the 2011 Aon Benfield Global Scholarship has given her an invaluable opportunity to gain insight into the world of reinsurance.

"I am delighted to be attending the 46th Annual Aon Benfield Global Clients Reinsurance Seminar in London and expect I will capitalise on the insurance knowledge I have gained over my short time in insurance. I am looking forward to meeting a variety of people with a breadth of knowledge and learning from their experiences," Ms Ho said.

"I would like to thank Aon Benfield, the Institute and my employers CGU Insurance for supporting the Scholarship and my application. Their commitment to the professional development of those in insurance is first class. I am confident that this passion not only fosters the strengthening of the insurance industry but attracts high-calibre candidates to ensure the sustainability of the sector," she said.

Joan Fitzpatrick, CEO at the Institute and judging panellist said, "I extend my sincere congratulations to Mei Ling Ho as the worthy winner of the 2011 Aon Benfield Scholarship. Mei Ling submitted an extremely well researched essay and demonstrated a strong understanding of this year's topic against a very strong field of applicants from Australia and New Zealand. So strong in fact, that four other applicants will receive a Certificate of Commendation from the judges this year."

Robert De Souza, CEO of Aon Benfield Australia and New Zealand said, "In 2011 we received many notable applications and it was pleasing to see several applicants who had responded in previous years. Despite the very high standard of entries, Mei Ling's essay rated consistently high in each category of the criteria set for judging the papers. Congratulations on an outstanding accomplishment and we look forward to recognising this achievement at the Insurance Industry Awards on 11 August."

Now in its seventh year, the scholarship was open to Australian and New Zealand residents with at least two year's experience working in insurance or reinsurance.

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