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MELBOURNE SET TO HOST FINANCE AND INNOVATION EXPO IN 2024

The Asia Pacific Financial and Innovation Symposium will be held in Melbourne this year thanks to support from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Economic Growth Tim Pallas today announced the inaugural global financial conference will be hosted in Melbourne - demonstrating that Victoria is the place to be for financial services and business events.

Delivered by Visit Victoria and the Melbourne Convention Bureau, the one-day exposition will be the first of its kind for the region. Thousands of financial leaders from around the world will meet on April 16 to discuss industry trends in artificial intelligence, technology, energy transition and social governance with an Asia Pacific focus.

The program features local and global industry experts and thought leaders, including Lee Ainslie (Maverick Capital), Henry Cornell (Cornell Capital), Robert Kapito (Blackrock), Kathleen McCarthy (Blackstone), Steve Schwarzman (Blackstone) and James Zelter (Apollo).

The event will showcase Victoria's robust economy and capacity for world-class events, bringing together major global financial influencers to attract more international investment to our state.

Victoria is a leading destination for financial services with the sector employing more than 120,000 people and contributing \$47 billion each year to the local economy.

The state's business events sector is also a major driver of the Victorian economy – generating an estimated \$12.6 billion annually and supporting more than 84,000 jobs.

To register for the conference, visit apfis.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Economic Growth Tim Pallas

"Events like this build on our strong record of attracting top financial businesses to Victoria, creating economic growth and thousands of jobs."

"Financial services are an important part of Victoria's economy and this inaugural global expo in Melbourne will provide an opportunity for our local industry to showcase our capabilities on the world stage."

Quote attributable to Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"Securing this event demonstrates Victoria's world-class business events industry and ability to attract global leaders to experience everything our state has to offer - supporting local business, jobs and Victoria's economy."