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## **CTW China Crowns 2016's 'Best Corporate Travel Sales Person' And 'Most Influential Travel Manager' At Annual Awards**

*With Strategic Alliances Being Inked On First Day of CTW China*

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Shanghai, 6 April 2016 – The CTW China Awards returns for the second year this 2016, honouring outstanding professionals in the industry for their notable achievements.

Crowned during the joint Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner with IT&CM China, Victoria Wang, Director of Sales and Marketing of Ramada Plaza Optics Valley Hotel and Hamish Wang, Travel Manager of Apple Inc were named China's 'Best Corporate Travel Sales Person' and 'Most Influential Travel Manager' respectively.

Coming out tops after an intensive selection process that included preliminary nominations, written interviews and endorsements, Victoria Wang and Hamish Wang won the eventual titles over 24 other nominations. The final selection was made by the judging panel comprising of TTG China and TTG-BTmice China's editorial panel, representatives from co-organisers TTG Events and Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) China, as well as industry partners Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIA) Asia Pacific and Association of Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE).

Ooi Peng Ee, General Manager of TTG Events remarked, "The judging panel had a difficult task this year, as our nominees proved to be extremely strong contenders for the awards. Our winners stood out with impressive profiles that also evidence the high standards required of this demanding industry. We are honoured to be able to be a key partner in this endeavor to recognise and celebrate China's corporate travel talents."

Carmen Lam, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Asia Pacific of FRHI Hotels & Resorts said, "As an international association for hospitality sales and marketing professionals, HSMIA puts a lot of focus on industry trends and our members' personal development. We are proud to support this event that recognizes professionalism in corporate travel management. As part of the judging panel, I was very impressed by the qualification and attainment of the nominees and their active participation in industry programs and events to raise standards in the industry."

Hamish Wang said of his win, "It is a great honor to be recognised for my 15 years travel industrial background which included 8 years of travel management career. I highly appreciated the CTW Nomination Committee's trust and vote for me. As a former airline employee with 3 years of operation background, I had the opportunity to work and develop myself in Fortune 500 companies. This is all thanks for my line hiring managers Luc, Chew and Andy's trust and confidence in me. It is indeed a fortune to be working with my team, suppliers and friends from the industry to catch the wave of fast growing business travel market in China."

Victoria Wang shared her agreement, "I'm honored to receive the award. We believe winning CTW China's "Best Corporate Travel Sales Person" award will enhance our Wyndham and Ramada reputation and credibility in the industry. It gives us more opportunities to provide better quality and thoughtful corporate travel service and solutions for more outstanding decision-makers and planners from local enterprises and multi-national corporations."

The first day of CTW China 2016 also saw strategic alliances being inked, with CWT China and TTG taking the lead in announcing their renewed collaboration in co-organising CTW China in 2017 and 2018.

"CTW China has shown immense potential based on our first 2 years of co-organising the event last year and this year. CWT China has been instrumental in ensuring that the event stays relevant and significant to the Corporate Travel and Meetings and Events market. We are confident that together, we will witness even greater progress in the show and the industry in the years to come," said Mr Darren Ng, Managing Director of TTG Asia Media.

Mr. Albert Zhong, General Manager for CWT China, said, "I would like to thank TTG Events for partnering with us on this event in 2015 and 2016. CTW China has become an important platform for leaders in our industry to gather and share insights into China's business travel market, as well as network with industry partners."

"Given the growing interest in this event, we are delighted to announce that we will continue collaborating with TTG to co-organise the CTW China conference for another two years through 2018. We hope to see an increasing number of companies and delegates participate in this conference in the years to come," he added.

CWT China and TravelSky also leveraged on the CTW China platform to renew their strategic alliance in China through 2020. Since 2003, TravelSky and CWT China have collaborated closely to develop technology solutions for corporate travel in China. The renewed strategic alliance will help CWT maintain its leadership position in China, especially in the areas of online booking and mobile application solutions.

Mr. Albert Zhong, General Manager for CWT China, said, "We are delighted to be able to cement strategic relationships on a leading industry platform like CTW China. As co-organiser, we are confident that the event will continue to offer exceptional opportunities to all attendees seeking outreach and closer collaboration with the industry."

The next two days of CTW China will see Chinese and international corporate travel experts from the world's most recognisable brands impart localised global insights and knowledge. The prolific line-up of well-honed speakers, including ACTE, AirPlus International, Alitrip-Hotel, Apple China, Applied Materials, China Eastern Airlines, CWT China, Ctrip Corporate Travel, DIDI, Delta Air Lines, Eli Lilly, Hilton Worldwide, HRS, Lear, Lenovo, Merak, Pan Pacific Hotels, Philips, Schneider Electric, Shanghai E-travel, TravelSky, Unilever Industries has pulled in an attendance of more than 240 international and local corporate travel industry players.

The conference features pertinent topics of immense interest to the show's attendees, all of whom have corporate travel responsibilities which are directly impacted by the China market. The diverse topics range from technology and the future of business travel, case study on travel management, the role of airlines in corporate meetings & events, what 2016 holds for meetings and events, and travel managers, data intelligence, compliance in China,

exploring new payment solutions, corporate travel and the sharing economy, building strategic supplier relationships, as well as a technology showcase.

Corporate Travel World (CTW) China 2016 will be held from 6 – 8 April in Shanghai and is co-locating with IT&CM China, the leading international MICE event in China. For more information, visit [www.corporatetravelworld.com/china](http://www.corporatetravelworld.com/china) | WeChat ID: CTW-CH

## CTW CHINA 2016

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## CTW CHINA EVENT DESCRIPTION

### The Leading Corporate Travel Management Conference For China

Since 2015, CTW China has been the market's answer to the proliferation of business travel & entertainment (T&E) activities from Chinese-grown companies and multi-national corporations based in China. This market-driven event is thus dedicated to raising the sophistication of Chinese corporate travel professionals who manage the T&E needs for their organisations. By localising best global practices and cultivating a sustainable expert and peer-sharing knowledge support network, CTW China is at the helm of enabling local influencers, planners and decision makers of corporate travel functions to get the most of their T&E decisions.

Co-located with IT&CM China, CTW China is part of the CTW Events series co-organised by TTG Events, a business group of TTG Asia Media. This event is co-organised by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, China.

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