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A Plus media alert

Dear editors and reporters:

Lessons from Pokemon Go

In September, A Plus studies how app developers can survive in the crowded market, MTR chairman's big plans, skills for tomorrow's accountants, ambitious CPAs under 35, and Lee & Man Paper's finance chief on reviving the traditional industry

(HONG KONG, 27 September 2016) – Pokemon Go, an augmented reality mobile game, has caused a global frenzy since it was first released in July, getting both hard core and casual gamers out of their homes and onto the streets. We look at whether and how mobile app developers in Hong Kong can learn from it.

Frederick Ma, Chairman of the MTR Corporation, explains how he faces up to the challenges of meeting public expectations amid project delays in the age of social media, and why he has high hopes for the future of one of the world's most profitable systems.

With the advent of Big Data, artificial intelligence and other innovations, the accounting profession is changing at a breathtaking pace. We look at the training needed to help prospective CPAs utilize new technology and take on an ever-evolving role.

Young accountants are steadily stepping up and taking charge of their careers. They are exemplary of the promising career paths that are open to the new generation with hard work and a willingness to lead by example.

Henry Cheung, Chief Financial Controller of Lee & Man Paper Manufacturing and Institute member, explains how rising environmental consciousness and new technologies such as e-commerce are creating new opportunities for an old-fashioned commodity.

Check out the latest A Plus for the above stories.

To further discuss the magazine stories and the ideas it raises, call Stella To, head of corporate communications of the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs, at 2287-7209.

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Note to editor

About the name of the magazine: *A Plus* stands for excellence, a reference to the top-notch accountant members and Hong Kong CPAs, who are success ingredients in business and in society. It is also the quality of the magazine – going an extra mile to reach beyond grade A.

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