

Media release

DKSH Crowned Diamond Enterprise at GS1 HK Quality Food Scheme Plus 2022

Already in its first year of participation, DKSH received the highest accolade of the acclaimed and recognized industry award scheme.

Hong Kong, September 2, 2022 – DKSH, the leading market expansion partner for companies seeking to grow their business in Asia, was crowned “Diamond Enterprise” at the Quality Food Scheme Plus 2022, organized by GS1 Hong Kong. Furthermore, Alex Wong, Vice President, Supply Chain Management, DKSH was invited to be the keynote speaker to deliver a speech on “The Importance of Food Safety for Sustainable Business Growth” at this year’s Food Safety Forum conducted prior to the ceremony.

The Quality Food Scheme Plus was introduced in September 2020 and has been positioned as the advanced version of GS1 HK’s Quality Food Scheme which was started in 2015. Through the scheme and based on a mission to drive global systems of standards, GS1 HK aims to improve the visibility of the food supply chain, enhance enterprises’ traceability practices, and strengthen consumers’ trust in food safety in the local food industry.

Participating companies are audited by GS1 Hong Kong and SGS Hong Kong in accordance with the GS1 Global Traceability Standard (GTS), ISO 22000, and HACCP. The evaluation covers six scopes: Supply chain management and efficiency, product traceability, incident response time and capability, compliance and regulations, staff and premise hygiene, and food safety management system.

Additionally, the Efficient Consumer Response Index (ECR Index) was introduced into the scheme to help companies review their speed and capability in dealing with incidents. Under this sub-section, DKSH has been awarded the highest ranking of three stars.

Anna Lin, JP, Chief Executive, GS1 HK said, “The Scheme aims to recognize the efforts and excellence of food companies in adhering to global food safety standards and traceability practices, which in turn ensures better and safer food products to customers. DKSH HK’s effective adoption of international standards and technology for food management systems not only sets a good example for the food sector, but also reinforces consumer trust and elevates the brands’ image. Congratulations to DKSH for receiving this esteemed award and thank you for being a solid supporter of global food safety and traceability practices!”

Alex Wong, Vice President, Supply Chain Management, Consumer Goods, DKSH said: “We are excited to receive this award. DKSH has stringent quality control standards for our operations. Apart from meeting and performing beyond the existing acquired certifications, we are exploring and setting new benchmarks in response to the changing market and logistics needs. Being awarded “Diamond Enterprise” indicates that we are on the right track. The Quality Food Scheme Plus is a well-structured framework and it guides participating companies on how they can enhance their operating procedures and further mitigate potential risks on food quality.”

About GS1 Hong Kong

Founded by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce in 1989, GS1 Hong Kong is the local chapter of GS1®. GS1 Hong Kong’s mission is to empower businesses of their digital transformation, improve supply chain visibility and efficiency, ensure product authenticity and facilitate commerce connectivity, through the provision of global supply chain standards (including GTIN & barcodes), and a full spectrum of platforms, solutions and services.

GS1 Hong Kong currently supports close to 8,000 corporate members from 20 sectors including retail & consumer packaged goods, food & beverage and food services, healthcare, apparel & footwear, logistics & ICT. By working closely with communities of trading partners, industry organizations, government, and



technology providers, we can foster a collaborative ecosystem with the vision of “Smarter Business, Better Life”.

As a non-profit organization, GS1® develops and drives global adoption of supply chain standards. Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, GS1 has over 115 national chapters in 150 countries. www.gs1hk.org

About DKSH

DKSH's purpose is to enrich people's lives. For more than 150 years, we have been delivering growth for companies in Asia and beyond across our Business Units Healthcare, Consumer Goods, Performance Materials, and Technology. As a leading Market Expansion Services provider, we offer sourcing, market insights, marketing and sales, eCommerce, distribution and logistics as well as after-sales services. DKSH is a participant of the United Nations Global Compact and adheres to its principles-based approach to responsible business. Listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, DKSH operates in 36 markets with 33,100 specialists, generating net sales of CHF 11.1 billion in 2021. The DKSH Business Unit Consumer Goods focuses on fast moving consumer goods, food services, luxury goods, fashion and lifestyle products as well as hair and skin cosmetics. With around 19,880 specialists, the Business Unit generated net sales of CHF 3.8 billion in 2021. www.dksh.com/cg

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