

## Announcement

### **QBE Asia featured on the Elite Women List 2021 by Insurance Business Asia**



**QBE Asia, 30 August 2021** – We are pleased to share that Lei Yu, CEO North Asia & Regional Head of Distribution; and Chandrani Chakraborty, Group Head of Capability & Learning Strategies and Asia Head of HR, have been featured on the inaugural Elite Women List 2021 by Insurance Business Asia. This list celebrates women across the region who have gone over and beyond for their clients, colleagues, organizations and the insurance industry as a whole.

#### **Lei Yu**

Lei is a business leader who is passionate in building customer advocacy through innovation and technology and also serves as the executive sponsor for business digital transformation and customer development initiatives at QBE; leading and driving key initiatives centering around business digital transformation, digital claims transformation, online servicing platforms for business partners and customers.

Beyond driving insurance-specific thought leadership, Lei strongly supports initiatives that address pertinent global topics, such as climate change. She spoke at the Asian Financial Forum 2021, organised by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, where she spoke on how the insurance industry is responding to climate change risks and building the ecosystem for green and sustainable finance in Hong Kong.

On the personal front, Lei is a firm believer in giving back to the community, and regularly supports charities that help people overcome disadvantages, strengthen their abilities, and help them live more independently, successfully and productively. One of her more notable personal experiences was leading a team of five women to trek to the Mount Everest Base Camp, where the aim was to raise funds for the Nepal NGO Dolma Foundation that seeks to provide education to Nepal's underprivileged children and make a difference in their lives. Her team's participation successfully raised the money needed for a year's worth of school fees for the children.

Lei shared, "I am honoured to be recognised for my work and would like to dedicate this achievement to our people. I am fortunate to have the support of my wonderful team and together we will continue to lead the way in the digital space and provide more value to all our customers."

#### **Chandrani Chakraborty**

Throughout her career, Chandrani has played an instrumental role designing strategic and workplace initiatives critical to business delivery, change and growth; these included organisational design and optimisation, leadership development and talent identification.



In 2020, QBE Asia **was featured in the *Insurance Business Asia's Top Insurance Workplaces 2020* list. It was a huge endorsement of the Asia HR team under Chandrani's leadership, and the support provided through employee benefits**, development, coaching and training programs, as well as the inclusive and welcoming way new starters are inducted into the QBE family from recruitment selection onwards.

Outside of work, she continues her pro bono involvement as an Executive Coach and mentor to Women in Technology India, supporting the development of female talent in India, and is also a member of the Chief Executive Women Asia Forum.

Chandrani shared, "This is a great honour and I would like to dedicate this achievement to our people who have shaped QBE to be a diverse and inclusive workplace. I believe with the right hiring policies and an optimised organisational design that people can truly be their best at QBE. I am an advocate of embracing change and enabling the growth and development of our people."

**Read more:**

<https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/asia/news/breaking-news/insurance-business-asia-reveals-elite-women-2021-308209.aspx>

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