

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES 香港特許秘書公會

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INSTITUTE NEWS

- **HKICS General Meeting – Save the date!**

Members of HKICS will soon be receiving notice of the Institute's 2021 General Meeting (GM). Please save the date for Thursday, 15 July 2021, at 6.30pm! The principal place for the hybrid GM will be Theatre A, 22/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong. In light of social distancing requirements, members are encouraged to vote by proxy, or via the online platform, further details will be set out under the notice in the coming weeks.

The GM will enable members to vote on the proposed name change for our Institute to 'The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI) 香港公司治理公會'. This will bring us in line with the global transition of our profession under our new identity as Chartered Secretaries and Chartered Governance Professionals (CS/CGPs) in Hong Kong, and the Mainland, China. With over 70 years of history in Hong Kong, the Institute has more than 10,000 members and students.

As the China Division of The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI), its reach, and professional recognition, extends to all of CGI's nine divisions with more than 40,000 members and students worldwide. The name of HKCGI is in line with the recognition of the governance roles and responsibilities performed by its members, along with and the global convergence towards the importance of governance.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

- **HKICS Employee Vaccination Incentive**

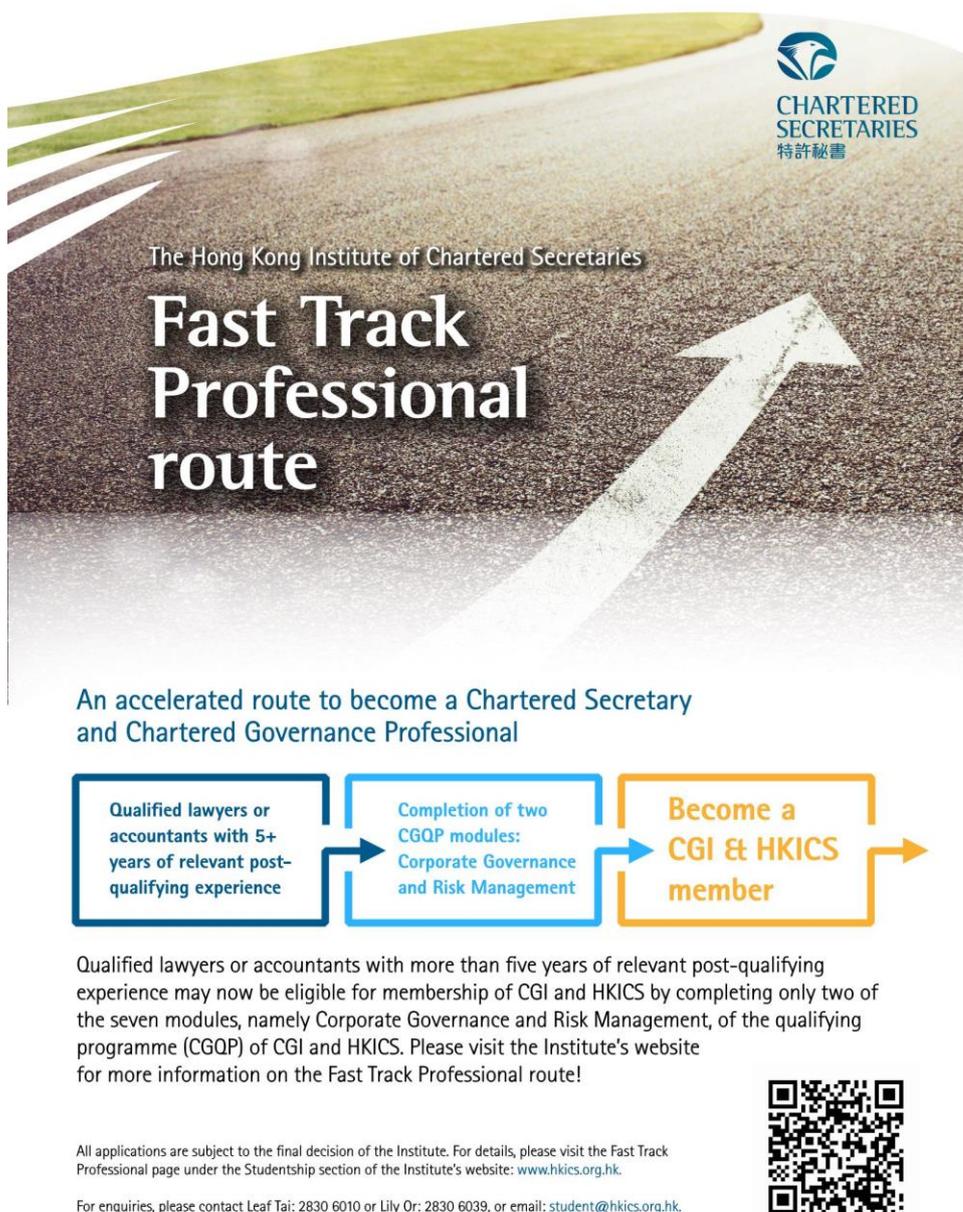
The objectives of the Institute – as an independent professional body dedicated to the promotion of its members' role in the formulation and effective implementation of good governance policies – are contingent upon the public health of the city at large.

The Institute supports the Covid-19 vaccination programme as a means of curbing the spread of the coronavirus in the local community. To this effect, the Institute is encouraging its employees to get vaccinated by implementing an incentive policy that entitles employees to take time off to receive the vaccination, as well as taking leave the day after inoculation, meaning two full days' leave for two vaccinations.

Given the greater importance and extended scope of work of a governance professional on a global basis in today's world, the Institute remains committed to the health of its members,

employees and society at large, and will continue to encourage vaccination efforts that contribute to the recovery of the city and the global financial community.

For details, please click [HERE](#).



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Fast Track Professional route

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An accelerated route to become a Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional

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Qualified lawyers or accountants with more than five years of relevant post-qualifying experience may now be eligible for membership of CGI and HKICS by completing only two of the seven modules, namely Corporate Governance and Risk Management, of the qualifying programme (CGQP) of CGI and HKICS. Please visit the Institute's website for more information on the Fast Track Professional route!

All applications are subject to the final decision of the Institute. For details, please visit the Fast Track Professional page under the Studentship section of the Institute's website: www.hkics.org.hk.

For enquiries, please contact Leaf Tai: 2830 6010 or Lily Or: 2830 6039, or email: student@hkics.org.hk.



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▪ **New Fast Track Professional route to CGI and Institute membership**

From 1 January 2021, a new Fast Track Professional route has become available for qualified lawyers and accountants (including those recognised by The Chartered Governance Institute and its Divisions in other jurisdictions) who wish to become Chartered Secretaries and Chartered Governance Professionals. The recorded video of the introduction session for the Fast Track Professional route is now available on the Institute's website.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

Enforcement Series – Practical Review of Major Enforcement Regimes and Themes (Six Online Webinars)

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- **Competition Law Enforcement**
30 June 2021
- **SFC Enforcement**
14 July 2021
- **FRC Enforcement**
3 August 2021
- **HKEX Enforcement I**
18 August 2021
- **HKMA Enforcement: Update**
7 September 2021
- **HKEX Enforcement II**
28 September 2021

Register Now!

▪ **Enforcement Series – Practical Review of Major Enforcement Regimes and Themes (Six Online Webinars)**

An important regulatory tool for regulators is enforcement. It educates the marketplace that regulators not only have the powers, but more importantly, will exercise them. The governance professional would most certainly not want their organisations, and people associated with them to be at the receiving end of enforcement. This is because being investigated is costly and stressful, and being found in breach carries pecuniary, reputational, and personal repercussions. The Institute is accordingly delighted to package and run a series of enforcement sessions from June to September 2021, with participation by regulators, and seasoned professionals, to provide a review of major enforcement regimes and themes.

Date and Time	Title	Speaker(s)
30 June 2021 4.00 pm–5.30 pm	Competition Law Enforcement Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Steven Parker, Executive Director (Legal Services), Competition Commission • Mr Stephen Ryan, Head (Legal Advisory), Competition Commission
14 July 2021 4.00 pm–5.30 pm	SFC Enforcement Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alan Linning, Partner, Mayer Brown
3 August 2021 4.00 pm–5.30 pm	FRC Enforcement Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Marek Grabowski, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Financial Reporting Council
18 August 2021 4.00 pm–5.30 pm	HKEX Enforcement (Part 1) Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ellie Pang, Chief Executive, The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries
7 September 2021 4.00 pm–5.30 pm	HKMA Enforcement: Update Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jill Wong, Partner, Howse Williams
28 September 2021 4.00 pm–5.30 pm	HKEX Enforcement (Part 2) Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Donna Wacker, Partner, Clifford Chance

- Mr Michael Wang, Consultant, Clifford Chance

For details of the six sessions, please click [HERE](#) for the brochure.

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Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards 2021

The Annual Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards organised by The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries aims at promoting the importance of good governance among local undergraduates and providing them with an opportunity to research, write and present their findings and opinions on the selected theme.

Theme Is it possible to tie governance with a sense of purpose given the myriad of stakeholders' interests?

Awards

- Best Paper HK\$11,000
- Best Presentation HK\$6,000
- Audience's Favourite Team HK\$2,000

... and more prizes

Enrol now!

Local undergraduates of all disciplines in Hong Kong are eligible to enrol for this competition in a team of two to four members.

Enrolment deadline	Friday 25 June 2021
Paper submission deadline	Saturday 31 July 2021
Presentation Competition (for the six finalist teams)	Saturday 9 October 2021

For enquiries, please contact Lily Or: 2830 6039 or email: student@hkics.org.hk

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- **Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards 2021**
HKICS Corporate Governance Paper Competition 2021 is now open for enrolment! Undergraduates of all disciplines in Hong Kong are eligible to enrol for this competition in teams of two to a maximum of four members before 25 June 2021!

For details, please click [HERE](#).

- **CGQP June 2021 Examinations postponement application**
Candidates who are unable to attend any of the scheduled CGQP June 2021 Examinations may apply for examination postponement by submitting a relevant medical certificate and/or supporting document(s). All applications must be submitted to the Institute on or before Friday 2 July 2021.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

For enquiries, please contact Leaf Tai: 2830 6010, or email: exam@hkics.org.hk.

- **New policy on studentship renewal, registration and CGQP exemption (effective from 1 July 2021)**

For details of student renewal fee and notes, please click [HERE](#).

For details of studentship registration application fee and notes, please click [HERE](#).

For details of CGQP exemption application, please click [HERE](#).

- **Recruitment - CGQP Examiner for Corporate Governance**

The Institute is now looking for an examiner for Corporate Governance under the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP).

Interested parties please send full resume to recruit@hkics.org.hk and quote 'EE_2021' by 9 July 2021.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

- **New 'Name Change Initiative' section on HKICS website**

Following the Institute's announcement on its proposed name change initiative in March 2021, a new '[Name Change Initiative](#)' section has been launched on the Institute's website.

Through the launch of this new section, the Institute aims to highlight pertinent information relating to the name change initiative, under the sub-headings:

- President's Message
- Latest News
- Video Recordings of Forums
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Timeline and Major Milestones

For details, please click [HERE](#).

- **Submission on Consultation Paper**

The Institute has made a submission on Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (HKEX) Consultation Paper on Review of Corporate Governance Code and Related Listing Rules (2021).

To view the submission, please click [HERE](#).

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Professional Development:

- **Being Stuck Because of COVID-19 – Did You Think of the Tax Consequence? (Webinar)**
Tax rules are complicated. The travel restrictions stemming from COVID-19 have resulted in a number of tax-related implications, such as the duplication of taxes resulting from one's nationality and country of residence. In fact, tax issues run much deeper. Governance professionals must be informed of key taxation concepts in order to serve an advisory role amidst a new wave of tax-related implications.

In this webinar to be held on 8 July 2021, two seasoned tax professionals will discuss the following topics:

- The concept of Permanent Establishment (PE) and OECD's guidelines
- Unintended COVID/Mainland's tax implications
- Hong Kong and the Mainland salaries and individual income tax implications

- HKSAR COVID tax relief measures
- The need to raise awareness on tax-related issues
- Introduction to the web-based travel tracker

For details and registration, please click [HERE](#).

- **Upcoming ECPD webinars/seminars are available for enrolment**
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- **Register for video-recorded CPD seminars**
[ENROL](#)

Membership:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
9 July 2021	Easy recycling tips to save the environment and money (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
24 July 2021	Mentorship Programme Training – Skills for effective inter-generational communication (English session) (Free training)	By invitation only
7 August and 14 August 2021	Full body workout for office workers (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
28 August 2021	Community Service – Soap Recycling (Cantonese session) (Free event)	Enrol

For enquiries, please contact Vicky Lui: 2830 6088, or email: member@hkics.org.hk.

Studentship:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
14 July 2021	Student Ambassadors Programme: Practical wisdom for professionals (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	By invitation only
22 July 2021	Governance Professionals Information Session (Putonghua session) (Free webinar)	Enrol

For enquiries, please contact Lily Or: 2830 6039, or email: student@hkics.org.hk.

REMINDERS

- **Studentship renewal fee – Deadline: 23 June 2021!**
Students whose studentship expired in April 2021 are reminded to settle their renewal payments. Failure to settle the renewal payment by the deadline will result in the removal of studentship.
- **Fellowship and associateship application deadlines in 2021:**

Application deadline	Approval date
Friday 30 July	Thursday 2 September
Friday 8 October	Thursday 18 November

- **CPD declaration**
All members and graduates are required to declare the fulfilment of their CPD requirements online by 31 July 2021. This will require 15 CPD hours in total, of which 3 ECPD hours should be from the Institute's ECPD designated courses and activities for the 2020/2021 CPD year (i.e. 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021).
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- **Consequences of CPD non-compliance**
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- **Corporate Package 2021/2022**
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- **Practitioner's Endorsement application 2021/2022**
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- **Fee structure 2020/2021**
[Membership, Graduateship and Affiliated Person fee schedule](#)
[Studentship fee schedule](#)
- **Fellowship benefits factsheet**
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- **Benefits and services for members, graduates and students**
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- **Postgraduate Programme in Corporate Governance in the Mainland**
The Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) has launched the Postgraduate Programme in Corporate Governance (PGPCG) in Shanghai and Shenzhen as from 2016 and 2019 respectively. Students who have completed the PGPCG and obtained the OUHK Master of Corporate Governance degree are eligible to apply for full exemption under the Institute's Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP).

The relevant contact persons for the programmes are set out below:

For PGPCG in Shenzhen: Shenzhen Campus, Harbin Institute of Technology 哈尔滨工业大学深圳研究院	Contact person: Ms Wang Yuan (王媛) Tel: (86) 0755-26727130/7110
<i>For details, please click HERE.</i>	
For PGPCG in Shanghai: Eastern China University of Science and Technology 上海华东理工大学	Contact person: Mr Kong Wei (孔巍) Tel: (86) 021-6425 1139
<i>For details, please click HERE.</i>	

- **Update of CGQP syllabus and recommended study materials**
The updated syllabus and recommended study materials are now available online.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

- **Learning support for CGQP examinations preparation**
Videos of the student gatherings for CGQP examinations preparation are available on the Institute's website under the Studentship Section.

To view the videos, please click [HERE](#).

Videos of the examination technique workshops and student seminars are available on the Institute's website under the Studentship Section.

To subscribe the video, please click [HERE](#)

CGQP past papers and online study materials are available on the Institute's website and the PrimeLaw online platform respectively.

For questions regarding the past papers, please contact the Education and Examinations Section: 2881 6177, or email: student@hkics.org.hk. For technical questions regarding the PrimeLaw account, please contact Wolters Kluwer Hong Kong's customer service: hkics@wolterskluwer.com.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

FEATURED JOB OPENINGS

Company Name	Position
Conpak CPA Ltd	Company Secretarial Manager
China Gas Holdings Ltd	Company Secretarial Assistant
The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries	Company Secretarial Assistant (Ref: CSA2021-05)
HKB Corporate Services Ltd	Officer/Assistant – Corporate Services
Vistra (Hong Kong) Ltd	Senior Associate, Technical Services
Computershare	AVP/VP, Client Development, Governance Services

If you are looking for career opportunities, please visit [Featured Job Openings](#) online for the latest update.

If you are hiring, please click [HERE](#) for details.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

■ Bulletin Board Updates (BBUs)

[BBU No. 500 \(2021\)](#) – CR news update: United Nations Security Council Sanctions against ISIL and Al-Qaida

[BBU No. 499 \(2021\)](#) – FSTB news update: Consultation on legislative proposals to enhance anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regulation in Hong Kong

[BBU No. 498 \(2021\)](#) – FSTB news update: Responding to public concerns – Improvement measures for the New Inspection Regime on Companies Register

[BBU No. 497 \(2021\)](#) – HKEX news update

■ PCPD webinar on 'Data Protection in the Age of Big Data'

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong (PCPD), will organise a webinar on 'Data Protection in the Age of Big Data'. This webinar will be presented as a PCPD 25th Anniversary event, and will have a guest speaker from the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI).

For details and registration, please click [HERE](#).

■ 2021 Outstanding Women Professionals & Entrepreneurs Award

The Hong Kong Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Association (HKWPEA) is proud to present the 2021 Outstanding Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Award – which honours and celebrates the achievements of women in Hong Kong.

It recognises women professionals and entrepreneurs who have made significant contributions in their work and to society. These are women who exemplify high integrity and ethical standards, providing outstanding role models to the community locally and globally.

Any outstanding woman professional or entrepreneur who holds a valid Hong Kong Identity Card is eligible for nomination. A maximum of six women will be chosen for the 2021 Outstanding Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Award. Individuals and organisations are invited to nominate on or before 31 August 2021.

For details, please click [HERE](#).

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