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INSTITUTE NEWS



The banner features a background of a modern building facade with blue and white lines. A purple callout box contains the text: 'ACRU 2020', 'Date: Friday 5 June 2020', and 'Time: 8.55am-6.00pm'. A white circular badge on the left says 'Early bird deadline on 15 May 2020'. The Chartered Secretaries logo is in the top right corner. A dark blue bar at the bottom of the banner reads 'Join our first online conference | REGISTER NOW!'.

- **HKICS ACRU 2020 – Early Bird Offer Extended to 15 May 2020!**

The Institute's first ONLINE Annual Corporate Regulatory Update (ACRU 2020) which will be held on Friday 5 June 2020 allows participants to attend from anywhere they wish! Bring yourself up-to-date with the latest regulatory developments in ESG governance, disclosure issues and beyond from the regulators.

Due to overwhelming demand, the Early Bird discount offer will now be extended to Friday 15 May 2020. Secure your seat before the Early Bird offer expires to avoid disappointment!

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

For enquiries, please call the Professional Development Section on: 2881 6177, or email: cpd@hkics.org.hk.

- **AGMs & COVID-19: Helping NGOs Navigate the Maze**

The Institute believes that it is important to provide guidance to non-governmental organisations as part of the social responsibilities of the governance professionals. In this vein, the Institute's Public Governance Interest Group has issued a guidance note on 17 April 2020 on the vexed topic of how to run annual general/general meetings in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the HKSAR Government's social distancing requirements.

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

- **Fee structure 2020/2021**

The Council, having taken into consideration the current financial resources of the Institute and circumstances in the community, has resolved to maintain the annual subscription fee and all other fees for members, graduates, students and Affiliated Persons for the year 2020/2021 at the same level as for 2019/2020.

The notice for members and graduates, together with the debit note for the year 2020/2021, will be sent to all members and graduates by email to their designated email addresses in July 2020. In view of the impact of the novel coronavirus, the deadline for annual subscription payments for the year 2020/2021 is extended to **Thursday 31 December 2020**. Failure to pay by the deadline will constitute grounds for membership or graduateship removal.

In addition, the Institute continues to offer concessionary subscription rates, being retired, reduced and hardship rates, to members who satisfy the necessary criteria and have made a prior application to the Institute.

For membership, graduateship and Affiliated Person fee schedule, please click [HERE](#)

For studentship fee schedule, please click [HERE](#).

For application for concessionary rates, please click [HERE](#).

- **Join Our Online Community**

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

- **PRC company secretarial practical training series**

Companies in Hong Kong are commonly used to hold business entities in the mainland of China (the Mainland). However, overseeing PRC compliance issues may be a huge challenge for practitioners in Hong Kong as PRC regulations and practices are different. The Institute is organising a series of PRC Company Secretarial Practice for members, graduates and students to learn the requirements and practices in the Mainland with the first webinar to be held on 12 May 2020.

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

- **May 2020 – June 2020 ECPD webinars/seminars are available for enrolment**
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- **Register for online CPD seminars**
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- **Fun & Interest Group – Free wellness webinars from May to June 2020**

- **Stretching exercises at home (Webinar) on 9 May 2020**

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- **Stress management in time of coronavirus (Webinar) on 27 May 2020**

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- **Use of essential oil for boosting immune system (Webinar) on 16 June 2020**

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- **Fun & Interest Group – Candle Making Workshop on 23 July 2020**

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- **Virtual Governance Professionals Information Session on 7 May 2020**

The Institute organises Governance Professionals Information Session to introduce the dual qualifications for talents interested to join us. Please invite your friends and colleagues who are interested to join the Institute as a student to attend this Virtual information session to learn more.

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- **Student Ambassador Programme (SAP): Virtual seminar on ESG Reporting on 26 May 2020**

The Institute will organise a free virtual seminar to our student ambassadors and current undergraduates who are interested in participating in the Corporate Governance Paper

Competition and Presentation Awards 2020. Institute's registered students are also welcome to join the seminar.

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- **Governance Professionals Career Day 2020 on 27 June 2020**

The Governance Professionals Career Day 2020 will be held on 27 June 2020 for local undergraduates to learn more about the Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional qualification as well as the career prospects as governance professionals.

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- **Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards 2020**

To promote the awareness of good governance among local undergraduates, the Institute has been organising the Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards since 2006. This year, the topic is 'ESG Reporting: A Value Proposition? Yes or No?'. Six finalist teams will be selected from the contestants to present their papers and compete for the Best Presentation Award on Saturday 19 September 2020.

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REMINDERS

- **CPD Declaration**

All members and graduates are required to fulfil 15 CPD hours of learning of which 3 ECPD hours are from the Institute's ECPD activities for 2019/2020 CPD year (i.e. 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020). Online declaration is now available at the Institute's website login area.

[ONLINE DECLARATION](#)

- **CPD Policy**

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- **Individual Package 2019/2020**

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- **Corporate Package 2019/2020**

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- **Practitioner's Endorsement application 2019/2020**

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- **Application for concessionary subscription rate for 2020/2021 (Application deadline: 31 May 2020)**

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- **Fellowship and associateship application deadlines in 2020**

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- **Fellowship benefits factsheet**

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- **Learning Support for CGQP Examinations Preparation**

Videos of three student gatherings on the introduction to use the PrimeLaw online platform and explanation of the scope, content and expectation of each examination module and pilot paper, are available at the Studentship section of the Institute's website.

CGQP pilot papers and online study materials are available at the Institute's website login area and PrimeLaw online platform respectively.

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

- **Studentship renewal fee**

Students whose studentship expired in March 2020 are reminded to settle the renewal payment by Saturday 23 May 2020.

FEATURED JOB OPENINGS

Company Name	Position
A.S. Watson Retail (HK) Limited	Assistant Company Secretary

If you are looking to build a better career, 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. 285 \(2020\)](#) – Insurance Authority News Update: Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41) (“the Ordinance”) Submission of statutory, actuarial and financial returns
- ❖ [BBU No. 284 \(2020\)](#) – HKMA News Update: Circular to issuers of SFC-authorized paper gold scheme
- ❖ [BBU No. 283 \(2020\)](#) – SFC News Update: Circular to Licensed Corporations and Associated Entities - Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Financing of Terrorism
- ❖ [BBU No. 282 \(2020\)](#) – CR News Update: Holding of General Meetings by Companies during the period of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic
- ❖ [BBU No. 281 \(2020\)](#) – The HKSAR Government News Update: Announcement by Judiciary
- ❖ [BBU No. 280 \(2020\)](#) – SFC News Update: SFC regulatory response to COVID-19
- ❖ [BBU No. 279 \(2020\)](#) – The HKSAR Government News Update: Latest directions under Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation and Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation
- ❖ [BBU No. 278 \(2020\)](#) – CR News Update: Electronic Services Suspension
- ❖ [BBU No. 277 \(2020\)](#) – Official Receiver's Office News Update: Provisional Trustees/Trustees under the Bankruptcy Ordinance and Provisional Liquidators/Liquidators under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance
- ❖ [BBU No. 276 \(2020\)](#) – The HKSAR Government's News Update: Package of measures to support individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19
- ❖ [BBU No. 275 \(2020\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department News Update: Departmental interpretation and practice notes No. 31 (Revised) – Advance Rulings

■ Invest Hong Kong Webinar 13 May 2020

Invest Hong Kong is holding a webinar on ‘Business Support Measures – Special 100% Loan Guarantee Scheme and SME Financing Guarantee Scheme on 13 May 2020 from 11.00am to 12.00 noon.

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

For registration, please [RSVP](#) by 12 May 2020.

■ Update of Corresponding Address

Members, graduates and students are reminded to update their personal contact details for the Institute's communication purpose directly via [Members' Login Area](#) on the Institute's website: www.hkics.org.hk. For enquiries, please contact the Membership or Studentship Section on: 2881 6177, or email: member@hkics.org.hk or student@hkics.org.hk (as appropriate).

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