

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

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### INSTITUTE NEWS



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Building the Modern Board: A 20/20 Vision  
*Corporate Governance Conference 2020*

25-26 September 2020 | Venue: Ballroom, JW Marriott Hotel, Hong Kong

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特許秘書

- **12th biennial Corporate Governance Conference (CGC) – Building the Modern Board: A 20/20 Vision**  
Stay tuned and book early for this biennial signature event of the Institute as places fill quickly.
- ✓ 25 September 2020 at the Hong Kong JW Marriott Hotel (6.5 ECPD points)
- ✓ 26 September 2020 site visits for conference goers (3.0 ECPD points)

In 1998 we began our two-yearly Corporate Governance Conferences ( CGC ). More than 20 years later, our CGC has become one of the leading events in the corporate governance calendar, for Hong Kong, our region and beyond.

The Board is central to the effective governance of any organisation ; now more than ever with the challenges of working through the Covid-19 and all its consequences. For this year's Conference we will be bringing together a team of outstanding speakers and panellists to share their experience, expertise and insights on how to build a board which delivers excellence in governance, meets the needs of stakeholders, maximises its effectiveness, manages risk and embraces new technology.

As always, the CGC will be :-

- Practical - offering practical advice that can be deployed in the workplace;
- Relevant - tackling issues which relate to you, wherever you work, be it in a listed company, growing SME, NGO, social enterprise or public sector entity;
- Enabling - enhancing your skills and awareness to enable you to make an even stronger contribution to good governance;
- Forward-looking - addressing not just today's demands on corporate governance , but those you will face in the coming years; and

- Interactive (and never boring!) - as always, the Conference will be designed to maximise your own participation through our electronic voting system and extended Q&A sessions.

Whatever your involvement with good governance, be it as a director, manager, company secretary, lawyer, accountant, investor, stakeholder or governance professional of any kind, come and join in the debate at our Corporate Governance Conference 2020.

For details, please stay tuned to the Institute's website: [www.hkics.org.hk](http://www.hkics.org.hk).

- **Membership/graduateship renewal for the financial year 2020/2021**

The renewal notice, together with the debit note for the financial year 2020/2021 (2020/2021), has been sent to all members and graduates by email on 1 July 2020 to their email address registered with the Institute. In view of the challenges brought by COVID-19, and as a caring professional body, the Council has made the decision to offer a relief of 10% discount on the annual subscription fee for 2020/2021 (the said fee) for members and graduates, as well as extending the deadline for payment of that fee to 31 December 2020.

In line with the increasing use of technology and in support of preserving the environment, the Institute will cease sending printed membership/graduateship renewal notices from 2020/2021. All members and graduates are highly encouraged to settle their subscription online via their HKICS user account. Please ensure that your annual subscription is paid on time. Failure to pay by the deadline will constitute grounds for membership/graduateship removal.

For enquiries, please contact the Membership Section: 2881 6177, or email: [member@hkics.org.hk](mailto:member@hkics.org.hk).

- **Nominations for HKICS Prize 2020**

Nominations are now open for HKICS Prize 2020. This is an opportunity to recognise individuals who have made significant contributions to the Institute and the Chartered Secretarial and governance profession over a substantial period. Members are invited to submit nominations to the Secretariat on or before Wednesday 30 September 2020.

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- **Join Our Online Community**

Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Weibo](#), WeChat and also join our professional network on [LinkedIn](#). We need your engagement to build a strong Institute together!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

- **Mainland Company Secretarial Practice Series – online seminars**

Hong Kong incorporated companies are commonly used as investment vehicles for holding business entities in the Mainland. Overseeing compliance issues of Mainland entities has become an important part of the work of company secretaries and other practitioners in Hong Kong. The Institute is organising 6 sessions of Mainland Company Secretarial Practice with the aim of providing members, graduates and students with an overview of the requirements and practices applicable to Mainland entities.

For details of the first session on 27 July, please click [HERE](#); for the second session on 24 August, please click [HERE](#).

- **Upcoming ECPD webinars/seminars are available for enrolment**

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- **Register for online CPD seminars**

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- **香港精英運動團隊分享 – 與體院一起對抗新冠肺炎的戰役 (free webinar) 17 July 2020**

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- **Mentorship Programme Mentees' Training – Goal Setting, Feedback, Handling Difficult Conversations (by invitation only) 18 July 2020**

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

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- **Virtual Student Seminars on 'Corporate Secretaryship and Compliance' – Shares and Share Capital (Part 1 and Part 2)**

The Institute is organising two virtual seminars on 20 August 2020 and 10 September 2020 respectively to help students better understand the provisions and requirements of the Companies Ordinance (Cap 622) with reference to the syllabus of the Corporate Secretaryship and Compliance module of the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme.

The speaker will walk through the basic provisions of the relevant law and regulations and guide students tackle practical issues in the form of case studies. The outline of these two seminars are as follows:

Part 1: changes in share capital including increase, reduction, buyback, rights issue and creation of charges

Part 2: issues on capital restructuring including transfer of shares, stamp duty relief, amalgamation, liquidation and de-registration.

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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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- **CSj goes green**

As part of its commitment to helping preserve the environment, the Institute made CSj available on its [website](#) from August 2015. To support this green initiative, the Institute will send CSj as an electronic version (eCSj) to all students from July 2020 onwards, each of whom will receive an email with eCSj attached as soon as the publication is ready.

## REMINDERS

- **CPD Declaration (Submission deadline: 31 July 2020)**

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 2020/2021**

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- **Corporate Package 2020/2021**

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- **Practitioner's Endorsement application 2020/2021**

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- **Fee structure 2020/2021**  
[Membership, graduateship and Affiliated Person fee schedule](#)  
[Studentship fee schedule](#)
- **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 four student gatherings with the following themes are available at the Studentship section of the Institute's website:
  1. Introduction to use the PrimeLaw online study materials platform
  2. Updates on CGQP examinations (Management/Accounting/Finance modules)
  3. Updates on CGQP examinations (Law modules)
  4. Examination experience sharing

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: 2881 6177, or email: [student@hkics.org.hk](mailto:student@hkics.org.hk). For technical questions regarding the PrimeLaw account, please contact Wolters Kluwer Hong Kong's customer service: [HKPrime@wolterskluwer.com](mailto:HKPrime@wolterskluwer.com).*

- **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 since 2016 and 2019 respectively. The PGPCG will be launched in Beijing in Autumn 2020 as well. Students who completed the PGPCG and obtained the OUHK Master of Corporate Governance degree is eligible to apply for full exemption of the Institute's Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP). The upcoming cohort of PGPCG is expected to commence in Autumn 2020 in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Members, graduates and students are encouraged to pass the information to their friends and contacts who are interested to enrol the PGPCG in the Mainland about this programme.

For enrolment, please contact Ms Wang Yuan (王媛) of Shenzhen Campus, Harbin Institute of Technology 哈尔滨工业大学深圳研究院.

*For more details, interested parties may contact:*

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

- **Studentship renewal fee**  
Students whose studentship expired in May 2020 are reminded to settle the renewal payment by Thursday 23 July 2020.

Company Name	Position
Corporate Services Ltd	<a href="#">Company Secretarial Assistant (/Sr.) /Company Secretarial Supervisor</a>

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. 323 \(2020\)](#) – CC News Update: Competition Commission announces senior management movement
- ❖ [BBU No. 322 \(2020\)](#) – CC News Update: Commission publishes Policy on Recommended Pecuniary Penalties for anti-competitive conduct
- ❖ [BBU No. 321 \(2020\)](#) – SFC Annual Report 2019-2020
- ❖ [BBU No. 320 \(2020\)](#) – CR News Update: Companies Registry Electronic Search Services Suspension
- ❖ [BBU No. 319 \(2020\)](#) – HKEX News Update: HKEX to Launch new Sustainable and Green Exchange
- ❖ [BBU No. 318 \(2020\)](#) – The HKSAR Government Press Release: Relaxation of measures explained

### ■ 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](http://www.hkics.org.hk). For enquiries, please contact the Membership or Studentship Section: 2881 6177, or email: [member@hkics.org.hk](mailto:member@hkics.org.hk) or [student@hkics.org.hk](mailto:student@hkics.org.hk) (as appropriate).

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