

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

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INSTITUTE NEWS

- **Building Our New Identity – Invitation to Members’ and Students’ Forums on HKICS’s name change initiative**

The governance professional increasingly performs a multitude of governance related roles and responsibilities, and our global institute has been renamed ‘The Chartered Governance Institute’ to reflect this. With general support from regulators, members and other stakeholders consulted, HKICS is now moving forward with the proposal to be renamed as ‘The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (香港公司治理公會)’ this year.

The major rationale for the proposed change in our Institute’s name is to better represent our members, whose roles and responsibilities have now evolved to embrace not only the traditional company secretarial/administrative, but also governance related roles and responsibilities. The change of name will help the Institute to promote recognition of our members as governance professionals, and to enhance employment and other business opportunities within a wider array of governance related functions.

The Institute will host two focus group meetings (via Zoom), and the following series of Members’ and Students’ Forums. These are aimed to provide further information, and to take in views on the name change initiative. There will be 0.5 CPD point earned for attending one of the Forums:

Date	Time	Title	Enrolment
9 April 2021	1.00pm–2.00pm	Members’ Forum (Putonghua session)	ENROL
13 April 2021	6:30pm–7:30pm	Members’ Forum (English session)	ENROL
15 April 2021	6:30pm–7:30pm	Members’ Forum (Cantonese session)	ENROL
20 April 2021	6:30pm–7:30pm	Students’ Forum (Cantonese session)	ENROL

For enquiries regarding enrolment of forums, please contact the Membership Section: 2881 6177, or email: member@hkics.org.hk.

- **Student Ambassadors Programme (SAP) - Summer Internship 2021 – call for hiring**

The Institute invites companies and organisations to offer summer internship opportunities to local undergraduates under the Institute’s Student Ambassadors Programme (SAP). In addition to providing opportunities, the SAP programme will also help to promote interests for the next generation to seek the Institute’s dual Chartered Secretary and Chartered

Governance Professional qualifications. The internship period would run from June to August 2021, and there is flexibility for an intern period of up to a maximum of eight weeks.

Members who are interested in offering summer internship positions, please contact Matthew Liu: 2830 6001, or email: student@hkics.org.hk.

▪ **Request for proposals: Rebranding and Website Revamp**

The Institute seeks to engage a branding agency that can help the Institute to establish a brand position encompassing a wider remit of governance that goes beyond the current Institute's brand that is seen as being limited to company secretarial practice.

The Institute is also seeking to engage a Website Solution Provider to revamp the Institute's website to ensure that its design and structure will match the new brand.

The deadline for response is 19 March 2021.

To view the Request for Proposals – Rebranding, please click [HERE](#).

To view the Request for Proposals – Website Revamp, please click [HERE](#).

▪ **CGI Webinar: 'Women in the boardroom: An international governance stocktake'**

The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI) will soon release its thought-leadership report titled 'Women in the boardroom: An international governance stocktake'. During the last decade, the pace of change in board gender diversity has been varied and the report should provide thoughts especially to the laggards, including Hong Kong on what more needs to be done.

CGI, on the back of the stocktake, and as part of International Women's Day [#ChooseToChallenge](#), will also host a webinar on 11 March 2021. CGI's Immediate Past International President and Institute Past President Edith Shih FCG(CS, CGP) FCS(CS, CGP)(PE) will be one of the panellists at the webinar. There will be 1.5 CPD points earned for attendance.

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

▪ **Global Governance Voice**

The Corporate Secretaries International Association Limited (CSIA), of which HKICS is a Founder member, issued the latest edition of the Global Governance Voice (GGV), covering a wide range of topics from how boards respond under stress, to ESG and why it matters to the corporate governance industry.

To read the GGV, please click [HERE](#).

▪ **HKICS 12th biennial Corporate Governance Conference 2020 television broadcast**

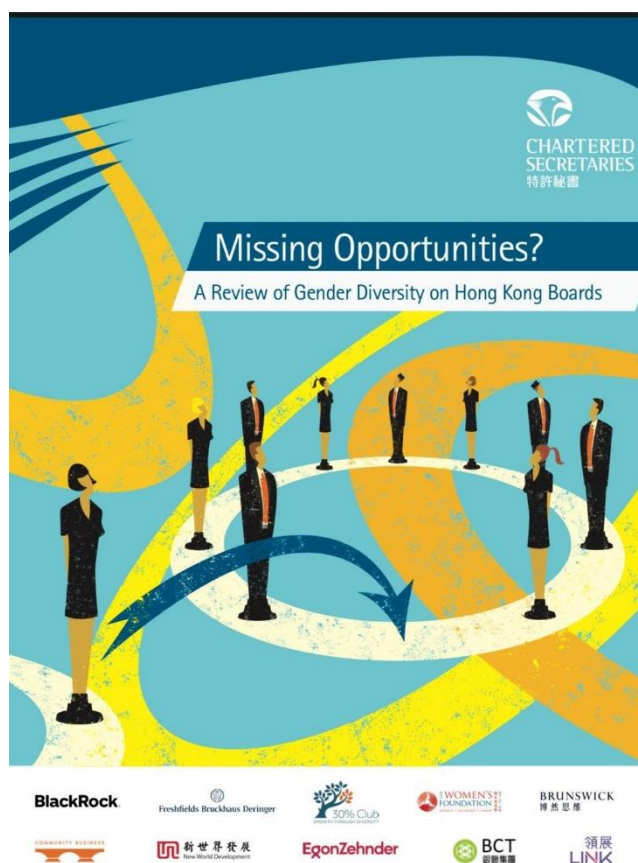
The Institute's 12th Biennial Corporate Governance Conference 2020 (CGC 2020), titled 'Building the Modern Board: A 20/20 Vision' was held on 25 and 26 September 2020. This was in hybrid mode, and was video-recorded by The Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK). The recordings will be aired on OUHK's 'Knowledge for All' on TV Pearl, please tune in as follows, especially if you missed CGC 2020:

Date	Time	Sessions
7 March 2021	10.00am	How to bring the board onboard?
21 March 2021	10.00am	How to bring the best out of the board?
4 April 2021	10.05am	How to protect the board?
19 April 2021	10.05am	How to build tomorrow's board?

To learn more about the speakers, please click [HERE](#).

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Professional Development:



- **Missing Opportunities? A Review of Gender Diversity on Hong Kong Boards (Webinar)**
The Institute published a review report titled, 'Missing Opportunities? A Review of Gender Diversity on Hong Kong Boards' on 9 February 2021.

The review report shows the inadequate representation of women on Hong Kong boards of listed companies and calls for the regulatory imposition of a 30% target for women on boards over a six-year period. This target will be voluntary, but only in the sense that it will be subjected to a 'comply or explain' regime.

A webinar is scheduled on 8 March 2021 to complement the review report and will be chaired by Institute President Gillian Meller FCG FCS. Among our speakers and panellists are industry professionals and global leaders in governance, with a wide range of expertise and experiences. The following topics will be discussed:

- Gender diversity on Hong Kong listed companies' boards
- the implications of Hong Kong's performance
- the options to achieve better diversity
- the actions needed to bring those options to reality

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

- **Security Token Offering: Overview and Case Sharing (Webinar)**
Security token offering (STO) refers to the issuance of security tokens which are digital representations of asset ownerships or economic rights using blockchain technology. STO evolved from the less regulated coin offering and was constructed in compliance with securities laws. The higher level of certainty encourages both fundraisers and investors to act with confidence, thus leading to enhanced liquidity.

The following topics will be discussed during the webinar by a seasoned professional from the Bitcoin Community on 22 March 2021:

- What is STO
- Global Outlook on STO
- STO in Hong Kong
- Hong Kong's Regulatory Approach for Virtual Assets
- The benefits and challenges
- Case Studies

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

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

Membership:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
13 March 2021	Mentorship Programme Mentees' Training – Motivation tips and benefits for mentees (By invitation only)	Enrol
19 March 2021	Fun & Interest Group - Home-organising tips to declutter your mind (執屋斷捨離) (Free webinar)	Enrol
10 April 2021	Mentorship Programme Mentors' Training – Communicating across the generational divide (By invitation only)	Enrol
21 April 2021	Employment Opportunities for Governance Professionals in Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area (Free webinar)	Enrol

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

Studentship:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
9 March 2021	Student Gathering (2): How to study CGQP modules – session one (Law, Governance and Compliance modules) (Free webinar)	Enrol
23 March 2021	Student Gathering (3): How to study CGQP modules – session two (Accounting and Management modules) (Free webinar)	Enrol
27 March 2021	Online Governance Professionals Career Day 2021 (Free webinar)	Enrol
Mid-March to end of April 2021	Examination Technique Online Workshops (8 CGQP modules)	Enrol

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

REMINDERS

- **Fellowship and associateship application deadlines in 2021**

Application deadline	Approval dates
Friday 30 April	Thursday 3 June
Friday 30 July	Thursday 2 September
Friday 8 October	Thursday 18 November

- **CPD Declaration (Deadline: 31 July 2021)**

All members and graduates are required to declare the fulfilment of their CPD requirements online. 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).

[ONLINE DECLARATION](#)

- **Studentship renewal fee**

Students whose studentship expired in January 2021 are reminded to settle their renewal payments by Tuesday 23 March 2021. Failure to settle the renewal payment by the deadline will result in the removal of studentship.

- **CPD Policy**

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- **Consequences of CPD non-compliance**

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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 benefits factsheet**

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- **Enrolment of examination of the June 2021 examination diet**

The June 2021 examination diet of the CGQP is open for enrolment from 16 February 2021 to 31 March 2021. All examination enrolments must be made online via the login area of the Institute's website.

For details of the examination timetable and the key dates, please click [HERE](#).

- **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 who wish to become Chartered Secretaries and Chartered Governance Professionals. The recorded video of the earlier introduction session providing further information on the eligibility and application procedures for the Fast Track Professional route is now available on the Institute's website.

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

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

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

FEATURED JOB OPENINGS

Company Name	Position
NagaCorp Ltd	Company Secretarial Manager
Sing Tao Management Services Ltd	Assistant Company Secretary
Ocorian Corporate Services (HK) Ltd	Senior Corporate Administrator
Ocorian Corporate Services (HK) Ltd	Corporate Administrator
LCCS Ltd	Company Secretary
Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Ltd	Head of Corporate Secretariat
CK Asset Holdings Ltd	Manager, Company Secretarial Department (Ref: DYI-CSM)
Pacific Basin Shipping (HK) Ltd	Company Secretarial Assistant - Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers	Institute Secretary
Shenzhen International Holdings Ltd	Senior Manager - Company Secretarial Department
Regent Pacific Group Limited	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. 454 \(2021\)](#) – CR News Update: United Nations Security Council Sanctions Against Yemen

[BBU No. 453 \(2021\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department News Updates

[BBU No. 452 \(2021\)](#) – CR News Update: United Nations Security Council Sanctions in relation to Somalia

[BBU No. 451 \(2021\)](#) – HKEX News Update: Updates to Rules and Guidance on Listing Matters

[BBU No. 450 \(2021\)](#) – SFC News Update: SFC and FRC to enhance collaboration

[BBU No. 449 \(2021\)](#) – HKMA News Update: Fintech Co-operation between the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates

■ 100 organisations received the inaugural Privacy-Friendly Awards

The 'Privacy-Friendly Awards 2021' organised by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD), has been successfully concluded, and the Awards Presentation Ceremony was held on 4 March 2021.

For details and the list of awardees, please visit the webpage of 'Privacy-Friendly Awards 2021 [HERE](#).

■ Join our Online Community

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