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Date: Friday 11 June 2021
Time: 9.15am–5.45pm

Early Bird
Deadline on
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- **HKICS 22nd Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update (Online Conference) – Register Now!**
The 22nd Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update (ACRU 2021) of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS) will be held online on Friday, 11 June 2021. It is our

privilege to have The Honourable Christopher Hui Ching-yu JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (FSTB), The HKSAR Government, as our Guest of Honour.

ACRU 2021 will contain a sharing by the Government of some of the important initiatives for the promotion of Hong Kong as an international financial centre, as well as providing an update of important emerging regulatory developments, concerns, and enforcement trends. FSTB and the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data will be joining the Companies Registry, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Securities and Futures Commission this year. Early bird offer expires on Friday, 30 April 2021.

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

- **Enrolment of examination of the June 2021 examination diet – Deadline: 31 March 2021!**
The June 2021 examination diet of the CGQP is open for enrolment from 16 February 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](#).

- **HKICS holiday notice**
The Institute's Secretariat offices in Hong Kong and Beijing will have a special holiday arrangement during the Easter holidays and Ching Ming Festival.

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

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Professional Development:



The poster features a balance scale on a light blue background. On the left side of the scale, there are stacks of gold coins and a red pushpin. On the right side, there are three white pushpins. The text 'Shareholder Activism in Hong Kong' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, the speaker's name 'Mr Ian Mann, Partner Harney Westwood & Riegels' is listed. The date and time 'Wednesday 14 April 2021 6.45 pm – 8.15 pm' are shown at the bottom right. The Chartered Secretaries logo is in the top right corner.

**Shareholder Activism
in Hong Kong**

Mr Ian Mann, Partner
Harney Westwood & Riegels

Wednesday 14 April 2021
6.45 pm – 8.15 pm

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- **Shareholder Activism in Hong Kong (Webinar)**
Shareholder activists acquire shares in listed companies to effect administrative and organisational changes. At times, these issues are addressed at the extraordinary general meeting (EGM) or the annual general meeting (AGM). As a last resort, unresolved issues can be taken to courts, often in the courts of Bermuda and the Cayman Islands where the majority of these listed companies are incorporated. Governance professionals must have a thorough understanding of the potential actions of the activist shareholders and be well-informed prior to holding EGMs and AGMs.

In this webinar on 14 April 2021, a seasoned legal practitioner will address the following:

- What are the US strategies that are being used by minority shareholders against listed companies?
- Are activist investment funds being supported by more traditional 'passive investors' behind the scenes?
- How should the boards respond to activist campaigns?
- How is social media being used to attack company boards?
- Can requisitioning a meeting become contentious?
- When will activist shareholders' votes be 'disallowed' by a court?

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
9 April 2021	Members' forum on HKICS's name change initiative (Putonghua session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
10 April 2021	Mentorship programme mentors' training – Communicating across the generational divide (English session) (Free webinar)	By invitation only
13 April 2021	Members' forum on HKICS's name change initiative (English session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
15 April 2021	Members' forum on HKICS's name change initiative (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
21 April 2021	Employment opportunities for governance professionals in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
26 May 2021	Run better: Correct running posture and techniques (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
12 June 2021	Fun & Interest Group – Candle making workshop (Morning session) (Cantonese session) (Admission fee is required)	Enrol
12 June 2021	Fun & Interest Group – Candle making workshop (Afternoon session) (Cantonese session) (Admission fee is required)	Enrol

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

Studentship:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
Mid-March to end of April 2021	Examination technique online workshops (8 CGQP modules) (English sessions) (Admission fee is required)	Enrol
17 April 2021	HKICS Student Ambassadors Programme 2020/2021: Third gathering - forest immersion walk at Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (Cantonese session) (Free admission)	By invitation only
19 April 2021	Student gathering (4): CGQP examination experience sharing (English session) (Free webinar)	Enrol

20 April 2021	Students' forum on HKICS's name change initiative (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
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For enquiries, please contact Lily Or: 2830 6039, or email: student@hkics.org.hk.

REMINDERS

- **Studentship renewal fee**
Students whose studentship expired in February 2021 are reminded to settle their renewal payments by Friday 23 April 2021. 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 dates
Friday 30 April	Thursday 3 June
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).

[ONLINE DECLARATION](#)

- **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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- **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.

▪ **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 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](#).

▪ **Learning support for CGQP examinations preparation**

Videos of the following student gatherings are available on the Institute's website under the Studentship Section:

Topics	Links
Update of the CGQP and how to use the PrimeLaw online platform	To view the video, please click HERE .
How to study for the CGQP modules – session one (Law, Governance and Compliance modules)	To view the video, please click HERE .

CGQP past papers and online study materials are available at the Institute's website login area and 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.

FEATURED JOB OPENINGS

Company Name	Position
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd	Assistant Vice-President - Secretarial Services (PRC team)
LKSF Ltd	Company Secretarial Officer
Asia-Pacific Accounting & Secretarial Services Ltd	Intern – Corporate Secretarial Services
Asia-Pacific Accounting & Secretarial Services Ltd	Officer – Corporate Secretarial Services
Genting Hong Kong Ltd	Assistant Vice President – Company Secretarial
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

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. 469 \(2021\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department news update: Business registration advance notice – Suspension of instant business registration service (25 March 2021)

[BBU No. 468 \(2021\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department news updates

[BBU No. 467 \(2021\)](#) – CR News Update: Updating of specification of names of persons designated as terrorists or terrorist associates by the Committees of the United Nations Security Council

[BBU No. 466 \(2021\)](#) – CR News Update: United Nations Security Council sanctions against ISIL and Al-Qaida

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