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22nd ACRU ANNUAL CORPORATE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Early Bird Deadline on 15 May 2021

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- **HKICS 22nd Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update (Online Conference) – Book Now! Early Bird Offer Expiring!**
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. We are delighted to inform you that the Early Bird Offer has been extended to Saturday, 15 May 2021. It is our privilege to have The Honourable Christopher Hui Ching-yu JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, 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.

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

- **CSj goes green**

To support the preservation of the environment, eCSj has been made available on the Institute's [website](#) from August 2015 onwards. However, members and graduates can make a one-time selection during May each year for the print version for a year. In the absence of a selection, only eCSj would be provided. Please do the right thing and 'go green'.

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

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

The following policies on studentship renewal and registration were approved by the Council with the aim of streamlining the process of studentship renewal and registration. These policies will take effect from 2021/2022 onwards:

The studentship expiry date for all students will be unified and will now fall on the last day of the Institute's financial term each year, on 30 June. During the transition period in year 2021/2022, all students will be given a three-month period to settle their renewal fee, on a pro-rated basis, based on their current studentship expiry month.

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

Studentship for those who register/re-register from year 2021/2022 onwards will expire on 30 June of the following year, irrespective of the confirmation date of their studentship during the year. Applicants are required to pay the set studentship registration/re-registration fee upon application.

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

- **HKU SPACE CGQP Examination Preparatory Programme – Summer 2021 intake**

HKU SPACE has been endorsed by the Institute to organise the 'CGQP Examination Preparatory Programme', which will help students prepare for their CGQP examinations. The Summer 2021 intake will commence in June 2021.

For details, please contact HKU SPACE: 2867 8317, or email: hkics@hkuspace.hku.hk.

- **CSIA and PwC published survey report – Climate Change and The Corporate Secretary: Influencer or Implementer?**

Climate change is one of the most prominent threats to society, the environment, as well as our economies and the viability of businesses. CSIA collaborated with PwC South Africa to distribute an electronic survey to members and stakeholders from June to August 2020 to determine the role of the Corporate Secretary in influencing climate change initiatives in organisations.

The survey report indicate that risks and opportunities driven by climate change are influencing business decisions worldwide, and the survey report provides insights into the role of the corporate secretary in guiding effective climate change governance and organisational sustainability to protect the economy and preserve our planet.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the report.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Professional Development:

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

CHARTERED SECRETARIES
特許秘書

- **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.

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

Membership:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
18 May 2021	Fireside Chat Series with David Simmonds FCG FCS (English session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
26 May 2021	Run better: Correct running posture and techniques (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
4 June 2021	Fireside Chat Series with Agnes Cheuk ACG ACS (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
17 June 2021	Email scams, phone frauds & fund recovery actions (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
9 July 2021	Easy recycling tips to save the environment and money (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
7 August and 14 August 2021	Full body workout for office workers (Cantonese session) (Free webinar)	Enrol

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

Studentship:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
18 May 2021	Postgraduate Programme in Corporate Governance in Shenzhen – Information Session (Putonghua session) (Free webinar)	For details, please click HERE .
27 May 2021	Governance Professionals Information Session (English session) (Free webinar)	Enrol

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

REMINDERS

- **Studentship renewal fee – Deadline: 23 May 2021!**
Students whose studentship expired in March 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

- **Application for concessionary subscription rate for 2021/2022 – Deadline: 31 May 2021!**
The Institute continues to offer concessionary subscription rates to members who satisfy the necessary criteria. Online application for the concessionary subscription is now available.

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

- **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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- **Benefits and services for members, graduates and students**

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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](#).

- **CGQP June 2021 Examinations**

The pre-released case study for CGQP Part II modules, namely Strategic Management, Risk Management and Boardroom Dynamics, have been emailed to the candidates of these modules on 27 April 2021. If candidates have not yet received the email, please contact Leaf Tai: 2830 6010, or email: exam@hkics.org.hk.

- **Video-recorded examination technique online workshops (Part 1) subscription**

The video-recorded examination technique online workshops (Part 1) for CGQP June 2021 Examinations are now available for subscription. These workshops are designed for students with substantive knowledge on the respective CGQP modules to focus on how to apply the knowledge during the examinations.

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:

Topic	Link
Update of the CGQP and how to use the PrimeLaw online platform	<i>To view the video, please click HERE.</i>
How to study for the CGQP modules – Session one (Law, Governance and Compliance modules)	<i>To view the video, please click HERE.</i>
How to study for the CGQP modules – Session two (Accounting and Management modules)	<i>To view the video, please click HERE.</i>

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

Topic	Link
Examination technique online workshops (Part 1)	<i>To subscribe the video, please click HERE.</i>
An alternative introduction to company law - Session 1: Key players in company law and corporate governance	<i>To subscribe the video, please click HERE.</i>
An alternative introduction to company law - Session 2: Interesting questions about the corporate personality	<i>To subscribe the video, please click HERE.</i>
Corporate secretaryship and compliance – Shares and share capital (Part 1)	<i>To subscribe the video, please click HERE.</i>
Corporate secretaryship and compliance – Shares and share capital (Part 2)	<i>To subscribe the video, please click HERE.</i>

CGQP past papers and online study materials are available on the Institute's website and the PrimeLaw online platform respectively. Additional recommended readings are available on the PrimeLaw online platform, the complimentary one-month trial period ends on 6 June 2021.

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
The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries	Company Secretarial Assistant (Ref: CSA2021-05)
Conyers Dill & Pearman	Corporate Administrator
Conyers Dill & Pearman	Group Secretary
The Law Debenture Corporation (H.K.) Ltd	Corporate Secretarial Manager
Sit, Fung, Kwong & Shum Solicitors	Company Secretarial Assistant/Officer

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. 487 \(2021\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department news update: IRD issues over 2.6 million tax returns for individuals

[BBU No. 486 \(2021\)](#) – The HKSAR Government news update: The Fourth Report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

[BBU No. 485 \(2021\)](#) – CR news update: United Nations Security Council Sanctions against Libya

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