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

Early Bird Deadline on 15 May 2021

22nd ACRU
ANNUAL CORPORATE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

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▪ **HKICS 22nd Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update (Online Conference) – Book Now! Early Bird Offer Expiring Tomorrow!**

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](#).

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

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- **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.

▪ **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 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](#).

▪ **Renew membership/graduateship/studentship online in financial year 2021/2022**

To support the preservation of the environment, all members, graduates, and students are encouraged to renew their status by settling the annual fees online. In July 2021, renewal notices will be sent to all members, graduates and students by email. Please watch out for this, and pay on time.

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

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

For enquiries, please contact the Secretariat: 2881 6177, or email: member@hkics.org.hk (membership matters) or student_req@hkics.org.hk (student registration matters).

▪ **CGQP June 2021 Examinations**

Admission slips, together with 'instructions for candidates' and examination information packs, will be available for download from the student login area of the Institute's website on 18 May 2021. All candidates are reminded to follow the pandemic precautionary measures before entering the examination centres. Log into your account on the Institute's website and check your inbox to retrieve these documents. The Institute wishes all candidates every success in the examinations.

For enquiries, please contact Leaf Tai: 2830 6010, or email: student@hkics.org.hk.

▪ **New Policy on CGQP exemption application (effective from 1 July 2021)**

The CGQP Exemption Application policy will be effective from 1 July 2021 onwards.

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



▪ **The Chartered Governance Institute's Global eNewsletter**

The Chartered Governance Institute released its Global eNewsletter on 11 May 2021.

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

▪ **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 our society, the environment, as well as the 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 indicates 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:

▪ **Limited Partnership Funds & Tax Concessions for Carried Interest – Latest Updates (Webinar)**

Hong Kong is keenly promoting itself as an international hub for investment funds and fund management activities. With the enactment of the Limited Partnership Fund Ordinance on 31 August 2020, more than 200 limited partnership funds (LPF) have since been established in Hong Kong.

The important tax concession for carried interest has recently been codified into the law. A 0% profits tax or salaries tax rate is applicable to eligible carried-interests, distributed by certified investment funds subject to specified conditions. A re-domiciliation mechanism for foreign funds is also expected to be introduced in the second quarter of 2021.

In this webinar, speakers will review the use of LPF structure, the requirements in getting access to the tax concession regime, and the re-domiciliation mechanism for foreign funds.

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

- **Upcoming ECPD webinars/seminars are available for enrolment**
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- **Register for video-recorded CPD seminars**
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Membership:

Date	Event Name	Enrolment
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
27 May 2021	Governance Professionals Information Session (English session) (Free webinar)	Enrol
9 June 2021	Student Ambassadors Programme: Purposeful governance – A stakeholder responsive approach (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).
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- **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 as from 2016 and 2019 respectively. Students who have completed the PGPCG and obtained the OUHK Master of Corporate Governance degree are eligible to apply for full exemption under the Institute's Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP). The forthcoming cohort of PGPCG is expected to commence in Shanghai and Shenzhen this Autumn. Further details of the Shanghai programme will be advised in due course.

The relevant contact persons for the programmes are set out below:

For PGPCG in Shenzhen: Shenzhen Campus, Harbin Institute of Technology 哈尔滨工业大学深圳研究院	Contact person: Ms Wang Yuan (王媛) Tel: (86) 0755-26727130/7110
<i>For details, please click HERE.</i>	

For PGPCG in Shanghai: Eastern China University of Science and Technology 上海华东理工大学	Contact person: Mr Kong Wei (孔巍) Tel: (86) 021-6425 1139
<i>For details, please click HERE.</i>	

- **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.

- **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
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)	To subscribe the video, please click HERE .
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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
Governance Recruitment International	Director (or Manager), Governance
Progress Holdings Ltd	Company Secretarial Assistant/Officer
Sterling Private Management Ltd	Company Secretarial Officer/Trust Administrator
Shenzhen International Holdings Ltd	Company Secretarial Officer
Hongkong Land Group Ltd	Assistant Company Secretarial Manager
The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries	Company Secretarial Assistant (Ref: CSA2021-05)
Conyers Dill & Pearman	Corporate Administrator
Conyers Dill & Pearman	Group Secretary

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. 490 \(2021\)](#) – PCPD news update: WhatsApp's new Terms of Service and Privacy Policy take effect on 15 May – Users should consider the changes carefully

[BBU No. 489 \(2021\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department news updates

[BBU No. 488 \(2021\)](#) – Inland Revenue Department news update: File your tax return on time

■ The HKIRA 7th Investor Relations Awards

The HKIRA Investor Relations Awards is an annual campaign that aims to encourage, recognise and reward the excellence investor relations practices by individuals and listed companies. The online voting period starts from 10 May 2021 to 18 June 2021.

For details, please contact: 2117 1846 or visit: <http://hkira.com/awards/>.

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