



Improving Corporate Governance in Hong Kong series: Event 2: The Recommendations Programme Code: SCPD1809xx01

About the topic

The first event in this series, which is based on the Institute's publication of [a major corporate governance comparative study](#), looked at Hong Kong's corporate governance system and the development of the market into one of the world's most active venues for initial public offerings over the past decade.

This second event will discuss more specifically how Hong Kong can improve its corporate governance framework for the future. The focus will be on the [recommendations contained in the final report](#) (see pages 215-262), prepared by Syren Johnstone and Prof. Say Goo of HKU's Asian Institute of International Financial Law. The recommendations target the three key areas of the (i) Board, (ii) Enforcement and (iii) Architecture and Policy, and cover issues as wide ranging as the effectiveness of independent directors, shareholder remedies, the efficiency of enforcement against listed companies and their directors, and the case for an overarching corporate governance policy unit.

This event is aimed particularly at members and stakeholders who have responsibilities for corporate governance in their own entities, or for advising on, or regulating, corporate governance practices.

About the event

Date & Time	3 September 2018, Friday 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Venue	HKICPA training centre, 27 th Floor, Wu Chung House 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai
Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HKICPA member or student; and IA/ HKIAAT's member or student: Free of charge• Non-member: HK\$330
Language	English
HKICPA CPD credit	1.5 hour (subject to actual attendance)
Rating	Intermediate level*
Competency	Corporate Governance*
Participant	Those with responsibilities for, or a close interest in, corporate governance
Objective	To analyse the development of Hong Kong's corporate governance
Application deadline	[2018

Speaker

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* Please refer [here](#) for descriptions of the various ratings.



About the speaker

Syren Johnstone

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Syren Johnstone has worked for over 25 years in securities regulation and corporate finance. He has undertaken senior management director level positions with global banking institutions (Société Générale, Banco Santander), including roles regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. He is a member of the SFC's Fintech Advisory Group since its establishment, and a consultant/examiner to the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute for over ten years. In 2016, he co-authored *Financial Markets in Hong Kong: Law and Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed.). His academic works have been referenced in Hong Kong's Legislative Council and the Court of Appeal. Syren holds two masters degrees, in science and law, from Oxford and London universities respectively. He started his career practising corporate finance and securities regulation with Linklaters in London, and is on the roll of solicitors in England & Wales (1993) and Hong Kong (1994).

Registration

- Complete online registration by [] 2018.

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