

# Annual Taxation Conference 2021 (archived session)

## About the event

<b>Event code</b>	<b>ESEMTF202110</b>
<b>Available period</b>	<b>19 Aug 2021 – 18 Aug 2022</b>
<b>Format</b>	<b>E-seminar</b>
<b>Fee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taxation Faculty member; HKICPA member or student; and IA: HK\$300</li> <li>Non-member: HK\$660</li> </ul> <p><i>Not a faculty member? Click <a href="#">here</a> to join.</i></p>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>HKICPA CPD credit</b>	3.5 hours (subject to actual attendance)
<b>Rating</b>	Advanced Level*
<b>Competency</b>	Taxation*
<b>Participant</b>	Members working in the field of taxation or with an interest in taxation
<b>Objective</b>	To provide the latest updates on taxation
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>Online registration by 18 Aug 2022</b> (offline registration by 15 Aug 2022)

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

## Schedule

### Opening remarks

Mr. William Chan

### 1. Recent changes in tax legislation, new departmental practice and proposed tax initiatives

Mr. Benjamin Chan

### 2. Hong Kong Board of Review decisions and court cases

Mr. Michael Olesnick

### 3. Intellectual property tax regime in Hong Kong

Ms. Gwenda Ho

### 4. Panel discussion – Trends and challenges in the changing international tax landscape

Moderator – Ms. Sarah Chan

Panellists – Mr. Benjamin Chan

Mr. Michael Olesnick

Ms. Gwenda Ho

Ms. Jo An Yee

Mr. Eugene Yeung

### 5. Q&A and closing remarks

## About the speakers and panellists

### **Benjamin CHAN Sze-wai**

#### **Acting Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue (Technical)**

Mr. Chan is the Acting Deputy Commissioner (Technical) of the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong. His present portfolio includes tax treaties, transfer pricing, tax appeals, technical research and advance ruling. He is the head of the Hong Kong delegation in treaty negotiations and is currently engaged in the work relating to BEPS 2.0 and other technical legislative amendments. He is a member of HKICPA.

### **Michael Olesnick**

#### **Non-official member, Advisory Panel on BEPS 2.0, Government of the HKSAR, and Senior consultant, Tax, Baker McKenzie**

Michael is a senior consultant based in Baker McKenzie's Hong Kong office. He had served as the Asia Pacific chair of the company's Tax Practice from 2000 to 2014, and was a member of the Global Tax Steering Committee. He has more than 25 years' experience advising on corporate tax, wealth management, trust planning and estate succession matters. His practice focuses on Hong Kong and Asian regional tax advisory work, tax disputes and litigation, as well as wealth management and estate planning.

### **Gwenda Ho**

#### **Member, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, and Partner, Tax Services, PwC Hong Kong**

Gwenda Ho is a partner of PwC Hong Kong's corporate tax practice, leading the technology, media and telecommunications sectors. She has over 20 years of experience in providing Hong Kong and international tax consulting and compliance services to local, regional and multinational clients. She has been actively involved in a number of tax due diligence, corporate restructuring, cross-border tax advisory, transfer pricing, tax investigations, IPO and blockchain / crypto-related projects. She has broad exposure in Asia Pacific and international taxation and frequently leads assignments involving regional and other overseas taxes. Experienced in advising both overseas multinational corporations and Chinese companies on investing into Hong Kong as well as using Hong Kong as a platform for outbound investment, Gwenda also actively assists startups with their new business setups. She is a frequent public speaker on tax-related topics and has been involved in providing comments on latest draft tax legislation.

Gwenda graduated with a degree in Commerce from the University of Toronto and a degree in Laws from the University of London. She is a member of the Institute, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, as well as the Immediate Past President of the Association of Women Accountants (Hong Kong). She is also a Certified Tax Adviser (Hong Kong) and a Chartered Global Management Accountant.

## About the speakers and panellists (cont.)

### **Jo-An Yee**

**Member, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, International Corporate Tax Advisory – Hong Kong Leader, Asia-Pacific Technology Tax Leader, Ernst & Young Tax Services Limited**

Jo An Yee is a tax partner in Ernst & Young specialising in the technology and telecommunication areas and has over 20 years of practical experience in providing Hong Kong and international tax advisory and compliance services to top tiered multinational clients. Jo An is currently the Hong Kong Leader of International Corporate Tax Advisory and Asia-Pacific Technology Tax Leader.

Jo An has hands-on experiences in a wide range of tax advisory projects, including cross border tax advisory, intellectual property migrating planning, corporate restructuring and advising on tax rulings and incentives for various clients. Jo An is also on a mentoring panel to technology start-ups to contribute to the innovation and technology development in Hong Kong. She frequently collaborates with accounting bodies, trade associations, chamber of commerce and trade councils and sits on committees to assist in helping the outbound investments of companies investing into the Asia Pacific region.

As a well-regarded speaker at chamber and professional associations, Jo An also contributes to tax related articles and was the co-author of several publications. Besides her involvement with CCH and Ernst & Young for “The Hands on Guide of Tax Compliance in Hong Kong”, her publications include the thought leadership paper published by Ernst & Young “Talking tax – Telecom transactions in emerging and mature markets” and “Tax considerations in Cloud Computing”.

### **Eugene Yeung**

**Convenor, Taxation Faculty Budget Proposals 2022/23 Sub-committee, Member, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, and Partner, Corporate Tax Advisory, KPMG China**

Eugene Yeung has around 20 years of professional tax experience with a unique mix of exposures. He has spent more than a decade of time with global tax consulting practices in Hong Kong advising local, Chinese and multinational clients on a wide range of corporate tax and company law matters. He has also spent around 5 years with European financial institutions’ Asian tax functions, including a fair amount of time in regional head capacity, leading projects such as setting up tax processes, managing cross-border legal and business restructuring, and handling tax controversies.

Eugene is experienced in advising on corporate tax issues, deals, tax litigation, regional tax management, etc. He also has hands-on experience in advising issues concerning Offshore Economic Substance Laws. His background and experience enable him to translate complex issues into business implications, and provide pragmatic solutions considering commercial sensitivity.

He was named as a leading tax controversy advisor in Hong Kong by *International Tax Review* and was nominated by *Euromoney* as a LMG Rising Star.



## **Chairman and moderator**

### **William Chan**

**Chair, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, Convenor, Taxation Faculty China Tax Subcommittee, and Partner, Grant Thornton Tax Services**

### **Sarah Chan**

**Deputy Chair, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, Member, Taxation Faculty China Tax Subcommittee, and Partner, Tax and Business Advisory Services, Deloitte China**