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Intellectual property and patent planning: Making the best use of Hong Kong's new Patent Box regime

About the topic

In July 2024, Hong Kong enacted a “patent box” regime to encourage research and development (R&D) and intellectual property (IP) trading activities in the jurisdiction. The patent box regime, which applies from the year of assessment commencing from 1 April 2023, provides tax concessions for qualifying IP income. The regime enables qualifying taxpayers, deriving eligible income from certain types of IP created through R&D activities, to pay profits tax at the concessionary rate of 5%.

The regime is targeted at “traditional” science industries like biotechnology and electronics, in which patent protection is commonplace. Importantly, patent applications as well as granted patents are covered under the regime, including original grant patents, foreign patents (and patent applications) re-registered in Hong Kong, and short-term patents. However, despite its name, the patent box regime covers not only patents, but also plant variety rights and copyright subsisting in software. This means that companies that invest in R&D that produces qualifying software, and the subsequent exploitation of that software to generate profits, could avail themselves of the new patent box regime.

In this webinar, the speaker will:

- Highlight the key details of the patent box regime in Hong Kong
- Share knowledge on obtaining and strategizing IP protection in light of the regime
- Provide guidance and insights on how to utilise the tax concession

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About the event

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Competency	Taxation*
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About the speaker

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Ian is a solicitor in Hong Kong and holds the designation of UK Chartered Patent Attorney, as well as being a registered Chinese Patent Attorney. Ian has successfully completed the PRC National Legal Professional Qualification Certificate Examination and is practising as a registered GBA lawyer. Ian possesses a technical background in engineering and software and he worked in the software industry prior to joining the legal profession. His background in IT and fintech makes him one of the very few lawyers in Hong Kong with solid technology and patent skills.

Ian has extensive experience advising universities, their technology transfer offices, and various government-funded R&D entities in Hong Kong on technology commercialization and IP matters, including software and copyright protection, technology import and export, as well as matters related to IP acquisitions, collaboration agreements, licensing agreements, ownership disputes, and providing technology clearance advice.

Ian has also been advising on cross-border IP litigation and enforcement, and commercial matters with a focus on China and new technology, for over a decade. Ian's wide-ranging practice covers complex patent litigation and enforcement, trademark anti-counterfeiting, cybersecurity risk and data protection, hi-tech M&A work including IP due diligence, technology licensing negotiation, and tech spin-offs. In particular, drawing on his computer science and electronic engineering background, Ian advises on cutting-edge tech issues including AI, blockchain (e.g. NFTs, metaverses, and virtual assets), cloud and critical infrastructure, and fintech.

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