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# Seminar on "Happy 5.25th Birthday Cap 622"

Date	Monday, 3 June 2019							
Time	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.							
Presenters	Mrs. Karen Ho, Consultant, Company Law, Companies Registry							
	<b>Mr. Francis Mok</b> , Senior Solicitor, Trust and Company Service Providers, Companies Registry							
	<b>Mr. John Scott QC, SC, JP</b> Head of Des Voeux Chambers; Chairman, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform							
Panelists	Mr. Ernest Lee, Technical Partner, Deloitte China							
	<b>Ms. Natalia Seng</b> , Vice Chairman of Tricor Hong Kong and Offshore; Member, Tricor China Management Committee of Tricor Group/ Tricor Services Limited							
	<b>Dr. Davy Wu</b> , Senior Lecturer, Department of Accountancy and Law, Hong Kong Baptist University							
Chairman	<b>Professor CK Low</b> Associate Professor in Corporate Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Business School							
Competency*	Ethics and Regulations							
Rating*	Intermediate Level							
Language	English							
Venue	Hong Kong Institute of CPAs, 27/F., Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong							

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#### About the programme

When the *Companies Ordinance* (Cap 622) came into force on 3 March 2014 it promised to introduce a modernised legal framework for the incorporation and operation of companies in Hong Kong built upon four main objectives, namely, to enhance corporate governance, ensure better regulation, facilitate business and modernise the law.

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The seminar draws together distinguished speakers to discuss whether these objectives have been realized and more importantly what lies ahead to ensure the continued success of Hong Kong as an international financial centre of choice.

#### About the presenters

Mrs. Karen Ho, Consultant, Company Law, Companies Registry

Formerly the Deputy Principal Solicitor (Company Law Reform) of the Companies Registry, Mrs. Ho's main duty is to review and assist in any legislative amendments of the Companies Ordinance.

Mr. Francis Mok, Senior Solicitor, Trust and Company Service Providers, Companies Registry

Mr. Mok's main duties are to advise on matters relating to licensing, investigation and enforcement under the licensing regime for trust or company service providers.

Mr. Mok assisted in the legislative amendments relating to anti-money laundering and transparency of corporate beneficial ownership before the implementation of the new legislation on 1 March 2018.

**Mr. John Scott QC, SC, JP** Head of Des Voeux Chambers; Chairman, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform

Mr. Scott is an accomplished trial advocate having acquired over 30 years' experience in a wide range of commercial disputes and he has earned a reputation for being a "skillful and persuasive advocate". He has a long-standing track record in complex company, commercial, construction and arbitration cases and is active as both a litigator and an international arbitrator.

Mr. Scott is a Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple, and frequently sits as an arbitrator in Hong Kong, Singapore and elsewhere in the region. He was notably appointed as an arbitrator in a construction dispute relating to a substantial Indonesian infrastructure project, and has sat as an ICC, SIAC and HKIAC appointed arbitrator in numerous disputes over the last 20 years.

Mr. Scott has recently been appointed Chairman of the HKSAR Telecommunications (Competition Provisions) Appeal Board and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform. He was also recently appointed to the Panel as Counsel for the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

#### About the panelists

Mr. Ernest Lee, Technical Partner, Deloitte China

Mr. Lee has over 25 years' experience in auditing and providing technical advice on accounting and auditing related matters in a variety of industries in the Asia-Pacific Area.

Mr. Lee is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) and actively participates in financial reporting standard setting activities in Hong Kong. He is the Chairman of the HKICPA's Financial Reporting Standards Committee, and a member of various Advisory Panels of the HKICPA, including the HKICPA's Companies Ordinance (Financial Reporting) Advisory Panel. He was a member of the Review Panel for the HKICPA's Best Corporate Governance Disclosures Awards for more than 10 years. Mr. Lee was also a technical reviewer of the Risk-Based Financial Statements Review Programme of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), and a technical reviewer of the HKICPA's Professional Standards Monitoring Panel for more than 10 years. He is now a member of the Financial Reporting Review Panel of the FRC.

Mr. Lee is the Treasurer of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS), and a Vice Chairman of the HKICS's Education Committee. He also represents the HKICS on the Services Advisory Committee of the Official Receiver's Office.

**Ms. Natalia Seng**, Vice Chairman of Tricor Hong Kong and Offshore; Member, Tricor China Management Committee of Tricor Group/ Tricor Services Limited

Ms. Seng was in the founding team of the Company Secretarial Practice of Ernst & Young in Hong Kong prior to joining Tricor in 2002. Ms. Seng's professional practice area covers business advisory, corporate governance, fiduciary services and regulatory compliance for private and listed companies.

Ms. Seng is a Chartered Secretary and a Chartered Governance Professional, a Past President (2007-2009) and a current Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS), and a retired Council Member (2010-2014) of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the United Kingdom. She has been appointed by the HKSAR Government as a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform for a second term of two years (February 2018 - January 2020) and represented HKICS as a member of an Advisory Group on the Rewrite of the Companies Ordinance. She is also a Fellow of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong and an appointed member of the Inland Revenue Department Users' Committee.

Ms. Seng holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (Executive) from City University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Davy Wu, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accountancy and Law, Hong Kong Baptist University

Dr. Wu is a senior lecturer in Law of the School of Business and the Programme Director of Master of Science in Corporate Governance and Compliance at the Hong Kong Baptist University. He serves two listed companies as an independent non-executive director. Dr. Wu was appointed by the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau of the Hong Kong Government to the advisory groups on Rewrite of the Companies Ordinance and Modernisation of Corporate Insolvency Law. He is also a member of the Assessment Review Panel of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and a joint director of Professional Diploma in Insolvency for the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

#### About the chairman

#### Professor C K Low

Associate Professor in Corporate Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Business School

Professor Low's research interests are in issues pertaining to corporate governance and the regulatory framework of capital markets. His research, which has published in journals in Australasia, Europe and the United States of America, is supported by private sector grants from the Companies Registry, Sino Group and Tricor Services.

An Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, CK is currently a member of the Process Review Panel of the Financial Reporting Council as well as of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform in Hong Kong. He was previously a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong from May 2006 to July 2010; the Financial Reporting Review Panel from July 2007 to July 2013; the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal from April 2011 to March 2017 and served as a Director of the Asian Institute of Finance in Malaysia for three years through April 2012. He is also a Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries



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