

# IT CONFERENCE 2019

**Smart CPAs in the Era of Smart Everything**  
Accountants in the future world of machines



## About the conference

With technology advancing at record rates, ensuring you have the skills for today's IT and data management will be an advantage to your career advancement. With the right skills and training, accountants are guaranteed a lucrative career that will last well into the future. The speed, efficiency and accuracy of technology such as artificial intelligence and robotic process automation just cannot be beaten. Accountants should embrace new technologies and learn how to maximize their use. The better equipped you are to help your clients integrate and utilize technology in their accounting processes the more valuable you will be.

Come and join this year's IT Conference, at which the speakers will share their insights on how to help businesses and professionals seize opportunities through technology advancement to drive success.

## About the event

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| <b>Date</b>               | <b>19 October 2019, Saturday</b>   |
| <b>Time</b>               | <b>9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>Venue</b>              | Ballroom, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong<br>International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon ( <i>click <a href="#">here</a> for the map</i> )  |
| <b>CPD hours</b>          | 3.5 hours  |
| <b>Admission Fee</b>      | <b>Early bird [enrol by 30 Sep]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$485 member/ student/ IA/ HKIAAT member</li><li>- \$755 non-member</li></ul> <b>Regular price</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$585 member/ student/ IA/ HKIAAT member</li><li>- \$855 non-member</li></ul> |
| <b>Language</b>           | English  |
| <b>Competency*</b>        | Information Technology   |
| <b>Rating*</b>            | Foundation / Intermediate level  |
| <b>Enrolment deadline</b> | 11 October 2019  |
| <b>Registration</b>       | Enrol online or complete the enrolment form and return it with full payment by the enrolment deadline.<br><br>Enrolment will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.   |

\* Details of [Competency and Rating](#) information

## Programme^

The Conference will cover presentations of the following topics:

- Artificial intelligence in finance: Where the mind partners with the machine
- Advancement of technology in elite sports training and competition
- How a finance department can stay top of the class with robotics process automation (RPA)
- The role of finance in digital transformation
- How to become a more strategic finance team

*(The programme is subject to change and additional topics will follow.)*

## Guest of honour



**Hugh Chow**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited (ASTRI)**

Mr Chow was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of ASTRI in January 2018. A veteran of nearly 25 years in the technology landscape, he has extensive experience of executive and engineering management holding senior roles in private and public companies.

A Hong Kong native, Mr Chow started his professional career in Canada in 1993. He gained rich international experience particularly in North America and in Greater China. He has vast experience, leadership strength and track record in general management, covering finance, operations and R&D roles in start-ups as well as large organisations in the technology sector. Mr Chow is an inventor for more than 10 US patents. He attained Hong Kong Canada Business Achievement Award in 2014 and the ACCE International Business Entrepreneur Award in 2007.

Mr Chow holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from The University of Hong Kong, and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado in the United States.

## Keynote speakers

(Listing in alphabetical order of surname)



**Anthony Lam**  
**Project Manager, Application Systems**  
**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

Mr Lam received his Master of Business Information Technology from RMIT University in Australia. He has extensive experience working with business users in implementing financial, procurement, manufacturing, retail systems and dashboards for analytical operation. Prior to joining HKUST, he was the Head of IT for an international medical company, and Senior Manager of Asia leading the application team of a well-known retailer with revenue over US\$8 billion.

Mr Lam led his team with a major consulting company to experience using Robotics Process Automation (RPA) tool to automate a few processes in the UST Finance department. He learnt the technologies and implementation approach, and he is in the progress of further improvement the operational efficiency by deploying RPA solution to schools and departments of the University.

Mr Lam is a frequent speaker in conferences sharing his knowledge and experience, and with a passion to apply technologies in business sectors automating the processes. He is a member of the Project Management Institute and the HK Computer Society.



**Raymond So**  
**Director, Elite Training Science and Technology**  
**Hong Kong Sports Institute**

Dr So has been actively involved in sports training and sports medicine research for many years. His major responsibility at the HKSI is to drive innovation and scientific, medical and technological support to coaches to systematically and positively impact athletes' high performance results. He has done extensive research on windsurfing, in the areas of muscle activation patterns, physiological demand and training methods. In recent years, he emphasises on performance enhancement of elite cyclists. His research areas include muscle fatigue pattern in different cycling techniques, energy utilization during different types of cycling competition and recovery modalities. His research work is published in international academic and professional journals and numerous keynote and invitational presentations.

Dr So has served the Hong Kong Association of Sports Medicine and Sports Science for 20 years and was the President from 2001 to 2005, he is currently a Commission Member of the Association. Besides, he serves the following posts:

- Athletes Performance Enhancement Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (member)
- Medical & Sports Science Committee of the Asian Paralympic Committee (member)
- International Federation of Sports Medicine Education Commission (member)
- Asian Federation of Sports Medicine (executive member)
- Curriculum Development Council Committee on Physical Education of the Education Bureau (member)
- Department Advisory Committee for the Department of Health and Physical Education of the Education University of Hong Kong (external member)
- Preparatory Executive Committee of the Association of Sports Institutes in Asia (Secretary)
- Journal of Exercise Science & Fitness Editorial Board (member)

## Other speakers

(Listing in alphabetical order of surname)



**Ricky Lau**  
**Regional Vice President, North Asia**  
**BlackLine**

Mr Lau is responsible for driving the sales and strategic growth of BlackLine's operations in the North Asia market.

With more than 18 years of experience in the information technology Industry, business development and management, Mr Lau has a proven track record in growing revenues for high-growth companies in Hong Kong. His expertise lies in solutions in the ERP, Business Intelligence (BI), Cloud, Mobility, and Human Resource areas. Prior to joining BlackLine, he was the Regional Director at Qlik, where he led a team and grew the business in Hong Kong from the ground up. He also served as the Media and Publicity Director for the China and Hong Kong Enterprise Market Development Association.

Mr Lau is a Certified Management Accountant who graduated from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA) in Australia. He regularly speaks at public events including events at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and City University of Hong Kong.



**Erik Saito**  
**General Manager, Asia Pacific**  
**Workiva**

Mr Saito is the General Manager of Asia Pacific at Workiva, based in Singapore.

Prior to joining Workiva, Mr Saito was Vice President Finance and ANZ at Ingredion Inc. (NYSE: INGR), where he was the CFO of the Asia Pacific Region and also held executive management responsibility for Ingredion's Australia and New Zealand business units.

Before joining Ingredion, Mr Saito was the Vice President of Investment Banking M&A at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

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19 October 2019, Saturday

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30 September 2019 (early bird rate) / 11 October 2019 (regular rate)

Event code: CCPD19101901

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