Hong Kong Resident Status -A Swinging Pendulum?

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Hong Kong has successfully entered into Comprehensive Double Taxation Agreements/ Arrangement (CDTA) with 40 jurisdictions. Most of them were concluded after the year 2010. The positive impact of CDTA is reduction or elimination of double taxation and 'treaty benefits' on certain cross-border transactions. The pre-requisite of enjoying those 'treaty benefits' is being a tax resident of Hong Kong. The Inland Revenue Department (IRD)'s practice of issuing certificate of resident status is evolving. Can taxpayers react with adility? What can be done if dispute arises with the IRD? In this seminar, the benefit, procedures and criteria for obtaining Hong Kong resident status will be examined.

Topics include:

The benefit, procedures and criteria for obtaining Hong Kong resident status

The guidelines provided by The Inland Revenue Department so far

Ways to resolve disputes with The Inland Revenue Department

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(Speakers' profiles are printed overleaf)

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Participants Tax practitioners; Accountants; CFOs

Competency* **Taxation**

Sub-competency* Tax computation & tax compliance

Rating* Foundation to intermediate level

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About the speaker

Mr. Wilson Cheng, Partner, Hong Kong Business Tax Services/ Tax Controversy Services, Ernst & Young

Mr. Cheng has 20 years of Hong Kong corporate tax and transaction tax experiences. He provides tax advisory and compliance services to conglomerates, listed companies as well as US and European-based multinational corporations.

Mr. Cheng's tax experiences include group structure rationalization, tax due diligence review, pre-acquisition tax structuring advice, cross-border transaction planning and compliance, IPO review and restructuring as well as tax accounting advice. He has extensive experience in dealing with Hong Kong tax authorities, for example assisting corporations in settling pro-longed tax disputes on contentious tax issues. More recently, he advised his clients on tax efficient procurement model and structure, withholding tax planning as well as the application of tax resident certificate for tax treaties between Hong Kong and overseas jurisdictions.

Mr. Cheng has diverse industry experience, including retail and consumer products, food and beverage, technology, real estate, entertainment, media and telecommunications sectors. He regularly contributes tax technical articles to newspapers and technical journals and is a frequent speaker at tax seminars organized by various professional bodies in Hong Kong. He also serves as the Committee Member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Hong Kong from 2018/19 onwards and is the co-chairman of the taxation subcommittee of ACCA Hong Kong. From 2012/13 to 2015/16, he was the Council Member of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong and was the founding organizer of CTA Conference in Hong Kong.



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