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## E-learning webinar

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**Event Code: EWEB24042401** 

# Hong Kong Salaries Tax: Update on representative recent court cases

## About the topic

As enterprises seek to enhance their competitiveness in a challenging business landscape, it is critical to attract and retain inbound and outbound expertise and talents to sustain and grow the business, with leading global mobility and remuneration policies, including long-term incentive plans, for talent deployment locally, regionally and globally. However, salaries tax complications often arise from talent relocation, cross-border double taxation, sourcing incentive awards, and dual employment arrangements to meet work permit requirements and mitigate permanent establishment risks.

The speakers in this webinar will highlight the guidance from a number of tax case decisions, to assist tax practitioners, as well as professionals in finance, human resources and legal roles to better manage the various salaries tax complications. They will also explore practical considerations from the talent mobility and remuneration policy perspectives:

- Whether dual employment arrangements can be considered a single employment: Board of Review Case No. D18/22
- Basis of income apportionment under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, section 8(1A)(c) exemption:
   Court of Appeal CIR v Lo Wa Ming Patrick
- Taxability of forfeitable share incentive awards from pre-Hong Kong employment: Court of Appeal - Richard Paul Mark Aidan Forlee v CIR
- Taxability of termination payments:
   Court of Appeal Heath Brian Zarin v CIR
- Taxability of sums paid as damages by employer under court judgements:
   Court of Final Appeal Dr The Honourable Leung Ka-Lau v CIR

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#### **About the event**

Date & time Wednesday, 24 April 2024

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Format Live webinar

Fee • Taxation Faculty member: HK\$200

HKICPA member or student; and IA: HK\$230

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**CPD** credit

1.5 hours (subject to actual attendance)

Rating Intermediate level\*

**Competency** Taxation\*

Application Online registration by 22 April 2024 deadline (offline registration by 19 April 2024)

#### **Speakers**

#### **Louis Lam**

Member, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, and Partner, Vialto Partners

#### **Eric Leung**

Senior Manager, Vialto Partners

#### Samuel Lai

Manager, Vialto Partners

<sup>\*</sup> Please refer <a href="here">here</a> for descriptions of the various ratings.

## **About the speakers**

#### **Louis Lam**

### Member, Taxation Faculty Executive Committee, and Partner, Vialto Partners

Louis is a partner at Vialto Partners (formerly PwC Global Mobility Tax and Immigration practice) with over 25 years of experience specialising in Hong Kong / China individual tax consulting and compliance. He advises clients on company policies and employment terms covering housing benefits, remuneration package structuring, tax equalisation, termination packages and talent mobility policies; negotiating and managing tax audits and penalties; cross-border social security planning, etc.

He has extensive experience advising overseas, China and Hong Kong clients in the private equity and asset management industries, and leading global financial institutions, to design and enhance pre-/post-IPO employee share-based compensation schemes, carried interest plans and co-investment plans, with a holistic approach, to cover talent mobility and retention, market trends, tax, foreign exchange, finance, legal, etc. perspectives; and to assist in performing applicable tax and foreign exchange registration and compliance reporting. He also advises multinational companies on deployment structures and models for talent mobility in China, Hong Kong and overseas, for inbound and outbound travellers and assignees, taking into account the local tax incentives, tax and social security treaties protection, mitigation of permanent establishment exposures for employers and non-tax commercial considerations. He is a Chartered Tax Adviser, and member of Taxation Institute of Hong Kong (TIHK), Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and HKICPA.

## Eric Leung Senior Manager, Vialto Partners

Eric is a senior manager at Vialto Partners with over 18 years of professional service experience specialising in Hong Kong / US cross-border individual tax consulting and compliance.

He has extensive experience in providing both Hong Kong and US individual income tax compliance and consulting services to companies from different industries, focusing on international assignment management, implementation of tax efficient schemes/ policies, remuneration package structuring, tax equalisation, equity compensation and international mobility.

Eric is actively involved in projects to review the soundness of remuneration system for international, local and private banks with a major presence in Hong Kong and Asia. Projects include performing regular reviews of the banks' remuneration system and completing the self-assessment template for submission to HKMA. Other CG-5-related services also include establishing other governance procedures to meet the HKMA's requirement, such as reviewing banks' approach to classifying Key Personnel, identifying the risk of misconduct and the clawback mechanism, managing the executives' performance measurement of the financial and non-financial factors, and advising on the qualitative measurement of its disclosure requirements. Eric is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

### Samuel Lai Manager, Vialto Partners

Samuel is a manager at Vialto Partners specialising in Global Mobility Services with over 7 years of experience specialising in Hong Kong and PRC cross-border individual tax compliance and consulting.

Samuel has extensive experience with providing professional planning on employment and compensation structures from multiple perspectives, such as talent mobility and retention, market trends and taxation, to various international and regional financial institutions in China and Hong Kong. With a deep understanding of every client's uniqueness and grounded in rigorous analysis and data-driven insights, he has provided his clients with professional advice, planning on equity-based incentive plans, tax equalisation plans, housing plans, employee compensation and benefit issues, and implementation of tax efficient schemes and policies.



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