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30th Anniversary of HKBEDC A New Era for Business Ethics

The year 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Centre (HKBEDC) which was established in 1995 under the ICAC's Community Relations Department. For three decades, the HKBEDC has been at the forefront in adopting a public-private partnership strategy of promoting business and professional ethics, playing a pivotal role in maintaining Hong Kong's reputation as a fair and clean business environment.



HONG KONG BUSINESS ETHICS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



With the unwavering support of the Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Advisory Committee (BEDAC) comprising ten major chambers of commerce in Hong Kong, the HKBEDC is dedicated to strengthening the integrity culture of the business community through raising business practitioners' awareness of the importance of corruption prevention and facilitating enterprises in placing emphasis on integrity management and corporate governance.



HKBEDC's 30th Anniversary Video

Partner with HKBEDC in Shaping Hong Kong's Ethical Business Culture

As the HKBEDC celebrates this milestone, it envisions a renewed commitment to ensuring Hong Kong remains a paragon of ethical business practices. Chambers of commerce, as HKBEDC's valuable partners, play an important role in sustaining Hong Kong's ethical business culture through:

- Participating in ICAC's tailored seminars and workshops;
- Arranging exchange sessions with and visits to the ICAC; and
- Disseminating integrity messages to their members.

ICAC – Hong Kong's Global Graft-Fighting “Super-Connector”

All along, the ICAC has been maintaining close communication with the international community and participating actively in the global anti-corruption initiatives. With the establishment of the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption (HKIAAC) in February 2024 being a platform to foster anti-corruption efforts, the ICAC further expands its global network by bringing in and reaching out to anti-corruption agencies worldwide for sharing anti-graft experiences. While building international cooperation, the ICAC strives to enhance Hong Kong's competitive edge particularly by solidifying its role as a “super-connector” in the global fight against corruption.



The “Professional Development Programme on Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery” co-hosted by the ICAC and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes

In 2024,

23 training programmes
for overseas
anti-corruption agencies
from over
70 countries

over **2,200**
participants



HKIAAC's 1st Anniversary Video

The HKIAAC has organised 23 training programmes for overseas anti-corruption agencies in 2024, attracting over 2,200 participants from over 70 countries. Included in some programmes were visits to different cities in the Mainland for participants to experience first-hand the country's remarkable achievements in anti-corruption work and economic development. As a local hub for professional anti-corruption training, the HKIAAC also hosted 11 local training courses to enhance the anti-corruption capabilities of Hong Kong's civil service, business practitioners and other professionals.

Bringing In

The ICAC receives high-level delegations from anti-corruption agencies of various overseas countries including ASEAN, Middle East, Belt and Road countries to share Hong Kong's effective anti-graft strategies and strengthen collaboration.



Bilateral meeting with the delegation from Zambia Anti-Corruption Commission



Briefing to delegation from Singapore's Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau



Delegation touring around Operations facilities in the ICAC

Reaching Out

The ICAC sent officers to different countries around the world to conduct capacity building programmes for local anti-graft and law enforcement agencies to share ICAC's holistic anti-corruption strategy in law enforcement, systemic prevention as well as community education.

The ICAC delegations also attended international conferences, forums and meetings to share not only ICAC's graft fighting experiences, but also the strong rule of law and level-playing business environment of Hong Kong.



Visit to the Corruption Eradication Commission of Indonesia



Video on ICAC's International Anti-Corruption Efforts



Experience sharing with graft fighters from the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority of Saudi Arabia



Attending a meeting of the GlobE Network convened by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna

Hong Kong - A City Of Integrity and Level Playing Field

Under the “One Country, Two Systems” principle, Hong Kong benefits from a unique legal and economic framework that is the cornerstone of the city’s success. The strong rule of law, along with an independent judicial and prosecutorial system, creates an environment where fair competition can thrive, making Hong Kong an attractive destination for investment. Leveraging its unique advantages of enjoying strong support from the Motherland while maintaining extensive global connections, Hong Kong excels in its dual role as a “super-connector” and a “super value-adder”, serving as a two-way springboard for attracting overseas enterprises and enabling Mainland enterprises to “go global”.

Through the persistent efforts of the ICAC and the steadfast support of the business community in fostering an ethical business culture, Hong Kong is widely recognised as one of the cleanest places to do business. The ICAC remains determined in its mission to uphold integrity and safeguard the city’s clean business environment through law enforcement, systemic prevention and community education.

A City of Integrity

Over the years, Hong Kong has consistently remained in the band of the top 20 jurisdictions in the world with very low level of corruption in international surveys.

Corruption in both the public and private sectors of Hong Kong has been kept effectively in check. Hong Kong’s robust anti-corruption regime helps maintain a clean public service, create a level playing field for businesses and nurture an anti-corruption culture in the community that strongly detests corruption.

Highlights of International Ranking and Research



3rd most competitive among 69 economies and 4th under “Bribery and Corruption Do Not Exist”, one of the criteria under the competitive factor “Government Efficiency”



10th out of 142 countries / territories under the factor “Absence of Corruption”



17th least corrupt place among 180 countries / territories and one of the top performers in the Asia-Pacific region

Highlights of Findings in ICAC Annual Survey 2024

Every year, the ICAC conducts a community-wide opinion survey interviewing around 1,500 members of the public to gauge their attitude towards corruption and their experience in encountering and reporting corruption.



ZERO
TOLERANCE
OF CORRUPTION

98.7%
RESPONDENTS
HAD NOT 
COME ACROSS CORRUPTION
PERSONALLY IN THE PAST YEAR

97.4%

RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED KEEPING
CORRUPTION-FREE IS

IMPORTANT

TO THE DEVELOPMENT
OF HONG KONG



93.1%

THE ICAC DESERVES
SUPPORT



ICAC – Your Partner for Building Sustainable Success

The ICAC provides free and customised services to help businesses enhance integrity building capabilities and foster an ethical culture within the organisations.

Our services include:



**Anti-corruption and
integrity training**
(online and face-to-face)



Corruption prevention advice
(code of conduct and
system controls)



Integrity management resources
(training materials and
online resources)