



# Hong Kong

## A City of Integrity

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION  
HONG KONG, CHINA



# International Recognition

Hong Kong is renowned for its open, clean and business-friendly environment. International surveys and studies consistently rank Hong Kong as one of the cleanest cities in the world.



## Independent Judiciary

Among the **top 10** performers for judicial independence in the Economic Freedom of the World Report of the Fraser Institute



## Level of Corruption

Among the **top 15 least corrupt places** in the world in the Corruption Perceptions Index of the Transparency International



## Rule of Law

Among the **top 20** jurisdictions for overall rule of law performance in the Rule of Law Index of the World Justice Project



## Economic Freedom

The world's **freest economy** in the Economic Freedom of the World Report of the Fraser Institute



## Competitiveness

**One of the most competitive economies** in the World Competitiveness Yearbook of the International Institute for Management Development

# Hong Kong's Competitive Edge

## Rule of law and clean government

- Hong Kong is long famous for its strong rule of law, which is the cornerstone of the city's success. A law-abiding government and citizenry, fair and robust law enforcement as well as judicial and prosecutorial independence are the fundamental pillars of our integrity system.
- Hong Kong also has a clean government which adopts a policy of zero tolerance against corruption.

## Robust anti-corruption regime

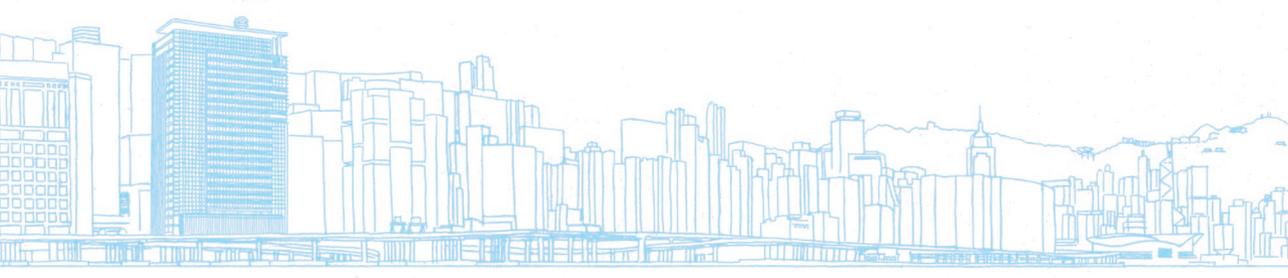
- As a pioneer of a three-pronged strategy to fight corruption through law enforcement, systemic prevention and community education, the ICAC addresses both the symptoms and the root causes of corruption.
- Comprehensive and effective anti-corruption laws are in place to make corruption a high risk crime, and ensure that the public and private sectors as well as the electoral process of public elections are clean, fair and free from graft.
- The functioning of the independent powers of the ICAC in investigation, the Department of Justice in prosecution and the Judiciary in adjudication have served to keep corruption under effective control.

## Integrity culture

- The ICAC adopts an “Ethics for All” approach in which partnerships are formed with the public and private sectors, to spread anti-corruption messages to every corner of the community.

### ICAC Annual Survey findings in recent years indicate that:

- Corruption is uncommon in Hong Kong. Over 98% of the respondents polled said that they had not personally come across corruption in the past 12 months.
- The public has zero tolerance of corruption in both the private and public sectors. Using a 0 to 10 rating scale, of which 0 representing total rejection, the mean score was close to zero.
- 98% of the respondents held the view that integrity environment is paramount to the development of Hong Kong.



## Level playing field for businesses

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- The ICAC has been partnering with major chambers of commerce, trade associations and professional bodies in Hong Kong to promote business ethics and sustain the well-established level playing field in the private sector.
- Home to over 9,000 overseas and Mainland companies employing over 480,000 people in various sectors, Hong Kong continues to be an ideal destination for global businesses and for expansion into the Asia-Pacific Region and the Greater Bay Area.

## High connectivity

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- Hong Kong's high connectivity is well served by its network of world class mega infrastructure and the widely trusted legal and financial systems. These advantages also facilitate the connection with different places and economies in international trade and finance as well as various jurisdictions in global cooperation including the fight against and prevention of corruption.

# ICAC - Your Partner for Integrity

The ICAC provides customised, free services to help businesses enhance corporate governance, manage corruption risks and provide staff training in work ethics and integrity:

The **Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Centre** offers ethics training and services for business organisations ranging from listed companies to small and medium enterprises as well as practitioners of different professional disciplines.

Website: [hkbedc.icac.hk](http://hkbedc.icac.hk)

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The **Corruption Prevention Advisory Service** provides tailor-made advice to individuals and companies/organisations to help establish and strengthen their corruption prevention capabilities in their business operations, and collaborates with trade/professional bodies to promulgate best practices to industries/trades/professionals.

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# Capacity Building for Anti-corruption Agencies

As a staunch advocate of international cooperation in combating corruption, the ICAC is ready to share its experience in fighting and preventing corruption with anti-corruption agencies around the world. If you wish to know more about the ICAC's initiative on capacity building programmes, please contact us:

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