







The banking industry plays a crucial role in maintaining Hong Kong's status as a clean international financial centre. Throughout the years, the ICAC has adopted a multi-faceted approach to facilitate banks in enhancing their anti-corruption capabilities and fostering a culture of integrity. In this e-newsletter, we will highlight our latest initiatives, featuring the Banking Industry Integrity Charter and webinars for banking industry practitioners.





Banking Industry Integrity Charter is now open for subscription

On 9 October 2024, the ICAC launched the Banking Industry Integrity Charter (BIIC), with the support of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Hong Kong Association of Banks. Through public-private partnership, the BIIC aims to combat and prevent corruption proactively, assisting banks to enhance their integrity management system and continuously strengthen their anti-corruption awareness and capabilities.

Under the BIIC, participating banks are required to:

- Promote a sound bank culture;
- Establish a code of conduct;
- Assign an integrity officer to assist in implementing good governance;
- Provide integrity training to staff; and
- Report suspected corruption, fraud and other illegal activities to the ICAC or other law enforcement agencies promptly.

For more details about the BIIC, please visit the thematic page of the BIIC at https://cpas.icac.hk/EN/Info/TP_Library?cate_id=10046.

Webinars for Banking Industry Practitioners

The BEDC Channel is an online platform hosted by the Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Centre (HKBEDC) to provide integrity training to help business practitioners and professionals understand the anti-corruption laws and uphold a high standard of business ethics. The Channel is now offering a wide range of webinars tailored to business audiences of different industries, with some being Continuing Professional Development Courses.



Online Integrity Training Workshops for Banking Industry Practitioners

would be held regularly on the BEDC Channel. These webinars can help banks fulfil the requirement of the BIIC in providing integrity training to staff in a flexible and convenient way.

The webinars will be conducted by ICAC's experienced officers, covering relevant legal and regulatory requirements targeting both banking industry practitioners and those in managerial roles within the industry.



Talk outline

Duration: 60 mins (For Practitioners) / 90 mins (For Managers)

- The Importance of integrity
- Common corruption pitfalls in banks
- Case sharing
- · Legal and regulatory requirements
- Handling of conflict of interest
- Principles for making ethical decisions (for Practitioners)
- Tips on building an ethical team (for Managers)
- Zero tolerance towards corruption
- ICAC resources and services

Online Training Schedule

(March – June 2025)

Date: 13 March 2025 Time: 16:00 – 17:00

Target: Banking practitioners

Language: Putonghua

Enrolment:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_fbm2HVosSXqZMs7A0nl8DQ

Date: 20 May 2025 Time: 16:00 – 17:30

Target: Banking managers Language: Putonghua

Enrolment:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN H4mIEkw4SKeXSRVOROwFfQ Date: 10 April 2025 Time: 16:00 – 17:00

Target: Banking practitioners

Language: Cantonese

Enrolment:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_hJHYBa2HRoiAPDi_DS9_QQ

Date: 24 June 2025 Time: 16:00 – 17:00

Target: Banking practitioners

Language: English

Enrolment:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_2lgeuBgUSzuUZ8-OnpHLdg

Participants are entitled to obtain CPD hours from the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB). More webinars are on the way and you certainly would not want to miss out!

Check our schedule on the BEDC Channel at:

https://hkbedc.icac.hk/en/services/bedc_channel.







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