

The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries



Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards 2019

Topic: “How is good governance of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) similar to, and different from, good corporate governance of public companies”

About the topic:

NGOs are playing a growing and important role in society. They influence and participate in the delivery of social and environmental outcomes. They can be large organisations, with substantial budgets, many employees and affecting the lives and well being of numerous stakeholders.

Corporate governance for public companies is already well-developed, widely-regulated and actively enforced. To what extent can and should the governance policies, practices and processes of public companies be applied within the NGO sector?

Additionally, do the particular characteristics of NGOs – non-profit making, not shareholder-owned and focusing on social and environmental outcomes – require a different type of governance? If so, how should governance of NGOs best be shaped to support the delivery of those outcomes?

Enrolment deadline: Friday, 28 June 2019

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The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS) is an independent professional body dedicated to the promotion of its members' role in the formulation and effective implementation of good governance policies as well as the development of the profession of Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional in Hong Kong and throughout Mainland China.

HKICS was first established in 1949 as an association of Hong Kong members of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) of London. It was a branch of ICSA in 1990 before gaining local status in 1994 and has also been ICSA's China/Hong Kong Division since 2005.

HKICS is a founder member of Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) which was established in March 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2017, CSIA was relocated to Hong Kong in which it operates as a company limited by guarantee. CSIA aims to give a global voice for corporate secretaries and governance professionals.

HKICS today has over 6,000 members and 3,200 students.



OBJECTIVE OF THE PAPER COMPETITION

With a strong dedication to upholding good corporate governance, HKICS makes every endeavor to promote business ethics and governance principles. Taking up the social responsibility, HKICS seizes this opportunity to instill knowledge and business values to the undergraduates in Hong Kong who will be the future pillars of society. Launched in 2006, the HKICS Corporate Governance Paper Competition is being held to raise awareness of the importance of good governance among undergraduates of local universities. The top six teams will be awarded with attractive prizes.

PAPER PRESENTATION AWARDS 2019

The six finalist teams of the Paper Competition will be invited to present their papers and compete for the Best Presentation Award on **Saturday, 21 September 2019**.

ELIGIBILITY

- Current undergraduates of all universities and academic institutions in Hong Kong
- Participants can enrol on an individual basis or as a team of a maximum of 3 persons

PRIZES

Paper Competition

1. Champion: HK\$11,000, and publication of the paper in "CSj", the monthly journal of HKICS
2. First Runner-up: HK\$7,000
3. Second Runner-up: HK\$5,000
4. Three Merit Prizes: HK\$1,000 each

Paper Presentation

1. Best Presentation Award: HK\$6,000
2. First Runner-up: HK\$3,000
3. Second Runner-up: HK\$2,000
4. Three Merit Prizes: HK\$1,000 each



RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Enrolment deadline: **Friday, 28 June 2019**
All enrolment forms should be submitted to HKICS by email to student@hkics.org.hk, or by post or in person to: HKICS, 3/F, Hong Kong Diamond Exchange Building, 8 Duddell Street, Central, Hong Kong
- Paper submission deadline: **Friday, 2 August 2019**
Each team is required to submit the following by email to: student@hkics.org.hk
 - (i) The paper
 - (ii) executive summary of the paper (no more than 100 words)
- The paper should be written in English with no more than 5,000 words
- A bibliography should be stated at the end of the paper and footnotes, if made, should be at the bottom of the relevant page
- Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and all papers suspected of the same shall be disqualified at the absolute discretion of the judges
- All the rules and regulations in the flyer and the enrolment form shall be binding on all the participant(s)
- The decision of the judges on all matters relating to this Paper Competition and Presentation Award is final

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