Information Package

About HKCGI

The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI), formerly known as The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS), is the only qualifying institution in Hong Kong and Mainland China for the internationally recognised Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional qualifications.

With over 75 years of history and as the Hong Kong/China Division of The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI), the Institute's reach and professional recognition extends to all of CGI's nine divisions, with about 40,000 members and students worldwide. HKCGI is one of the fastest growing divisions of CGI, with a current membership of about 10,000 members, graduates and students with significant representations within listed companies and other cross-industry governance functions.

Believing that better governance leads to a better future, HKCGI's mission is to promote good governance in an increasingly complex world and to advance leadership in the effective governance and efficient administration of commerce, industry and public affairs. As recognised thought leaders in our field, the Institute educates and advocates for the highest standards in governance and promotes an expansive approach that considers all stakeholders' interests.

Better Governance. Better Future.
For more information, please visit www.hkcgi.org.hk.

Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards

The Corporate Governance Paper Competition and Presentation Awards (Competition) organised by the Institute started in 2007. This Competition aims to promote the importance of good governance among local undergraduates and provide them with an opportunity to research, write and present their findings and opinions on the selected theme.

Current undergraduates of all disciplines in Hong Kong can enrol this Competition in a team of two to four members. Each enrolled team is required to submit a paper on the theme of not more than 5,000 words in English.
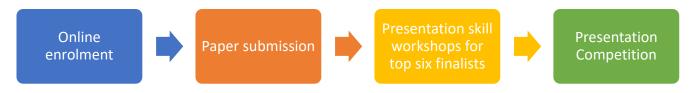
The six finalist teams will present their papers on Saturday 6 September 2025 to compete for the Best Presentation Award and Audience's Favourite Team Award.

About the theme – Is Governance a Driver for Growth

This year's theme is '**Is Governance a Drive for Growth?'**

The global landscape is undergoing significant changes, influenced by the emergence of geopolitical dynamics and economic difficulties, such as fundraising issues, that affect businesses. In this climate of uncertainty, should companies focus solely on immediate survival, is there a role in governance as a driver for growth over the longer term?

Competition Process

Online enrolment	→	Paper submission	→	Presentation skill workshops for top six finalists	→	Presentation Competition

Schedule and important dates

Enrolment deadline	:	Tuesday 6 May 2025 Online registration: please click HERE
Paper submission deadline	:	Wednesday 18 June 2025 (submit the paper, executive summary and photo of each team member by email to student@hkcgi.org.hk)
Top six finalist announcement	:	Mid-End of July 2025
Presentation skill workshops	:	Saturday in August 2025 (date to be confirmed)
Presentation slides submission deadline (for the six finalist teams)	:	Friday 29 August 2025 (submit the PPT by email to student@hkcgi.org.hk)
Presentation Competition (for the six finalist teams)	:	Saturday 6 September 2025

Rules and regulations

Eligibility

Current undergraduates from all disciplines of local universities in Hong Kong in a team of two to four members.

Paper guidelines and requirements

1. Teams are required to:
   a. read and follow the HKCGI writing style guide; and
   b. state a bibliography at the bottom of the relevant page(s) and at the end of the paper, if made.
2. Teams are NOT allowed to put any group member or university/institution name(s) etc. for identification purpose in all pages except the cover page of the paper.
3. Topic and word count of the paper should be included in the cover page.
4. Footnote or bibliography will not be counted in the word count of paper.
5. Each team is required to submit the below on or before the deadline (Wednesday 18 June 2025):
   a. the paper: no more than 5,000 words in English;
   b. executive summary: no more than 100 words in English; and
   c. photo(s) of each team member.
6. The paper, executive summary and photos should be saved in separate files with the following format:
   a. the paper: CG Paper 2025_[team leader's name];
   b. executive summary: Executive summary_[team leader's name]; and
   c. photo: photo_[full name] (e.g. photo_Chan Tai Man)
7. Team will be disqualified if:
   a. they provide with HKCGI any incorrect or false information; and/or
   b. their submitted paper has infringement of any copyright of any third party*
      Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and all papers suspected of the same shall be disqualified at the absolute discretion of the reviewers or judges.

Photographs, video, sound records

This Competition shall be photographed, filmed and/or sound recorded, and all images and sounds (including any identifiable images and sounds of participants) will be used by HKCGI.

Publication

The Best Paper shall be published in the HKCGI monthly journal, *CGj*, together with the first and second runners-up papers to be published in the Booklet of the Competition, and other HKCGI publications and social media platforms.

Reviewers and judges

1. A team of 10 to 15 academics from universities will review the papers.
2. A three-member panel judges who are governance professionals to review the six-finalist's paper and determine the Best Paper Award, first and second runners-up of the Paper Competition.
3. Another three-member panel judges from the profession to determine the Best Presentation Award on the presentation day.
4. The audience on the presentation day to vote and determine the Audience's Favourite Team.

Prizes and Awards

Decisions of the judging panels and the votes of the audience are final.

All teams submitted the paper will receive a certificate of participation. The prizes and awards of the Competition cannot be exchanged.

Paper Competition

Best Paper Award	HK$11,000 + paper published in the HKCGI monthly journal, CGj, as well as the Booklet of the Competition
First Runner-up	HK$7,000 + paper published in the Booklet of the Competition
Second Runner-up	HK$5,000 + paper published in the Booklet of the Competition
Three Merit Prizes	HK$1,000 each

Paper Presentation

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

Audience's Favourite Team   HK$2,000

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About HKCGI Foundation Limited

The Competition is supported by The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute Foundation Limited (the HKCGI Foundation). The HKCGI Foundation was established by The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI) in January 2012 as a company limited by guarantee.

The primary aims of the Foundation are to:

- support education and research in company secretarial, legal, accounting, and business studies generally, and particularly in the area of corporate governance, and to publish the research results for the benefit of the general public
- organise or sponsor non-profit-making training courses and educational programmes that contribute to public knowledge of corporate governance
- provide awards and/or scholarships and subsidies to people in need to pursue studies in company secretarial and corporate governance and related subjects, and
- produce articles and publications that promote and educate the general public about good secretaryship and corporate governance.