

YMC and MBIG joint seminar:

Debunking the myths of China's growth, RMB policy and the Hong Kong dollar peg



Speaker Mr. Chi Lo

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BNP Paribas Investment Partners, Hong Kong

Date & Time 17 November 2015, Tuesday

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Venue HKICPA, 27th Floor, Wu Chung House,

213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai.

Competency* Industry knowledge

Rating* Foundation / Intermediate level

Admission Fee \$150 (HKICPA member)

\$330 (non-HKICPA member)

(Light refreshments will be provided at 6:15 p.m.)

Recommended

CPD hour 1.5 hour (subject to actual attendance)

Language Cantonese

Enrolment deadline 12 November 2015

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The yuan's notable depreciation in August this year, amid an economic slowdown in China and other emerging market, have spooked global investors and roiled financial market. As Hong Kong's monetary policy is locked in tandem with that of the US, a recent yawning gap between the US dollar and other emerging-market currencies has renewed calls for changes to be made to the Hong Kong-US dollar peg.

At this seminar, Mr. Lo, will share his research on three key issues which are being misunderstood by the market:

- China's growth is not as weak as many observers see it, and an economic hard-landing is unlikely in China.
- It is the biggest nonsense in the world to see the People's Bank of China's move in August to change the RMB fixing mechanism as policy shift towards RMB devaluation. Chinese exports do not need a low value of RMB to compete and net exports are not significant in contributing to China's GDP growth.
- Making the RMB more market-driven will not affect the fate of the Hong Kong dollar peg in the medium-term. There is no better choice than the Hong Kong dollar peg before the end game.

^{*} Details of Competency and Rating information



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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Mr. Chi Lo is the Senior Economist for Greater China of BNP Paribas Investment Partners (BNPP IP) based in Hong Kong.

Prior to joining BNPP IP, Mr. Lo was CEO of HFT Investment Management (HK), Head of Overseas Investment at Ping An China Asset Management (HK) Ltd, Asia Research Head of the British private property fund Grosvenor, chief economist and strategist for Asia at Standard Chartered Bank, research director for Greater China at HSBC in Hong Kong.

Mr. Lo was listed on the International Who's Who Professionals in 2000 and 2011, and has international research experience in economics, financial markets, public policy and standards development covering the North American and Asian economies. Before returning to Asia, he served as an economic advisor at the Canadian Treasury and economist at regulatory bodies for securities trading in Toronto and London, and blue-chip international investment banks.

Mr. Lo is the author of ten books on Chinese and Asian economic development and markets, the latest one is *China's Impossible Trinity: The Structural Challenges to the Chinese Dream* (2015). He has also published research work in international periodicals and newspapers, and has appeared as a commentator on international media and speaker at international seminars. He has taught economics and finance courses at various universities in Hong Kong, and has spoken frequently at universities in North America, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Lo did his economics graduated work at the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of British Columbia in Canada.

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- By post or by fax: Complete the attached enrolment form and return it to the Institute on or before 12 November 2015, together with full payment. Cheque should be made payable to the "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants" or "HKICPA".
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- If you are not a MBIG member, please <u>click here</u> to download the Interest Groups Enrolment Form.

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- If you have not received the confirmation by <u>13 November 2015</u>, please contact Jenny Lam at 2287 7067 or email: jenny@hkicpa.org.hk.



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