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The Future of Audit Regulation

(HONG KONG, 20 June 2014) — The Hong Kong Institute of CPAs, the only statutory body for the accountancy profession in Hong Kong, has been working with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Financial Reporting Council to formulate an effective system for the independent oversight of listed-company auditors. The Institute welcomes today's launch of the public consultation by the Government on proposals to improve the regulatory regime for listed entity auditors.

"Public consultation is the next step in the process of introducing a system of independent regulation of listed company auditors recognized internationally," says Clement Chan, president of the Institute. "The Institute supports the need for reform and has worked closely with the government and FRC to assist in developing the consultation proposals."

According to Chan, "I welcome the consultation paper issued by the government which gives the profession an opportunity to respond to the final proposed independent regulatory framework over listed companies auditors."

Raphael Ding, chief executive of the Institute adds, "The Institute will study the consultation, communicate and engage with our members and respond appropriately. We'll continue to work with all stakeholders to help establish an audit regulation system that is feasible and meets the public interest."

Editor's Note

About the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs

The Hong Kong Institute of CPAs is the only body authorized by law to register and grant practising certificates to Certified Public Accountants in Hong Kong. The Institute has more than 37,000 members and 17,000 registered students. Members of the Institute are entitled to the description *certified public accountant* and to the designation *CPA*.

The Hong Kong Institute of CPAs evolved from the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, which was established on 1 January 1973.

The Institute operates under the Professional Accountants Ordinance and works in the public interest. The Institute has wide-ranging responsibilities, including assuring the quality of entry into the profession through its postgraduate qualification programme and promulgating financial reporting, auditing and ethical standards in Hong Kong. The Institute has responsibility for regulating and promoting efficient accounting practices in Hong Kong to safeguard its leadership as an international financial centre.

The Hong Kong Institute of CPAs is a member of the Global Accounting Alliance - an alliance of the world's leading professional accountancy bodies, which was formed in 2005. The GAA promotes quality services, collaborates on important international issues and works with national regulators, governments and stakeholders.

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