



## **Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants takes disciplinary action against a certified public accountant**

(HONG KONG, 6 October 2026) A Disciplinary Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“Institute”) ordered on 23 November 2023 that a practising certificate shall not be issued to Mr. Chan Yui Hang, certified public accountant (F05525) (“Chan” or the “Respondent”), for a period of 24 months (to be run concurrently with the 12 months cancellation of practising certificate as ordered against the Respondent in another disciplinary proceedings D-16-1196C and D-17-1235C). In addition, Chan was reprimanded and was ordered to pay costs of the disciplinary proceedings of HK\$101,327.

Chan appealed against the Disciplinary Committee’s decision. Following the Court of Appeal’s dismissal of the appeal on 25 August 2026, the Disciplinary Committee’s order for the non-issuance of practising certificate commenced on 6 October 2026.

Chan was the then managing partner of D.C. (CPA) & Associates, Certified Public Accountants (Practising) (the “Practice”). During a follow-up practice review visit to the Practice in 2016, the Institute’s reviewer found that a number of deficiencies noted in the initial practice review remained uncorrected. The reviewer also identified deficiencies in the Practice’s audits of two private entities and in 22 other audit engagements selected for review on the spot. The deficiencies revealed fundamental flaws in the Practice’s quality control system and audit practices. They further revealed Chan’s failure to comply with multiple professional standards when carrying out the audits.

After considering the information available, the Institute lodged a complaint against Chan under section 34(1)(a)(vi) of the pre-amended Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) (“Ordinance”) and the complaint was originally dealt with by another Disciplinary Committee which found the complaint proven in 2019 (“2019 Decision”). Subsequently, Chan appealed against the 2019 Decision. The Court of Appeal ordered that the case be remitted back to the Institute to be heard afresh by a new Disciplinary Committee. A new Disciplinary Committee was constituted in 2021 to deal with the present complaint and handed down the current decision.

The Disciplinary Committee found that Chan failed or neglected to observe, maintain or otherwise apply:

- (i) Hong Kong Standard on Quality Control 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements*;

- (ii) Hong Kong Standard on Auditing 500 *Audit Evidence*; and
- (iii) The fundamental principle of Professional Competence and Due Care under sections 100.5(c) and 130.1 of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Having taken into account the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee made the above order against Chan under section 35(1) of the Ordinance.

#### About HKICPA Disciplinary Process

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") enforces the highest professional and ethical standards in the accounting profession. Governed by the pre-amended Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) and the Disciplinary Committee Proceedings Rules, an independent Disciplinary Committee is convened to deal with a complaint referred by Council. If the charges against a member, member practice or registered student are proven, the Committee will make disciplinary orders setting out the sanctions it considers appropriate. Subject to any appeal by the respondent, the order and findings of the Disciplinary Committee will be published.

For more information, please see: <https://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/News/Archival-records-on-regulatory-functions/Compliance/Archive/Disciplinary-Orders>

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#### **About HKICPA**

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Our Qualification Programme assures the quality of entry into the profession, and we promulgate financial reporting, auditing, ethics and sustainability disclosure standards that safeguard Hong Kong's leadership as an international financial centre.

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