



Hong Kong Institute of  
Certified Public Accountants  
香港會計師公會

## **Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants takes disciplinary action against a certified public accountant (practising) and a firm**

(HONG KONG, 28 August 2018) A Disciplinary Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants reprimanded Miss Ying Tze Yeuk (F01909) and T.Y. Ying & Co. (0685) (collectively "Respondents") on 17 July 2018 for their failure or neglect to observe, maintain or otherwise apply professional standards issued by the Institute. The Committee further ordered the Respondents to pay a penalty of HK\$70,000 and disciplinary proceedings expenses of the Institute of HK\$49,746.

Ying is the sole proprietor of T.Y. Ying & Co. which expressed unmodified auditor's opinions on the financial statements of a private company for each of the six years ended 31 December 2010 to 2015.

There was non-compliance with accounting standards in the area of property, plant and equipment included in the 2010 to 2015 financial statements, and in the area of income tax included in the 2014 and 2015 financial statements. Further, there were numerous casting errors, incorrect and missing cross-references, incomplete disclosures and inconsistencies in the financial statements, auditor's reports and other information attached.

After considering the information available, the Institute lodged a complaint under section 34(1)(a)(vi) of the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap 50).

The Disciplinary Committee found that the Respondents were in breach of the fundamental principle of *Professional Competence and Due Care* in sections 100.5(c) and 130.1 of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants for their failure to perform the audits with a level of skill and diligence expected of an auditor carrying out their reporting duty.

Having taken into account the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee made the above order 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 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:

<http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/standards-and-regulations/compliance/disciplinary/>

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## **About HKICPA**

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) is the statutory body established by the Professional Accountants Ordinance responsible for the professional training, development and regulation of certified public accountants in Hong Kong. The Institute has more than 42,000 members and 18,000 registered students.

Our qualification programme assures the quality of entry into the profession, and we promulgate financial reporting, auditing and ethical standards that safeguard Hong Kong's leadership as an international financial centre.

The CPA designation is a top qualification recognised globally. The Institute is a member of and actively contributes to the work of the Global Accounting Alliance and International Federation of Accountants.

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