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Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants takes regulatory action against a certified public accountant (practising) and a corporate practice

(Hong Kong, 2 September 2016) - The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants has undertaken regulatory action against Ng Ka Kuen, a certified public accountant (practising) (membership number A25914), and **UC CPA Limited** (corporate practice number S267) for their failure or neglect to observe, maintain or otherwise apply professional standards issued by the Institute. Ng is the sole practising director of the corporate practice.

The Institute received information from The Law Society of Hong Kong about deficiencies in the final accountant's report issued by Ng for a solicitors' firm that had ceased business. The Institute found that:

1. A number of breaches reported in the final accountant's report were not supported by tests performed and evidence obtained as documented in the working papers; and
2. Ng failed to include in the report certain information that was required to be reflected in the final accountant's report for a solicitors' firm.

The Institute concluded that Ng and the corporate practice were in breach of the Fundamental Principle of *Professional Competence* and *Due Care* prescribed in sections 100.5 and 130 of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Regulatory action

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Council concluded that the following should resolve the complaint:

1. Ng and the corporate practice acknowledge the facts of the case and their non-compliance with the relevant professional standards;
2. They be reprimanded; and
3. They jointly pay an administrative penalty of HK\$20,000 and costs of HK\$10,000.

In accordance with Council powers outlined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance and as a part of the regulatory process to handle complaints, a Resolution by Agreement (RBA) may be offered to respondents in cases considered to be moderate after taking into account factors including, but not limited to, the nature and seriousness of a complaint, past disciplinary records of the respondents and any aggravating or mitigating circumstances. An RBA will not be offered in cases involving complaints of dishonesty.

Information on the Institute's complaint handling process and guidelines for Resolution is available at the Institute website under the "Compliance" section at www.hkicpa.org.hk.

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About the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

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 40,000 members and 18,000 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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致：編採主任/新聞/財經版編輯

香港會計師公會對一名執業會計師及一所執業法團作出監管行動

(香港，二零一六年九月二日) — 香港會計師公會就一名執業會計師吳嘉權先生(會員編號：A25914)及聯禾執業會計師有限公司(執業法團編號：S267)沒有或忽略遵守、維持或以其他方式應用公會頒布的專業準則，對他們作出監管行動。吳先生是該執業法團的唯一執業董事。

公會收到香港律師會的資料，指吳先生對一間已停業的律師事務所發出的最後會計師報告，有缺失之處。公會發現：

- 1) 數項列報於最後會計師報告的違規事項不是建基於工作底稿所記錄的測試步驟和獲取的憑證。
- 2) 吳先生沒有在最後會計師報告中包括一些須反映的事項。

公會認為吳先生和執業法團違反了Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants第100.5及130條規定的Fundamental Principle，即 *Professional Competence and Due Care*。

監管行動 (Regulatory action)

基於上文所述及為省卻進一步的程序，公會理事會決定以下列的方案解決這宗投訴：

1. 吳先生和該執業法團承認此個案中的事實及其所違反的專業準則；
2. 他們被譴責；及
3. 他們受命共同繳交行政罰款港幣二萬元及費用港幣一萬元。

根據《專業會計師條例》對公會理事會權力的概述，以及作為處理投訴的監管程序之一，如公會經考慮答辯人涉及投訴的性質及嚴重程度、答辯人過往的處分紀錄、各種加重和寬減的情況等等之後，認為個案屬輕微的，便可藉解決方案處理。如個案涉及不誠實行為的投訴，則不可藉解決方案處理。

有關公會投訴處理程序及解決方案的指引，可於公會網頁內Compliance部份查閱，網頁為<http://www.hkicpa.org.hk>。

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關於香港會計師公會

香港會計師公會是香港唯一獲法例授權負責專業會計師註冊兼頒授執業證書的組織，會員人數超過四萬，註冊學生人數逾一萬八千。公會會員可採用「會計師」稱銜（英文為 **certified public accountant**，簡稱 **CPA**）。

公會(**Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants**)於一九七三年一月一日成立，當時的英文名稱為 **Hong Kong Society of Accountants**。

公會根據《專業會計師條例》履行職責，以公眾利益為依歸。其職能廣泛，包括開辦專業資格課程(**Qualification Programme**)以確保會計師的入職質素，以及頒布香港的財務報告、審計及專業操守準則。此外，公會亦負責在香港監管和推動優良而有效的會計實務，以鞏固香港作為國際金融中心的領導地位。

香港會計師公會是全球會計聯盟(**Global Accounting Alliance, GAA**)的成員之一。全球會計聯盟於二零零五年成立，聯合了全球頂尖的專業會計團體，推動優質服務，並積極與各地監管機構、政府及關連人士就國際重要議題共同合作。

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