



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

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Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants takes regulatory action against two certified public accountants (practising)

(HONG KONG, 1 June 2017) — The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants has undertaken regulatory action against Kay Man Wo, a certified public accountant (practising) (membership number A09769) and Chen Ping Him, a certified public accountant (practising) (membership number A05695) for their failure or neglect to observe, maintain or otherwise apply professional standards issued by the Institute.

Kay was the engagement partner and Chen was the engagement quality control reviewer of a firm which audited the consolidated financial statements of a Hong Kong listed company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The consolidated financial statements failed to reflect an impairment of the group's available-for-sale financial assets in profit or loss. This was a breach of the relevant accounting standards and the effect was material under the materiality benchmark set for the audit. Kay and Chen inappropriately accepted that no impairment of the financial assets was required to be recognised in profit or loss. They agreed to express an unmodified audit opinion on the financial statements. The breach would not have been material had it been measured against an alternative materiality benchmark which the firm considered should have been applied to this audit.

The Institute concluded that Kay and Chen were in breach of the Fundamental Principle of *Professional Competence and Due Care* in 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. Kay and Chen acknowledge the facts of the case and their non-compliance with the relevant professional standards; and
2. they be reprimanded and jointly pay 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 are 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 20,000 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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香港會計師公會對兩名執業會計師作出監管行動

(香港，二零一七年六月一日) — 香港會計師公會就兩名執業會計師紀文和先生(會員編號：A09769)與陳炳謙先生(會員編號：A05695)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。

紀先生及陳先生隸屬同一事務所，該事務所就一間香港上市公司及其附屬公司截至2014年12月31日的綜合財務報表進行審計。紀先生為負責項目的合夥人，而陳先生為項目的質量控制覆核人員。

該份綜合財務報表沒有在損益表中反映一項集團擁有可供出售金融資產的減值。此舉違反了相關的會計準則。根據是項審計所設定的重要性指標，有關的違規對財務報表有重大的影響。紀先生及陳先生不適當地接納了損益表毋須確認該可供出售金融資產減值的做法。他們同意對該份財務報表發表無保留意見的核數師報告。如果根據該事務所認為本應運用於是項審計的另一重要性指標來衡量，則該項違規的影響並不重大。

公會認為紀先生及陳先生違反了 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* 內的 *Fundamental Principle of 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. 紀先生及陳先生承認此個案中的事實及其所違反的專業準則；及
2. 兩人均被譴責及須合共繳交費用港幣一萬元。

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 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，註冊學生人數逾二萬。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**)以確保會計師的人職質素，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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