



The Society of Chinese Accountants & Amittons

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正當學生們放暑假,畢業生努力找工作的7、8月裡,相信各會友都在埋 頭為以曆年作會計年度的客戶進行核數及報税的工作。希望大家在完成 手頭上的8.15案子後,可以休息一下,與家人好好地享受一下暑假陽光 的日子。

本會於7月先後協助了東莞市註冊會計師協會及佛山市會計學會在香港 舉辦研習班,同時,還特別為來自東莞的學員在港學習期間安排了《香 港東莞兩地事務合作前景》交流會及安排參與香港研習班的佛山市企業 單位管理人員參加本會7月份會員午餐例會,使本會會員與國內的會計 同業及企業的財務高級管理人員有更多直接溝通及發掘合作的機會。兩 次的活動得以順利進行,反應熱烈,全賴會員們踴躍的參加及支持。

#### 優化上市實體核數師監管制度的改革建議

7月22日,本會就優化上市實體核數師監管制度的改革建議舉辦了一場 會員論壇,並邀請了財經事務及庫務局副秘書長(財經事務)何宗基先生 及首席助理秘書長(財經事務)郭慧玲女士主講,就改革建議為會員作簡 介,並聽取會員的初步意見。由於此改革建議對核數行業有著深遠的影響,本會於9月1日再就此改革建議舉辦跟進論壇,希望與會員們再作深 入討論,收集大家的意見作反映。

#### 探討標準工時

近日,除了優化上市實體核數師監管制度的改革建議為大家所關注外, 另一個值得大家關注的議題相信是標準工時。有見及此,本會於7月30 日在會址就標準工時舉辦了一場會員論壇,當晚由標準工時委員會主席 梁智鴻醫生親臨領導討論。另外,參加是次論壇的標準工時委員會的委 員還包括吳秋北先生、何世柱先生、劉展灝先生,以及標準工時委員會 秘書何錦標先生。會員們在一個半小時的論壇上紛紛發表意見,當中贊 成立法制定標準工時的或建議對執業會計行業作豁免的支持者皆有發言 ,討論十分熱烈。然而,更重要的就是各會員都十分積極向標準工時委 員會的委員表達他們對立法制定標準工時的一些顧慮,以及一旦立法, 應予以慎重考慮的地方。在論壇舉行的翌日,本會便馬上匯總了各會員 在論壇上發表的意見重點,以書面形式呈交標準工時委員會供其參考。

#### 2014會員招募活動及擴大附屬會員基礎的建議

一年一度的會員招募活動今年提前於6月中開始,並於8月中完結,十分 高興有不少的年輕執業會計師透過是次活動加入本會,成為華師大家庭 的一分子。此外,本會為了進一步擴大附屬會員的基礎,年初理事會建 議容許擁有認可會計師資格的非會計師事務所從業員申請加入本會成為 附屬會員。就此建議,本會於5月下旬已舉辦了一次特別會員論壇作諮 詢,與會的會員對建議也十分支持。現階段,理事會正在跟進相關草擬 修改會章及舉行特別會員大會的工作。

#### 會址裝修已完成、提升I.T.支援工作將展開

8月初,本會會址進行了一次小規模的裝修工程,主要是擴充及優化秘書處的辦公室,為職員提供足夠的工作空間,以及存檔的地方,希望從

而提升秘書處的工作效率。與此同時,本會在 提升與會員服務相關的I.T.支援工作亦已取得進 展,目前,已選定服務供應商,更新及系統改 良的工作快將展開,目標在年底前完成大部分 的相關工作。

今年為中華人民共和國建國六十五週年,一如 往年,在多個會計專業團體的支持下,本會將 與香港會計師公會於9月22日在萬豪酒店合辦香 港會計界慶祝六十五週年國慶聯歡晚會,期待 屆時能與會友們一齊慶祝國慶。



#### 會長 蔡寶芳

中秋節將至,在這個美好的節日裏,本人謹代表理事會及秘書處全人,祝大家身體健康,萬事順意,闔家平安,人月團圓!

## 2014年度新一輪會員招募計劃

香港華人會計師公會成立於1913年,是香港歷史最悠久的會計 師公會。我們的使命在於:

- ·提高香港執業會計師專業水平、收集會員意見及向政府、其他專業 會計團體及公眾反映
- 配合會員及會計專業的持續發展
- ·服務社區及為香港特區政府及祖國作出貢獻
- 此外,我們的目標:
- ·為執業會計師提供支援及協助,以配合不斷改變的會計、審計準則 的要求
- ・提供平台給會員彼此認識,藉著講座及工作坊讓會員討論有關新準則的課題及應用。

為繼續服務業界,新一輪的會員招募計劃已於6月19日展開。計劃期 內,凡香港執業會計師申請成為華師會員,只需繳付年費HK\$700, 便可享有華師所提供的優質服務及HK\$2,700等值的獎賞。

華師會員成功推薦新會員入會,可同時享有HK\$100等值的獎勵。此 計劃已於8月19日完結。多謝各會員及友好對華師的支持。

會員招募計劃雖暫告一段落,但本會隨時歡迎有意加入本會的朋 友提交入會申請,有關會員、附屬會員及境外會員之申請表格, 可瀏覽本會網址www.scaacpa.org.hk。如有任何查詢,可致電 2869 6680或電郵到 info@scaacpa.org.hk與本會秘書處聯絡。

#### ■ 簡介

香港華人會計師公會成立於1913年,至今已有一 百年歷史。當初成立的目的,主要是聯繫當時通過 學徒制度,經本會考試合格,才能從事審核中文帳 目的政府認可中文帳目核數師。

本會會員,必須是領有在香港執業會計師之資格, 會員多數自行在本港設事務所公開執業,亦有跨國 會計師事務所之股東或受僱於有規模的會計師行的 會計師,對本港工商業提供各項有關會計、審計、 財務管理、稅務、上市及收購合併等服務。

#### 宗旨

本會成立的宗旨是促進執業會計師 的專業造詣,致力培育優秀會計人 才,作為會員與政府及其他專業機 構的溝通橋樑,積極推動會員及 會計行業的持續發展,服務社會, 並為香港和內地的經濟繁榮作出貢 獻,發揚華人會計師精萃。

#### ■ 聯絡我們

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### 《優化上市實體核數師監管制度的建議》

本會就財經事務及庫務局於本年6月開展有關《優化上市實體核數師監管制度的建議》的 公眾諮詢,於本年7月22日舉辦一場會員論壇,邀得財經事務及庫務局副秘書長(財經事務)何 宗基先生及首席助理秘書長(財經事務)郭慧玲女士出席講解有關諮詢及聽取會員意見。本會亦於9 月1日再次舉辦會員論壇,與會員再作深入討論,並收集意見。本會總匯所得之意見,於9月19日向 財經事務及庫務局遞交意見書。意見書全文如下:

19 September 2014

Division 4 Financial Services Branch Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau 15/F, Queensway Government Offices 66 Queensway Hong Kong

Dear Sirs

Re: Proposals to Improve the Regulatory Regime for Listed Entity Auditors Consultation Paper ("Consultation Paper")

In response to the Consultation Paper issued by the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau ("FSTB") in June 2014, we would like to submit our comments for your consideration.

The Society of Chinese Accountants and Auditors ("SCAA") is an incorporated body of professional accountants in Hong Kong established since 1913. Our members are practising accountants and representing a significant number of practising firms of accountants, most of which are small and medium sized, in Hong Kong. Our primary objectives include:

- to provide a professional development channel for all practising accountants in Hong Kong,
- to assist members to maintain high standards of professional conduct, and
- to provide services to its members and their members' staff, and to advance the theory and practice of accountancy.

As a long standing and member care organisation, we realise that the Consultation Paper may have a significant impact on our members. In view of this, SCAA held a members' forum to discuss the Consultation Paper on 22 July 2014. Mr. Patrick Ho, Deputy Secretary (Financial Secretary) for FSTB, was invited to deliver a briefing session in such forum in order to enable our members to understand the proposal thoroughly and to express their preliminary views on the Consultation Paper. Subsequent to the members' forum held on 22 July 2014, we had organised another members' forum on 1 September 2014 (the "Forum") to conduct a survey (the "Survey") by going through 21 questions selected from those as set out in the Consultation Paper. The Forum was attended by more than 50 participants. During the Forum, we distributed the form with the questions selected (the "Forum") to our members and encouraged them to complete, sign and return the Form to SCAA at the reception desk for passing the same to your office on their behalf. After the close of the Forum, 10 copies of the Form (without signature, name and membership number) were collected by SCAA. The results of the Survey are summarised in Appendix I.

Based on the results of the Survey conducted and the verbal comments collected from attendees during the Forum and consultation to other practitioners not attended the Forum, we would like to highlight the following findings and comments for your consideration:

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Question	Answer
1	While we do agree to the proposed objective of the reform, i.e. "to enhance the independence of the regulatory regime for auditors of listed entities", we also highlight the Consultation Paper has suggested that such objective "continues to be appropriate in the local context".
BHYLIND	In our understanding, in current local context there should be no restriction on any practising unit/practitioner to accept an audit engagement subject to the relevant requirements under the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the HKICPA. However, the Consultation Paper has proposed that an auditor shall not be engaged for listed entity audit unless the auditor has registered with the FRC.
	We strongly oppose to the pre-registration requirement imposed on auditors prior to their taking up of any listed entity audit engagement for the following reasons:
	• Not consistent with current practice;
	• Auditors will be differentiated into two categories, i.e. Registered with the FRC and Unregistered with the FRC;
	• A new set of criteria will be created by the FRC for the practising units to observe when they take up their first listed entity audit engagement; and

• Removing fair competition in the market.

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Question	Answer
	Currently, Big Four firms take up most of the audit engagements in the market while only a small portion of listed entities are audited by non-Big Four firms. If pre-registration prior to taking up audit engagement for listed entity is imposed, small-and-medium sized practising unit newcomers will probably be restricted to enter into the market. We expect that any change as suggested by the Consultation Paper should not eliminate any auditors from the listed entity audit market as under current practice. We agree that the FRC should only take actions against auditors after they have been appointed as auditor of the listed entity under the new regime. Furthermore, should registration be enforced, it should allow practitioners, who wish to be registered, to do so without preset conditions other than that "he has to be a fit and proper person to be registered as a listed entity auditor" as set out in paragraph 3.19.
2 and 3	We propose that public interest entities (PIEs) should not be mentioned in the legislation. The proposal should cover listed entities only.
4	Yes.
5(a) and (b)	Yes.
6 to 11	Please see Answer to Question 1.
12 to 15	No comment.
16	Agree.
17 and 18	No. Under current practice, the HKICPA has been performing its statutory functions and exercising its statutory powers. If the FRC exercises its oversight power, it may also have impact on the non-listed entity auditors. Our concern is that if the FRC introduces some measurements to regulate the listed entity and its auditors, these may inevitably be applied to non-listed entities and its auditors unless the measurements introduced by the FRC will only be specifically applicable to the listed entities only.
19 to 21	Yes.
22	No comment.
23	Further elaboration on certain contents, such as "reasonable time" and "within the time", as set out in paragraph 6.17 of the Consultation Paper is required.
24 to 27	Yes.
28	Please define in details the scope of "all audit and assurance engagements undertaken by listed entity auditors with listed entities" and clarify that this does not include internal control review, corporate finance work and financial due diligence etc.
29	Yes.
30	No. For fairness, the body who initiates the investigation and prosecution should not be the same body to make judgment whether the listed entity auditor is guilty or not. A third party who is not involved in the investigation should handle the judgement to ensure fairness to all parties concerned.
31	We strongly disagree with the disciplinary action outlined in paragraph 7.27(g) as the 'real' punishment is not the penalty but civil action of such mistake. Therefore, we suggest the maximum penalty should not exceed the amount which is the lower of HK\$5,000,000 or three times of the fee received.
32 to 41	Yes.
42	The change in the regulatory system is designed to enhance investor confidence and protection and, therefore, it should be more appropriate to source future funding for the FRC through transaction levies, which are market cap based. Moreover, to give sufficient comfort over accountability and prudent financial management of the FRC, the government, if not continuing as a funding party, should have a representative on the Council of the FRC in addition to the FRC's annual budget being approved by the Secretary for FSTB.
43(a) and (b)	Yes but subject to our comment on Question 42 above.
43(c)	Subject to our comment on Question 42 above, we consider that levies for listed entity auditors should be directly proportional to the fee income arising from listed entity audit engagements in the previous calendar year, as fee charged varied substantially from firm to firm.
44 and 47	Yes.

We should be pleased to discuss with you in further details if so necessary. Please contact the undersigned via email at info@scaacpa.com.hk, fax at (852) 2526 6434 or telephone at (852) 2869 6680. You may also contact our Mr Philip Fung, Practice Management Committee Chairman of SCAA, via email at philip.fung@lak-associates-cpa.com, fax at (852) 2810 7555 or telephone at (852) 2526 5511.

Yours faithfully

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本會聯同11個專業會計團體舉辦WeCare活動,透過一系列的壓力管理講座,關 懷會計師的精神健康及協助他們舒緩壓力。7月12日,於本會舉辦第二場講座 "Creating a Happy Workplace",由註冊催眠治療師Ms. Pinky Lam主講。

7月15日,法律教育基金代表團一行50多位 7月15至17日,東莞市註冊會計師 代表及內地大學法律系學生到本會拜訪,本 會為其舉辦「香港會計行業職業道德與專業 期業務骨幹培訓班」。 操守」研討會,由會長蔡寶芳主持及講解。

協會於本會會址舉辦「2014年第1



7月22日,本會就「優化上市實體核數師監管制度的改革建議」舉辦會員論壇,並 邀請了財經事務及庫務局副秘書長(財經事務)何宗基先生及首席助理秘書長(財經 事務)郭慧玲女士主講,就改革建議為會員作簡介,並聽取會員的初步意見。

7月29至31日,佛山市會計學會與廣 東省會計學會於本會會址舉辦「 2014年企業單位香港學習班」。

7月30日,由翹晉電子商務有限公司資訊科技 總監鍾國傑先生於7月午餐例會講解「電子支 **票一劃時代付款工具」**。

7月30日,本會於會址就標準工時舉辦了一場 會員論壇,當晚由標準工時委員會主席梁智 鴻醫生親臨領導討論。

8月6日,二十多位内地大學會計系學生 到訪本會。本會為其準備一場研討會, 簡介香港會計行業概況與發展。







8月23、30日、9月6日及13日,本會舉辦 "Training Workshop for Audit Semi-seniors and Seniors " , 由 RSM Nelson Wheeler 代表 Ms. Rachel Tsang, Mr. Frankie Li, Mr. Dennis Mok及Mr. Robin Szeto主講。

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龔永德先生於8月午餐例會講解「對於在內地工作的 港人需要注意的中國個人所得稅事宜」。

8月28日,由畢威馬會計師事務所首席合夥人(華南) 8月28日,由Boardroom Corporate Services (HK)企業 秘書部主管Mr. Seaman Kwok及大學講師Dr. Albert Lung講解 "How to run an annual general meeting and manage difficult meetings properly "

8月29日,由浸信會愛羣社會服務處精神健康綜 合社區中心服務發展主任Ms. Scarlet Poon主講第 五場WeCare講座 "Understanding and Managing Stress "

9月1日,本會再就「優化 9月4日,由永利行評值顧問有 9月5日,由浸信會愛羣社會服務處

上市實體核數師監管制度的 限公司企業評值及諮詢聯席董 精神健康綜合社區中心服務發展主 改革建議」舉辦跟進論壇。 事林 漢威 先 生 主講 "Issues 任 Ms. Scarlet Poon 主講第六場 Arising from Valuation of Joint WeCare 講座 "Bringing Happiness to Work and Life " •



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