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## CFRED's Third Company Law Colloquium:

# PERSPECTIVES ON THE NEW COMPANIES ORDINANCE

30 January 2013, Wednesday  
12:30-2:00p.m.

*The CUHK Graduate Law Centre, 2/F Bank of America Tower, 12 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong*

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Following an 80 year hiatus during which the preceding ordinance was amended only piecemeal in disparate provisions, Hong Kong has revisited and completely rewritten its company law. Most of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance 2012 will come into force in 2014. Other provisions, such as those for the winding up of companies are still being redrafted. The revision exercise sought to meet the best standards of company law globally, while addressing the needs of various local constituencies. In this colloquium, the head of the Justice Department team that advised on the drafting of the new law, an accountant who serves on the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform, a legal practitioner who supervises one of the two Companies Bill Teams and an academic who also serves on the Standing Committee will discuss the product of this reform process which in effect took more than 80 years to achieve. Join these experts to discuss the new Companies Ordinance with insiders expressing different and complementary expert perspectives.

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### *Speakers:*

**Prof. Edward Tyler**, *Department of Justice, HKSAR, Honorary Professor, Law Faculty, University of Hong Kong, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform*

**Ms. Catherine Morley**, *Department of Professional Practice, KPMG China, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform*

**Ms. Phyllis McKenna**, *Companies Registry, HKSAR*

**Prof. S H Goo**, *Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform*

***All are welcome!***

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## About the Speakers



**Prof. Edward Tyler**, *Department of Justice, HKSAR, Honorary Professor, Law Faculty, University of Hong Kong, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform*

Prof. Edward Tyler, who has been a barrister (Lincoln's Inn, Tasmania and Hong Kong), District Judge Hong Kong, Professor of Law and author/editor of several major legal texts, has over 50 years of experience in the field and currently serves as Deputy Principal Government Counsel and Senior Assistant Law Officer, Commercial III, Civil Division, with the Department of Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, working on the Companies Ordinance rewrite. He has been active in law reform and specializes in company and securities law, bankruptcy and property law. During his collegiate career, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Jurisprudence and a Master's degree from Exeter College, Oxford University.



**Ms. Catherine Morley**, *Partner, Department of Professional Practice, KPMG China*

As a Partner in KPMG's Department of Professional Practice, Ms. Catherine Morley is responsible for keeping clients and staff up to date, and providing advice, on financial reporting issues. Within KPMG International, she is a Deputy Chair of the Global IFRS topic team covering revenue recognition and provisions and a seconded partner to KPMG's International Standards Group.

She has served on several of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' professional committees and is currently the Deputy Chairman of its Financial Reporting Standards Committee and a member of its Professional Standards Monitoring Expert Panel.

She has also served on Hong Kong Government Committees and is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform and the Financial Reporting Review Panel of the Financial Reporting Council.



**Ms. Phyllis McKenna**, *Deputy Principal Solicitor (Company Law Reform), Companies Registry, HKSAR*

Phyllis McKenna is a Deputy Principal Solicitor (Company Law Reform) with Companies Registry. Ms McKenna holds an LLB (Hons) from Edinburgh University and worked in private practice in Edinburgh before joining the legal team of a merchant bank. She joined what is now the Hong Kong SAR Government in 1988 and has worked at the Official Receiver's Office and the Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office of the Lands Department before joining the Companies Registry in October 2010.

Ms McKenna supervises Companies Bill Team (Policy and Research Division 2) which deals with those parts of the new Companies Ordinance relating to, amongst other things, incorporation, share capital, charges and investigations and enquiries.



**Prof. S H Goo**, *Professor and Director of the AIIFL and Japan and Korea Programme, University of Hong Kong*

Say H Goo is Professor and Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) and Japan and Korea Programme. He joined HKU in 1995 after five years of teaching at the University of Exeter and the University of East Anglia, England. Over the years, he has taught many subjects including Contract Law, Land Law, Company Law, Insolvency Law and Trust, and Corporate Governance. In the past, he has also served as Deputy Head of Department of Law, Admissions Tutor, Founding Director of AIIFL and Founding Director of LLM (CFL) Programme.

He has acted as reviewer for Cambridge University Press, HKU Press, Ashgate Publishing Ltd, Cavendish Publishing Ltd, Journal of Corporate Law Studies (UK), Hong Kong Law Journal, Company and Securities Law Journal (Australia), and Journal of Business Law (UK), and some universities' promotion exercises. He has also appeared in local TV interviews.

He has delivered lectures in Beijing, Taipei, Tokyo, Zurich, Melbourne, Brisbane and Okinawa, and was invited by Professor John Ruggie of Harvard University (Special Representative of the Secretary General of UN on Business and Human Rights), to speak at an Expert Consultation in Toronto in Support of the Corporate Law Tools Project of the UN Special Representative and nominated by the HK Government to speak at an APEC conference in Washington DC. He has also delivered conference papers in Shanghai, Berlin, Reading, Hong Kong, Macau, Sydney, and Singapore.

