Directorship and Governance Certificate Programme – Essential Course

About this course

July - August 2026 | 18 hours | Online

As a director of a Hong Kong listed company, you are placed under the regulatory spotlight. Recent updates to the HKEX Listing Rules and Corporate Governance Code have significantly raised the bar for director accountability, meaning that transitioning to the boardroom requires a sharp upgrade in your technical and legal knowledge.

The BDO Directorship and Governance Certificate Programme - Essential Course bridges the gap between governance theory and the practical realities of leading a board in today's volatile market. This comprehensive, 18-hour series is delivered by a premier faculty from **BDO**, **ONC Lawyers**, and **Ascentium Hong Kong**.

With five core pillars of excellence spanning five modules, the programme is specifically designed to satisfy mandatory HKEX requirements while equipping you with the technical resilience needed for the directorship role.

Session 1	Module 1 30 Jul: 2:00pm - 5:00pm	Board governance and directors duties
Session 2	Module 2 31 Jul: 2:00pm - 5:00pm	Listing rules and compliance obligation
Session 3	Module 3 - Part A 6 Aug: 2:00pm - 5:00pm	Risk management oversight and internal control
Session 4	Module 3 - Part B 7 Aug: 2:00pm - 4:00pm	
Session 5	Module 4 13 Aug: 2:00pm - 5:30pm	ESG sustainability oversight and climate disclosure
Session 6	Module 5 14 Aug: 2:00pm - 5:30pm	Trends and business strategy

Over the course of the series, speakers will guide you through the precise statutory obligations, risks and compliance strategies unique to Hong Kong's regulatory landscape.

Please click here and complete the online registration form. For any enquiries, please contact Ida Cheung at +852 2218 3714 or email idacheung@bdo.com.hk.

Remarks:
1. Booking will be confirmed upon full payment. No shows would be charged.
2. Confirmation of successful registration will be sent by email prior to the programme.
3. BDO reserves the final right of acceptance of registration.

Course details

Online via Zoom

30, 31 July
6, 7, 13, 14 August
(If you are unable to attend a session, a recording will be uploaded to a platform the next day, and it will have a 1-week viewing period)

2 to 3.5 hours (afternoon from 2pm)

An e-certificate of attendance will be issued to those who have completed the session(s) and quizzes, based on the actual attendance hours

Cantonese, supplemented by English presentation materials

Each session HK$750
Full programme HK$4,000

Payment methods:

1. Bank transfer

   Bank name : The Hongkong & Shanghai Bkg Corp Ltd - Hong Kong
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2. By Cheque

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What you will learn

Module 1: Board governance and directors duties **Speakers: Angel Wong, ONC; Wendy Kam, Ascentium Hong Kong; Ricky Cheng, BDO**	
30 Jul (Thu) 2:00pm - 5:00pm 3 hours	Overview of Hong Kong corporate governance framework
	Directors' legal liabilities and obligations
	Board structure and committee functions
	Board culture and ethics
Module 2: Listing rules and compliance obligation **Speaker: Betsy Pon, BDO**	
31 Jul (Fri) 2:00pm - 5:00pm 3 hours	Core compliance obligations under the listing rules
	Inside Information disclosure obligations
	Model code and securities trading standards
	Recent regulatory developments and enforcement trends
Module 3: Risk management oversight and internal control **Speakers: Vivian Chow, BDO; Emily Sin, BDO**	
Part A 6 Aug (Thu) 2:00pm - 5:00pm 3 hours	Enterprise risk management framework
	Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR)
	Internal control review mechanism
Part B 7 Aug (Fri) 2:00pm - 4:00pm 2 hours	Fraud prevention and whistleblowing mechanism
	Financial competence, crisis management and strategy
Module 4: ESG sustainability oversight and climate disclosure **Speakers: Ricky Cheng, BDO; Vijo Fok, BDO**	
13 Aug (Thu) 2:00pm - 5:30pm 3.5 hours	Overview of ESG regulatory framework
	Social-related topics
	Climate-related disclosure requirements
	ESG assurance and other topics
Module 5: Trends and business strategy **Speaker: Herman Tsui, BDO**	
14 Aug (Fri) 2:00pm - 5:30pm 3.5 hours	Board's role in cybersecurity
	AI governance and ethical AI
	Data privacy and information governance
	Case study on business strategies

About the speakers

ONC Lawyers



Angel Wong
Partner
ONC Lawyers

Angel Wong is one of the members who built up the corporate finance practice of ONC. She specialises in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and she has advised many listing applicants and sponsors in the listings on the Main Board and GEM of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. In a few years' time, Angel has successfully completed more than 35 IPO projects, including the listings of H-share enterprises, red-chip companies, Hong Kong local companies and overseas enterprises, etc.

Angel is experienced in a wide range of corporate and commercial matters, including pre-IPO restructuring and financing, IPO, secondary financing, overseas listing, merger and acquisition, loan and financing transactions, licensing and registration under the Securities and Futures Ordinance, corporate governance and general compliance for listed companies as well as private enterprises.

Angel has advised different sponsor firms on their applications for licence to carry out Type 6 (Advising on Corporate Finance) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance and their compliance matters. In addition, Angel is leading a team to provide legal services to a portfolio of listed companies under annual retainers.

Angel has been admitted as a lawyer in the Greater Bay Area (licence no. 14401202201551966) and a solicitor in England and Wales.

Ascentium Hong Kong



Wendy Kam
Managing Director, Corporate Secretarial Services
Ascentium Hong Kong

Wendy Kam is the Managing Director of Corporate Secretarial Services at Ascentium Hong Kong, bringing over 30 years of experience in the corporate secretarial profession. Her expertise spans corporate advisory, regulatory compliance, corporate restructuring, and Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), as well as ongoing compliance for listed companies in Hong Kong SAR.

Throughout her career, she has served as Company Secretary for various listed companies in Hong Kong SAR and was a member of the Companies Registry Customer Liaison Group. She also participates in the work of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, including speaking at seminars and serving as Deputy Chair of the Professional Services Panel.

Recently, she was re-appointed as a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform (SCCLR) effective from 1 February 2026.

Qualifications and professional affiliations
- Fellow of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute
- Fellow of The Chartered Governance Institute
- Holder of HKCGI Practitioner's Endorsement Certificate

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Betsy Pon
Director of Technical Department
BDO

Betsy is an experienced professional with robust background in offering in-house technical support for various type of Hong Kong capital market transactions, such as IPOs, notifiable transactions and debt offerings etc. With over 15 years of technical and market knowledge in Hong Kong capital market, she has established herself as a subject matter expert within the organisation particularly in areas of Hong Kong Listing Rules and the professional standards and other rules and regulations governing Hong Kong capital market transactions.

Betsy is frequently invited to deliver customised training sessions relating to Hong Kong capital market to Hong Kong listed issuers.

Qualifications and professional affiliations
- Hong Kong Certified Public Accountant
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales



Ricky Cheng
Director and Head of Risk Advisory Services
BDO

Ricky Cheng is the firm's Director and Head of Risk Advisory. He leads the firm's Risk Advisory practice, specialising in internal audit management and corporate governance across Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong. With over 25 years of experience in risk and assurance, Ricky's background spans major international accounting firms and commercial internal audit roles.

His deep technical expertise includes:
Compliance: Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX), ESG readiness, and SVF license assessments
Governance: Risk management assessments and corporate governance reviews
Operational excellence: Business process reviews and internal audit assistance

Ricky manages a diverse client portfolio across industries such as financial services (brokerage and derivatives), property development, gaming, manufacturing, and FMCG. A recognised thought leader, he frequently speaks at professional body events and provides specialised training for both listed and private companies.

Qualifications and professional affiliations
- Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Fellow of the Hong Kong Corporate Governance Institute
- Fellow of The Chartered Governance Institute

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Vivian Chow
Director of Risk Advisory Services
BDO

Vivian Chow is a director of Risk Advisory Services, specialising in providing clients with assistance in their internal audit function and in meeting corporate governance requirements.

She has over 19 years of experience working with multi-national publicly and privately held organisations across a wide array of industries include working with clients to achieve corporate governance compliance, SOX compliance readiness, ERM advisory, internal audit/internal control assistance, business process re-engineering and implementation, and various regulatory compliance review including Hong Kong listed company resumptions, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), and Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs).

Her wealth of experiences also extends to assisting non-profit boards and overseeing government and quasi-government with governance, compliance and internal control review engagements, as well as independent audit risk assessments.

As a dedicated and passionate advocate for sustainability, environmental and socially responsible investing space, Vivian is also a Certified Environmental Social Governance Analyst CESGA. She is a frequent speaker of various subject matter in her practice at business and academic forums and listed and non-listed companies.

Qualifications and professional affiliations
- Certified Public Accountant (United States)
- Certified Environmental Social Governance Analyst CESGA
- Certified Digital Assets & MiCA® DiAM EFFAS



Vijo Fok
Principal of Risk Advisory Services
BDO

Vijo has over 15 years of experience in risk advisory and internal audit. She has extensive experience in handling pre-listing internal control review, risk management, corporate governance, Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) Section 404 compliance review and internal control review. Her client portfolio spans a wide range of industries including manufacturing, trading, property investment, media, telecommunications, construction, real estate, gaming and entertainment etc.

She is also responsible for providing the ESG reporting and supporting services to Hong Kong listed companies across various sectors, such as manufacturing, construction, mining, banking and financial services and property development, to assist them comply with the listing requirement of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

Vijo is a Committee Member of the Sustainability Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accounts (HKICPA).

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Herman Tsui
Principal of Risk Advisory Services
BDO

Herman has over 15 years of experience in delivering financial statement audit, internal audit, IPO internal control due diligence, internal control review for trading resumption, IT audit, US SOX compliance and ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) advisory services. The clients Herman served included Hong Kong and US listed companies, mainly in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Passionate about sharing his knowledge and experience in internal audit, Herman had also served as a trainer at Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and HKU SPACE.

Qualifications and professional affiliations
- Chartered Professional Accountant (Canada)
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certified Information Systems Auditor
- Hong Kong Certified Public Accountant



Emily Sin
Senior Manager of Risk Advisory Services
BDO

Emily Sin is the Senior Manager of Risk Advisory Services. She specialises in assisting client in managing their risk management, internal audit function and meeting corporate governance requirements in both Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong.

Emily has over 10 years of risk and assurance experience. She worked for large international accounting firms, investment bank and multinational corporation. Her expertise covers varies services such as Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance, risk assessment, corporate governance compliance review, internal audit, AML advisory (included AML independent assessment, customers due diligence remediation and compliance review) and fraud investigation etc.

She has served clients across financial institutions and listed conglomerates in multiple industries, covering internal audit for investment banks and compliance review for SFC licensed corporations and financial institutions.

Qualifications and professional affiliations
- Hong Kong Certified Public Accountant
- Member of the CPA Australia
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist