



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

Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants takes disciplinary action against a certified public accountant

(HONG KONG, 29 March 2023) On 17 February 2023, a Disciplinary Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“Institute”) ordered that the name of Mr. Lee Sun, Antony, a certified public accountant (“CPA”) (A37956) be removed from the register of CPAs for 18 months and his practising certificate be cancelled with effect from 31 March 2023. In addition, Lee was reprimanded and ordered to pay a penalty of HK\$200,000.00 and costs of the disciplinary proceedings of \$71,298.00.

Lee was the sole practicing director of JTBC CPA Limited (“Practice”) which was registered in February 2015. The Practice was subject to an initial practice review (“Review”) by the Institute’s Quality Assurance Department (“Reviewer”) which was concluded in October 2020. The Review identified significant findings which led to concerns over Lee’s lack of integrity and professional competence and due care, demonstrated by (i) his conduct in response to the Review, in particular, the creation of working papers, and provision of false or misleading information/representations; (ii) deficient quality control system of the Practice; and (iii) the lack of audit quality in the Practice’s audit engagements.

After considering the information available, the Institute lodged complaints against Lee under sections 34(1)(a)(vi) and 34(1)(a)(viii) of the pre-amended Professional Accountants Ordinance Cap. 50 (“Ordinance”).

Lee admitted the complaints against him. The Disciplinary Committee found that Lee failed or neglected to observe, maintain or otherwise apply:

- (i) the fundamental principle of integrity under section 110.1 A1(a) and subsections R111.1 and R111.2 under Chapter A of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (“COE”);
- (ii) the fundamental principle of professional competence and due care under section 110.1 A1(c) and subsection R113.1 of the COE;
- (iii) Hong Kong Standard on Quality Control 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements*;
- (iv) Hong Kong Standard on Auditing (“HKSA”) 230 *Audit Documentation*; and
- (v) HKSA 500 *Audit Evidence*.

The Committee further found that Lee had been guilty of professional misconduct.

Having taken into account the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee made the above order against Lee under section 35(1) of the Ordinance.

About HKICPA Disciplinary Process

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") enforces the highest professional and ethical standards in the accounting profession. Governed by the pre-amended Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) and the Disciplinary Committee Proceedings Rules, an independent Disciplinary Committee is convened to deal with a complaint referred by Council. If the charges against a member, member practice or registered student are proven, the Committee will make disciplinary orders setting out the sanctions it considers appropriate. Subject to any appeal by the respondent, the order and findings of the Disciplinary Committee will be published.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/News/Archival-records-on-regulatory-functions/Compliance/Disciplinary>

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About HKICPA

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Our qualification programme assures the quality of entry into the profession, and we promulgate financial reporting, auditing and ethical standards that safeguard Hong Kong's leadership as an international financial centre.

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