



## Hong Kong – A city of integrity and a level playing field

With persistent efforts of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and the enduring support from the business community in cultivating an ethical business culture, Hong Kong is widely recognised as one of the cleanest places to do business today.

### A city of integrity

- The corruption trend as reflected by the report statistics of the ICAC remains steady and under firm control. In recent years, around 2,500 corruption complaints were received each year.
- The ICAC Annual Survey 2020 revealed that corruption is uncommon in Hong Kong and the public is highly intolerant of corruption.

#### ICAC ANNUAL SURVEY 2020



- Over 98% of the respondents had not encountered corruption personally in the past 12 months.
- 98% of the respondents considered that keeping Hong Kong corruption-free was important to the overall development of the city.
- Over 93% of the respondents considered the ICAC deserving their support.
- Around 82% of the respondents were willing to report corruption.
- On a 0 to 10 rating scale, of which 0 represented zero tolerance and 10 total tolerance of corruption, the mean score was 0.4.

## A clean business environment

Hong Kong is renowned for its open, clean and business-friendly environment. International surveys consistently rank Hong Kong as one of the cleanest cities in the world.



- 11<sup>th</sup> least corrupt place globally and 2<sup>nd</sup> cleanest in Asia among 180 countries/territories - Corruption Perceptions Index 2020, Transparency International
- 16<sup>th</sup> out of 128 jurisdictions for its overall rule of law performance and the 8<sup>th</sup> under the factor of “absence of corruption” - Rule of Law Index 2020, World Justice Project
- 20<sup>th</sup> least corrupt among 194 places in the world - TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2020, TRACE International
- 5<sup>th</sup> most competitive among 63 economies and the 12<sup>th</sup> under “bribing and corruption” - World Competitiveness Yearbook 2020, International Institute for Management Development
- 17<sup>th</sup> out of 209 economies, the second highest in Asia, under the dimension of “Control of Corruption” - Worldwide Governance Indicators 2020, The World Bank
- 3<sup>rd</sup> cleanest place in Asia among 14 Asian regions - Perceptions of Corruption in Asia, the US and Australia in 2021, Political and Economic Risk Consultancy

## ICAC - Your Partner for Integrity

To enable Hong Kong to maintain its competitive edge, the ICAC will remain steadfast in upholding probity and safeguarding its clean business environment through law enforcement, systemic prevention and community education.

The **Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Centre** of the ICAC provides customised and free corruption prevention and education services to help businesses manage corruption risks and build an ethical workforce.



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