



## Corporate Finance Interest Group (CFIG)

### Lunch forum: Strengthening Hong Kong's Role as a Global Market for IPOs

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Strengthening Hong Kong's Role as a Global Market for IPOs</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Mr. Lawrence Lee Director, Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre Convenor, IPO Study Group, Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre Chairman, Baker & McKenzie
<b>Chairman</b>	Mr. Frankie Yan Convenor, Corporate Finance Interest Group
<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>26 May 2008, Monday, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Programme</b>	12:30 p.m. Registration, networking time with pasta buffet lunch 1:20 p.m. Talk by Mr. Lawrence Lee, followed by Q&A and discussion 2:00 p.m. End of event
<b>Venue</b>	Victoria Suite, 1/F, The Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road, Central
<b>Admission Fee</b>	HKD200 per person for CFG members HKD300 per person for non-CFIG members
<b>HKICPA CPD Hour</b>	0.5 hour
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>21 May 2008</b>

### Registration

#### To register:

- Online registration (recommended): [click here](#) or visit [www.hkicpa.org.hk](http://www.hkicpa.org.hk)
- By post or by fax: Complete the attached reply slip and return it to the Institute on or before **21 May 2008**, together with full payment. Cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants". Fax registration will be accepted only if payment is made by Visa/Master credit card.

***You may deem your registration successful unless you receive notification from us to the contrary.***

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### *About the speaker*

**Mr. Lawrence Lee** is chairman of the Hong Kong, PRC and Vietnam offices of Baker & McKenzie and a member of the firm's Commercial and Securities Group. He has also served as chairman of the Asia Pacific Regional Council and a former executive committee member of the International Firm. He is a member of the Hospital Authority and the Chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital. He is also a member of the Hong Kong Housing Society.

Despite his management and public commitments, Mr. Lee continues to devote substantial amount of time to his practice which focuses mainly in corporate finance, including flotation of new companies; mergers and acquisitions of public companies; establishment of investment funds and other securities-related practice.

Mr. Lee graduated from the University of Hong Kong with an LL.B (1978) and P.C.LL. (1979). He is admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong, England and Wales, New South Wales and Victoria.

### *About the talk*

#### **Presentation Outline**

The Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre ("the Centre") is a policy think tank established in Hong Kong in March 2006. Through conducting policy research and studies, it seeks to analyze the key factors and conditions that would contribute or undermine Hong Kong's competitiveness and socio-economic well being, with a view to developing a set of policy recommendations for the Government to consider.

The Centre has recently issued a study report "**Hong Kong as a Preferred IPO Hub ... Are we on the Right Track?**", which is available on the Centre's website, at <http://www.bauhinia.org/publications.htm>. In response to the changing market environments, in particular, Hong Kong is facing increasingly keen competition for cross-border IPO businesses, the report has called for Hong Kong to adopt a more competitive regulatory model for new listings to prevent Hong Kong losing out to regional rivals.

Mr. Lawrence Lee, director of the Centre and convenor of its IPO Study Group, will highlight some key issues identified by the study and share with CFIG members their views and suggestions in relation to help maintaining Hong Kong's economic success and making Hong Kong a better place for all of us to live and work.

