



Insolvency Interest Group (IIG) Lunch Seminar

The Global Outlook as it Affects Hong Kong



- Topic** The Global Outlook as it Affects Hong Kong
- Speaker** Mr. David O'Rear, Chief Economist, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman** Mr. Simon Powell, Partner, Jones Day and
Member of the IIG Management Committee
- Date and Time** 22 March 2006, Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Sandwiches and beverages will be served at 12:45 p.m.)
- Venue** K-2 Suite, Pacific Place Conference Centre,
Level 5, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong
- Fee** HKD150 per person for IIG members
HKD220 per person for Non-IIG members
- HKICPA CPD Credit Hour** 1 hour
- Law Society CPD Point** 1 hour
- Application Deadline** 21 March 2006

About the seminar

Presentation Outline

The world economy has been growing strongly, with very mild inflation, during the middle of the decade. Now, it is likely that both the economies of US and the Mainland of China will slow down, with important consequences for Hong Kong. Persistently high energy prices, rising interest rates, exchange rate uncertainties and slowing demand in the US and PRC will have a direct impact on Hong Kong's economy in 2006 and 2007. David O'Rear, Chief Economist of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce will explore the challenges facing the world economy in the next 18-24 months, and examine how the more likely outcomes will play out in the SAR.

The number of places is **limited** and will be allocated to **IIG members** on a **first-come-first-served basis** in case of **over-subscription**.

For members who wish to attend the seminar, please complete the attached reply slip and return it to the Institute together with a cheque payable to "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants".

No further confirmation letter will be sent out unless your reservation is unsuccessful.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

David O'Rear

Before and after completing graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, Mr O'Rear worked and studied in Taiwan. He arrived in Hong Kong in 1984 to analyze the economic, political and business conditions and prospects for multi-national corporations in Taiwan and Korea for Business International. Among the results were four book-length studies on the development and prospects for emerging North-east Asian economies.

After the company was sold to The Economist Group in 1986, Mr O'Rear continued on, moving first to Asia-wide research and strategic consulting and later to the position of Regional Economist (1991-2001). During this time he spoke at or chaired dozens of conferences each year involving senior business and political leaders. Consulting work took on a more strategic focus as well, as companies looked to their long-term structures and plans for the region.

In 2002, after 18 years on the job, Mr O'Rear shifted gears, and after a brief break accepted the post of Chief Economist at the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. The HKGCC, the oldest, largest and most international chamber in Hong Kong, is the voice of business on draft legislation and policy positions in the SAR. Among the key issues of the moment are fiscal stability, integration with China's Pearl River Delta and adapting to long-term structural changes. Within the Chamber, Mr O'Rear manages the Economic Policy, Legal, Taxation, Shipping and Transportation and Real Estate and Infrastructure committees.

In his efforts to convey an understanding of the region's challenges and opportunities, Mr O'Rear has made regular print, radio and television commentaries on current issues of interest to the international business community; lectured at executive MBA programs; and conducted frequent oral and written presentations to the top corporate and governmental levels.



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Enrolment Form

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Note:

1. Enrolments are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. No telephone reservation will be accepted.
2. The closing date for enrolment is 21 March 2006.
3. No further confirmation letter will be sent out unless your reservation is unsuccessful.
4. Unless the seminar is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, no refund will be given after your registration has been confirmed.