

HKIAAC ENEWS LETTER



➤ **First** APEC Workshop on Promoting Integrity for Economic Prosperity Concluded Successfully in Hong Kong, China

The National Commission of Supervision (NCS) and the ICAC co-hosted a two-day anti-corruption workshop on “Promoting Integrity for Economic Prosperity” for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Hong Kong, China from 9 to 10 June 2026. The workshop concluded successfully, drawing the participation of over 150 representatives from various member economies, international organisations, and institutions to foster exchange and discussion on promoting integrity for economic prosperity and pave way for establishing network of practical cooperation.



Echoing APEC’s “China Year”, participants also had the opportunity to experience Chinese culture by visiting the “Giant Panda Adventure” in Ocean Park Hong Kong to learn about the ecology of giant pandas. Following the panel discussions, the ICAC invited participants to the ICAC Headquarters for in-depth exchanges on the Commission’s latest developments and initiatives in law enforcement, prevention, education, and international liaisons.

ICAC's **Largest** International Training Programme

Nazaha's Anti-Corruption Course



The Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha) of Saudi Arabia arranged 60 graft fighters to Hong Kong for a 10-day professional anti-corruption course from 20 to 29 July 2026 at the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption (HKIAAC). This delegation sets two ICAC's new records in the international training arena – becoming the largest international training course in terms of participants, and the largest number of participants from a single overseas anti-corruption agency in a course.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the ICAC Commissioner Mr Woo Ying-ming said the ICAC and Nazaha had been close graft-fighting partners for years, with collaboration further intensified after the two parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 2024. Mr Woo also noted that the ICAC and Nazaha earlier piloted a new attachment programme with two Nazaha officers attached to the ICAC for one year, bringing international anti-corruption collaboration to a new phase.

Also attending the opening ceremony were Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Counselor Zhou Qian, and Vice-Consul of the Royal Consulate General of Saudi Arabia in the HKSAR Mr Mushari Almudarra.





This course offered direct insights from seasoned ICAC officers as well as experts from the Department of Justice (DoJ) of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF). The curriculum covered core topics including anti-corruption strategies, investigation techniques, transnational legal cooperation, and upholding integrity in the HKPF.

Participants also visited the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park to gain a deeper understanding of the latest practices in financial regulation, integrity management and the application of innovation and technology in the local context. They further conducted a study visit to the Qianhai area of Shenzhen, witnessing the latest anti-corruption and technology developments in the Chinese Mainland.



This course marks a major milestone in ICAC's international anti-corruption collaboration. The ICAC looks forward to extending relevant training to more regions, continuing to share experience and professional knowledge with global graft fighters, and working together to build a clean world.





ICAC Steps Up Central Asia Cooperation through Regional Workshop on Conflicts of Interest

From 16 to 17 July 2026, a two-day regional training workshop on "Conflicts of Interest: Legal Frameworks and Practical Enforcement" was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Co-organised by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Tajikistan's Agency for State Financial Control and Combating Corruption and the ICAC, the workshop aimed to strengthen investigative techniques and regulatory capacity in managing conflicts of interest. The event brought together international experts and anti-corruption authorities from Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, alongside representatives from the Tajik government and local organisations.

During the workshop, the ICAC delegation presented practical case studies, demonstrating how investigative practices, interview techniques, and disclosure standards embed transparency into systems and uphold accountability.





Seminar on Major Infrastructure Projects during the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption

ICAC Commissioner Mr Woo Ying-ming concluded the 22nd Secretariat Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC), held in Malaysia from 28 to 30 July 2026, where he shared anti-corruption initiatives and achievements of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA).

Following the meeting, Mr Woo attended a seminar on integrity in major infrastructure projects co-hosted by the ICAC, ASEAN-PAC, IAACA, and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission. During the seminar, Mr Wong Wai-kit, Assistant Director of the Operations Department, shed light on corruption risks in major infrastructure projects and expounded on the ICAC's experience and investigative approaches. Additionally, Mr Jeff Chan, Senior Government Counsel from the DoJ of Hong Kong, shared the significance of mutual legal assistance, informal cooperation in fighting cross-border corruption crimes, and asset recovery initiatives.

The meeting and seminar received an overwhelming response, with participation from over 100 graft fighters, law enforcers, government officials and academics from 11 ASEAN member states – Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam – as well as representatives of international organisations.



ICAC and Department of Justice Deliver Anti-Corruption Seminar for International Delegates in Hungary

The ICAC Commissioner Mr Woo Ying-ming led a delegation to Budapest, Hungary, from 12 to 15 May 2026. In his capacity as President of the IAACA, the Commissioner hosted IAACA's first regional anti-corruption conference in Europe. Following the successful conclusion of the conference, the HKIAAC, leveraging its role as an international training hub, co-hosted a specialised anti-corruption seminar for the delegates. Partnering with the Integrity Authority of Hungary, the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), and IAACA, the session drew approximately 70 experts from anti-corruption bodies, law enforcement agencies, and regulatory authorities worldwide.



During the training, the representative from IACA shared insights on measuring the effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies. Following this, Principal Investigator Mr Eric Chan and Chief Investigator Ms Joan Wong examined the Commission's evolving journey in evaluating its effectiveness. The session illustrated how active engagement in international expert forums on new measurement methodologies broadened an agency's evaluative horizons, while highlighting how perpetual reflection, institutional resilience, and public trust underpinned the ICAC's credibility as an adaptive anti-corruption agency. The HKIAAC also invited Ms Laura Ng, Senior Government Counsel from the DoJ of Hong Kong to share Hong Kong's robust legal framework and practical experience in transnational asset recovery and confiscation.

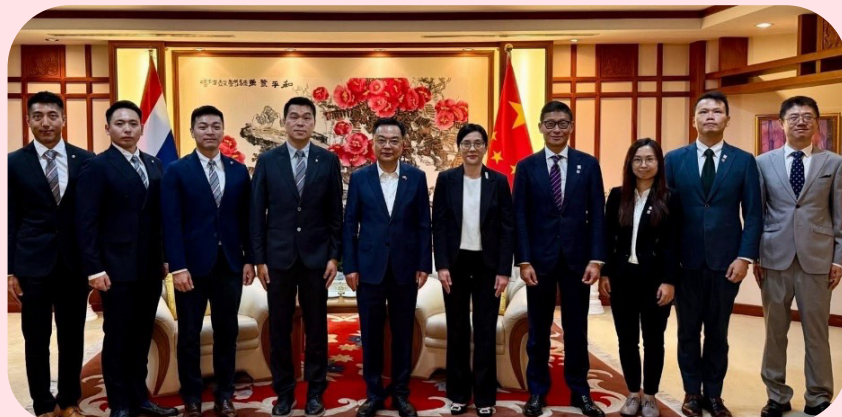


ICAC and Hong Kong Fire Services Department

to Share Hong Kong's Anti-Corruption Experience in Thailand



Setting Sail with Government Partners



From 23 to 25 June 2026, Senior Commission Against Corruption Officer Ms Grace Yee, led an ICAC delegation to Bangkok, Thailand, and for the first time collaborated with the Hong Kong Fire Services Department (HKFSD) to organise a capacity building programme for Thailand's Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission. The course brought together over 170 participants from different Thai anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies. Mr Zhao Mengtao, Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of Thailand, was also invited to attend the opening ceremony.

During the course, ICAC officers shared Hong Kong's anti-corruption landscape, legal framework and practical investigative experience in a macro perspective. Experienced ICAC forensic accountant also shared with participants the ICAC's expertise and experience in financial investigation and recovery of crime proceeds. In addition, representatives from the HKFSD highlighted the close partnership with the ICAC, in a bid to share Hong Kong's success in cross-departmental anti-corruption efforts with Thailand and other regions.

The ICAC delegation, together with representatives from the HKFSD, also visited H.E. Mr Zhang Jianwei, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of Thailand. The team briefed the Ambassador on the ICAC's anti-corruption strategies and latest developments in international collaboration.





ICAC and Hong Kong Police Force Join Hands to Share Experience at the GovHR Forum in Kazakhstan

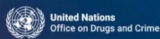
From 17 to 19 June 2026, Principal Investigator Mr Gary Wong, led an ICAC delegation together with representatives from the Service Quality Wing of HKPF, attended the “GovHR Forum” jointly organised by the Agency for Civil Service Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan. At the forum, ICAC shared its experience in leveraging technology for anti-corruption and integrity management with over 300 public sector leaders and professionals from the IT and HR fields across over 20 countries.

During the panel session titled “Integrity - Culture of Integrity”, Mr Gary Wong exchanged views with international experts on how to cultivate and strengthen a culture of integrity within the public sector in the era of digital transformation, and how innovative technologies could be applied to close corruption loopholes. The ICAC delegation, together with representatives from the HKPF, also visited Mr Han Chunlin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of Kazakhstan. During the meeting, they shared the development on anti-graft international cooperation.



Thematic Online Seminar on Illicit Enrichment

On 18 June 2026, Chief Investigator Ms Mabel Chu and Senior Forensic Accountant Mr Kobus Cheung of the ICAC joined the online storytelling session organised by the UNODC and its Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network). During the sharing session, the ICAC representatives expounded on Hong Kong’s relevant legislation and investigative experience on combating illicit enrichment, and shared financial investigation techniques from a forensic accounting perspective. The session attracted over 380 participants from the GlobE Network, reflecting strong global interest in tackling illicit enrichment under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

 **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

STORYTELLING SESSION SERIES

Illicit Enrichment Under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption: Practical Lessons

Thursday, 18 June 2026
11:00-12:30 CEST
English | with AI interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish

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Exchange Fellows Sharing Corner

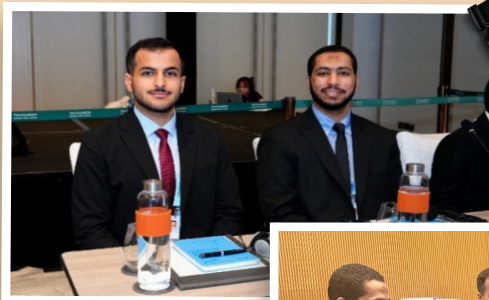
We are Abdualaziz Shamran and Abdulmohsen Abanmai, officers from the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha) in Saudi Arabia, selected for a one-year exchange programme in the ICAC in Hong Kong, China.



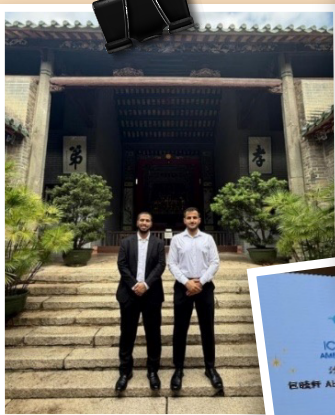
One of the main objectives of our exchange programme is to gain knowledge and experience from the ICAC's rich 52-year history in graft-fighting. In the past few months, we have gained broad exposure across various units of the ICAC. Among these experiences, the most memorable one was coordinating the ICAC's largest international anti-corruption course for Nazaha of Saudi Arabia which was organized by the HKIAAC.

As both Nazaha officers and ICAC's Exchange Fellows, we played a pivotal role in the preparation and implementation of the whole initiative, acting as key coordinators for the 60 Nazaha participants and introducing them to the ICAC facilities. The programme concluded with very satisfactory results, fostering an even closer working relationship between Nazaha and the ICAC.

Additionally, we had the privilege of participating in international conference and seminar during our attachment at the HKIAAC. These included a two-day anti-corruption workshop on "Promoting Integrity for Economic Prosperity" for the APEC in Hong Kong, China from 9 to 10 June 2026, as well as the Seminar on Belt and Road Capacity Building Platforms on 22 April 2026. Through these events, we gained valuable insight into how the ICAC organizes international conferences and connects with Belt and Road countries.



Beyond these key international initiatives, we also participated in various activities and visits across Hong Kong arranged by the Operations Department, the Corruption Prevention Department, and the Community Relations Department of the ICAC. Deeply grateful for the exceptional hospitality and invaluable opportunities extended to us by the ICAC, we remain highly enthusiastic about further immersing ourselves in the unique culture and vibrant community of Hong Kong.



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Embracing the Future with Blockchain-based e-Proof >

We are thrilled to announce that certificates issued by the HKIAAC are now officially supported by the e-Proof platform of the Government of the HKSAR. This initiative is our latest move to incorporate technology into anti-corruption efforts and our course participants are now awarded official certificates from the HKIAAC that can be verified using blockchain technology.

Developed by the Digital Policy Office of the HKSAR Government, e-Proof is a digital document verification platform. By leveraging blockchain technology, it ensures that every HKIAAC certificate is tamper-proof and instantly verifiable by third parties, such as employers or universities, worldwide. Simply visit the e-Proof platform and follow a few simple steps to verify the digital certificate anytime and anywhere in the world!



Regional Workshop on Whistle-blower and Witness Protection >

The protection of whistle-blowers, witnesses, victims, and all reporting persons is widely recognized as a key element in preventing, detecting, and prosecuting corruption. However, the reluctance of individuals to report wrongdoing remains a major challenge, often due to insufficient or poorly understood protection frameworks.

To address this critical gap, the UNODC will organize a thematic regional training workshop on whistle-blower and witness protection for Indian Ocean Islands. Scheduled for 15 to 17 September 2026 in Madagascar, the event will gather anti-corruption professionals from four countries: Madagascar, the Maldives, Mauritius, and Seychelles. The workshop aims to facilitate the exchange of practical experiences and the development of sustainable protection approaches in the region.

The ICAC has been invited to share its practical expertise and experience at this workshop with the four participating countries.