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he global financial crisis evokes a conscious need for effective corporate governance and shareholders' protection. There is a need for effectiveness of risk management at the board level coupled with the additional duty on the part of directors to make independent judgment.

Institutional shareholders can no longer be passive. They have to be more assertive in engaging corporate governance issues of listed companies and monitoring their boards.

Minority derivative actions are now given statutory clout in both England and China. Listed companies in Singapore and England and listed joint stock limited liability companies are required by law to have qualified independent directors on their boards to ensure the mechanics of the audit committee, remuneration—committee and nominating committee are transparent and consistent with the international best practice.

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# 3rd CORPORATE SUMMIT 第三届公司峰會

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & SECURITIES REGULATION in the aftermath of the global financial crisis

全球金融危机后的公司治理与证券法规



Venue : Banyan Room, Shangri La Hotel, Singapore

Date : 6 May 2010

Time : 8.45 am to 5.15 pm Language of Instruction : English

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8.45am Registration/morning coffee (sponsored by Lee Metal Group Ltd)

9.00am Introductory remarks by Chairman of the morning session, A/Prof Victor Ramrai.

Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

9.10am Paper on Insider Trading & Market Manipulation

- Definition, nature and cause
- Price sensitive information
- Public and investors' protection
- Regulatory bodies/statutory framework

Prof Peter S K Koh

Author of Major Issues in Company Law (with PRC Chinese & English Comparative Notes) Consultant/Counsel, Hill Dickinson

(Comparative analysis on PRC Chinese/English laws by Mr Wang Zhenyu)

10.00am Paper on Corporate Governance Issues in Merger and Acquisition Transactions in China

- Nature of M & A transactions
- Due diligence & investigation
- Relevance of corporate governance
- Factors/criteria for assessment

Mr Simon Poon

Group CEO, Green-matters group of companies in HK & China

10.30am Coffee/tea break (sponsored by BDO LLP)

10.45am Paper on Protection of Minority Shareholders in China

- Listed and Unlisted Joint Stock Companies
- Limited liability entities in China
- Minority protection avenues
- Company Law 2005 / legal remedies
- Representative/derivative actions

Prof Liu Junhai

Professor of Business Law, Renmin University of China

H1.30am Paper on Corporate Governance and Investment Climate in China

- Effective corporate governance
- Investors' confidence/transparency
- Impact of global crisis
- Investment landscape post crisis era

Prof Chen Yong Jun

Vice-Dean, International College, Renmin University in Suzhou/ Professor, School of Business

12.10pm Paper on Asset Management, Social Responsibility & Corporate Governance

- Asset management some perspectives
- Need for social responsibility
- Relevance of corporate governance

Dr Ulrich Behm

Chief Executive Officer, Vontobel Asia-Pacific Ltd

12.30pm Lunch (sponsored by Vontobel Asia Pacific Ltd)

2.00pm Introductory remarks by Chairman of the afternoon session

Mr Jai S.Pathak

Partner in charge, Singapore office, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

2.05pm Paper on The Roles of the Board of Directors & Institutional Investors in Securing good corporate governance

- Combined corporate code

- Changing face of institutional investors
- Behavioural governance corporate emphasis
- Relevance of institutional governance rules

Mr Keith Walmsley

Consultant Editor, Companies Act 2006 Handbook and former Legal Adviser, London Stock Exchange (Comparative analysis on The Role of the Company Secretary in PR China by Ms Vicky Liu Yiwei)

2.50pm Respondent Mr Lawrence Kwan, FCIS

Vice-Chairman, Singapore Association of ICSA.

3.00pm Dialogue Session on Effective Corporate Governance and Role of the Company Secretary (sponsored by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher)

Panellists:

- Mr Keith Walmsley,
- Prof Liu Jun Hai
- Ms Joyce Fong, Company Secretary, SGX
- Mr Low Sai Choy, Company Secretary, Capitaland Ltd.

Moderator

Mr lai S.Pathak

4.00pm Tea break (Sponsored by Tolaram group of companies)

4.30pm Paper on Directors' Duties and Derivative Actions

- Duties under 2006 Companies Act
- Fiduciary duties/conflict of interests
- Independent judgment
- Derivative statutory actions

Prof D D Prentice

Alley & Overy Professor of Law, Oxford University

5.15 pm End





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Prof D D Prentice
Allen & Overy Professor of Corporate Law at Oxford University
and UK Corporate Law Commissioner

Topic: Director's Duties And The Role Of The Shareholders With Respect To Their Breach

### Dialogue on the The Role of the Company Secretary in Effective Corporate Governance (sponsored by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP)

Panellists: Keith Walmsley, Consultant Editor, ICSA Companies Act Handbook Linda Hoon, Group Secretary and Senior V-P, DBS Bank Grace Tan, Executive Director, SAICSA Practising company secretaries of listed companies

Chairman/moderator: Jai Pathak, Partner Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP



Prof Liu Jun Hai

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pic: Minority Shareholders in PRC Joint Stock Limited Liability Entities - Listed and Unlisted



Mr Keith Walmsley

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Topic The Roles of the Boards of Directors and of Institutional Investors in Securing Good Corporate Governance

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Main Moderator Prof Peter S K Koh Editor, Frontiers of Law in China



Luncheon address by Dr Ulrich Behm, Chief Executive Officer of Vontobel Asia Pacific Ltd

Topic: Asset Management and Corporate Governance

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Dr Ulrich Behm is the Chief Executive Officer of Vontobel Asia Pacific Ltd and a previous Consultant at McKinsey. Dr Behm has a MBA and a PhD in Finance from the University at St Gallen in Switzerland.



Mr Simon Poon has an engineering degree from Columbia University and a MBA from MIT. He is now the group Chief Executive Officer of the Green matters group of companies in HK and China.



Mr Low Sai Choy studied law at Cambridge University and he is Senior Vice-President (Legal) and Company Secretary at Capitaland Ltd and he is in charge of corporate compliance.



Prof Liu Junhai is Professor of Business Law at Renmin University of China and its director, Commercial Law Research Institute. His major publications including Corporation Law in China and Protection of Minority Shareholders' Rights in Stock Corporation in China.



Ms Joyce Fong is Company Secretary at the Singapore Stock Exchange ("SGX") and was its General Counsel for more than 8 years. Ms Fong has a Master of Law degree from NUS.



Prof Chen Yong Jun is Vice-Dean of the International College (Post-graduate) of Renmin University in Suzhou and an Economics professor at its School of Business. He received his post-graduate studies at Xiamen University, Prof. Chen's research area includes market and circulation theory and market economy reform



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Peter S K Koh is Consultant/Counsel at Hill Dickinson. He is an editor of Frontiers of Law in China and author of Major Issues in Company Law (with PRC Chinese and English Comparative Notes. (2nd Edition)). Has acted as counsel before regulatory bodies and tribunals on corporate/commercial matters and securities regulation in Canada & Singapore and is an accredited arbitrator of China. He studied law in Singapore and London School of Economics. He is an adjunct professor at Renmin University of China, NUS, U of Western Ontario.

# Chairmen / Moderators



Prof Victor Ramraj is the Vice-Dean (Academic Affairs) at National University of Singapore. He was educated at McGill University and University of Toronto. He will be seconded to be a Faculty Director at the Centre for Transactional Legal Studies in England.

Mr Jai S.Pathak is the partner-in-charge of the Singapore office at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He received his legal education at Oxford University and the University of Virginia. He is a member of the firm's Corporate Department and its Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Group.



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