

# Hong Kong - A city of integrity and level playing field

With the 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. 2024 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ICAC. To maintain Hong Kong's competitiveness and enhance its reputation as a city of probity, the ICAC will remain steadfast in upholding probity and safeguarding its clean business environment through law enforcement, systemic prevention and community education.

## 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 2,000 corruption complaints were received each year.
- [The ICAC Annual Survey 2022](#) revealed that corruption is uncommon in Hong Kong and the public shows zero tolerance to corruption.

## ICAC ANNUAL SURVEY 2022



**97.9%**

97.9% of the respondents considered that keeping Hong Kong corruption-free was important to the overall development of the city.



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98.9% of the respondents had not encountered corruption personally in the past 12 months.



**0.5**  
SCORE

On a 0 to 10 rating scale, of which 0 represents zero tolerance and 10 represents total tolerance of corruption, the mean score was 0.5.

## A clean business environment

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



- 14<sup>th</sup> least corrupt place among 180 countries/territories and one of the top performers in the Asia-Pacific Region - [Corruption Perceptions Index 2023](#), Transparency International
- 9<sup>th</sup> out of 142 countries/territories under the factor of “absence of corruption” - [Rule of Law Index 2023](#), World Justice Project
- 7<sup>th</sup> most competitive among 64 economies and the 10<sup>th</sup> under “bribery and corruption do not exist”, one of the criteria under the competitiveness factor “government efficiency” - [World Competitiveness Yearbook 2023](#), International Institute for Management Development
- 17<sup>th</sup> out of 213 countries and territories, the second highest in Asia, under the dimension of “Control of Corruption” - [Worldwide Governance Indicators 2023](#), The World Bank
- Consistently ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> cleanest place in Asia - [Perceptions of Corruption in Asia, the US and Australia in 2023](#), Political and Economic Risk Consultancy

## ICAC - Your Partner for Integrity

The Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Centre (HKBEDC) of the ICAC provides customised and free corruption prevention and education services to help businesses enhance corporate governance capabilities and foster an ethical culture.

