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## **Current Tax Developments Affecting Hong Kong as an International Financial Center**

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March 13, 2007  
12:00 pm-1:30 pm

**Introduction by:**  
Mr. Steve Gelber  
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This talk will examine significant taxation developments in Hong Kong during the past year and their impact upon Hong Kong's status as an international financial center. Among the factors to be discussed are the following: (1) a profits tax exemption for offshore funds; (2) the conclusion of comprehensive double taxation agreements with Mainland China and Thailand; (3) the trend towards convergence between profits ascertained on the basis of generally accepted accounting standards and taxable profits; (4) a perceived toughening of Hong Kong's source rules relating to the taxation of business profits; (5) the abolition of estate duty; and (6) the proposal to introduce a goods and services tax.

Prof. **Andrew Halkyard** LLB (Hons) (Australian National University), LLM (University of Virginia) is a Professor at the University of Hong Kong and a leading international expert on comparative taxation law. Prof. Halkyard is best known as the author of the *Encyclopaedia of Hong Kong Taxation*, a looseleaf text dealing with all the major revenue law statutes enacted in Hong Kong. For the past decade he was a Deputy Chairman of Hong Kong's Tax Court. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Revenue Law Journal and the Asia-Pacific Journal of Taxation and is a Senior Fellow, Taxation Law and Policy Research Institute, Monash University. Prof. Halkyard's current research interests include source-based taxation systems, the relationship between the determination of taxable profits and international accounting standards, the common law approaches to statutory interpretation in a tax avoidance context, and whether there is a need for a general review of Hong Kong's Inland Revenue Ordinance. In recent years, he has taught Hong Kong Taxation, Taxation in the PRC and International Tax and Tax Planning.

*Detailed Information:*

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Venue: The Bankers Club, First Hawaiian Bank, 999 Bishop St., 30<sup>th</sup> floor

*RSVP required: seating is limited to the first 14 registrants*



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