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*Seminar*

**Is the Hong Kong Immigration System for  
Professionals, Executives and Investors  
an Impediment for Hong Kong’s Development  
as an International Financial Centre?**

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**Academic Conference Room, 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower**

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The Seminar will introduce Hong Kong immigration requirements of the Employment, Investment, Capital Investment, Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, and Dependent Visas as well as the Obtainment of Permanent Residency Status and examine the extent to which the success of Hong Kong as an International Financial Centre is dependent upon migration of foreign professionals, executives and investors to Hong Kong and whether the current law and procedure on immigration to Hong Kong for these people a help or impediment. Some suggestions for reform will also be offered.

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