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Rethinking Independent Non-Executive Directorships in Hong Kong

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Academic studies are at best ambiguous in terms of the contributions that independent non-executive directors (‘INEDs’) make towards the performance of the companies on which board they serve and indeed of the quality of their monitoring of executive management. With this in mind, can one unequivocally say that the INED is truly independent and would be able to represent the interests of all the shareholders of the company? This seminar sets out a framework for rethinking the appointment and the role of INEDs within an environment which is dominated by controlling shareholders.

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