

# From *Theory* to *Practice* - Effective Control of Corruption through Systemic Prevention

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# Outline

- Background **(**)
- Principles & Strategy in Corruption Prevention
  - Work Approach 😫
    - Challenges d



### **Independent Commission Against Corruption**





# **"Prevention"** Preventing corruption through good governance system, and preventive and detective controls

### **Statutory Duties of Corruption Prevention Department**

### **ICAC Ordinance Section 12**

- (d) examine government and public body procedures and secure revision of corruptionprone practices
- (e) instruct, advise and assist any person, on request, on ways to eliminate corrupt practices
- (f) advise government departments and public bodies of changes in practices and procedures, compatible with the effective discharge of their duties, to reduce the likelihood of corrupt practices





### **Corruption Prevention Department (CPD)**





### **Corruption Prevention Principles**

CORRUPTION

airness fair to stakeholders; predetermined criteria/procedures

A ccountability hold officials accountable for discretions/decisions made

**C** implicity streamline bureaucratic procedures

ransparency public monitoring



# **Strategies in Corruption Prevention**

- Engage Public Sector Stakeholders





1st Police CPG Meeting (1981)

Corruption Prevention Groups / Liaison Groups jointly identify work areas



Advisory, Consultancy & Assistance rather than audit



# **Strategies in Corruption Prevention**

- Engage Private Sector Stakeholders
- Partnering with Professional /Regulatory /Trade Bodies
- Through networks of government departments and public bodies





### **Work Approach**





Assignment Studies

detailed examination of systems and procedures **Consultations** quick advice to Government departments and public bodies Corruption Prevention Advisory Service services for private organisations on request

CPAS

Projects Corruption prevention guides, best practices, training materials, CPAS web portal



#### Capacity Building

Corruption prevention training



# **Strategies in Corruption Prevention**

### - accord work priorities

#### **Assignment Studies**

- Substantial public fund
- People's livelihood / safety
- Public interest / concern

#### **Areas**

- Procurement & contract management
- Law enforcement
- Construction
- Regulatory functions, licensing
- Subvention/funding











# **Strategies in Corruption Prevention**

- concurrent approach

### **Consultations**

- Ad hoc, quick advice
- Areas include
  - New services, initiatives, procedures
  - Revised policies, procedures
  - New legislations, regulatory regimes
  - Major projects



#### 2020: 464 consultations



## **Examples of Consultations**

- Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme
- Property Management Services Ordinance & Authority
- Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme
- Airport Three Runway System





# **Capacity Building Training**

Government departments, public bodies and private sector

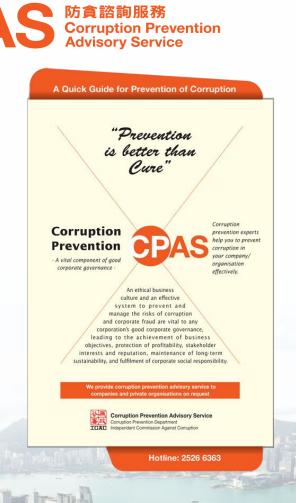
- Corruption risks
- Integrity requirements
- Preventive measures







# **Corruption Prevention Advisory Service**



- Free and tailor-made advice
- Confidential
  - 25 266 363
  - cpas@cpd.icac.org.hk
- 2020: >500 services
  >740 enquiries

# **Corruption Prevention Tools**

### Deliverables

- Corruption Prevention Guides/Toolkits, Training Videos, Best Practice Packages, Feature Articles
- Trades and business functions
- Contents
  - law
  - risks, case studies
  - preventive measures
  - sample documents





### **Corruption Prevention Tool**





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Corruption prevention toolkit on kindergartens' operations

RESOURCES

Organisation(s): Independent Commission Against Corruption Imprint: Independent Commission Against Corruption, 2020

Full text

ABOUT ETICO

Kindergarten plays a key role in early childhood education and hence the public has a high expectation on both its quality of education and governance. Following the launch of the Kindergarten Education Scheme in the 2017–18 school year, the Government has been providing kindergartens with recurrent financial subsidies to support their daily operations. With the injection of substantial amount of public money, there is an increasing need for teachers and management staff as well as the management and operations of kindergartens to meet public expectation for integrity. Therefore, it is vital for kindergartens to establish a sound integrity management system, adequate operational procedures and effective internal controls to avert abuse and corrupt practices.

This Corruption Prevention Toolkit on Kindergartens' Operations ("Toolkit") aims at providing kindergartens with a user-friendly guide, supplemented with scenario analysis and a library of sample documents, to help kindergartens enhance good avernance develop or enhance their integrity management and internal control



## **Corruption Prevention Web Portal**

CORUPTION Prevention Advisory Service

http://cpas.icac.hk

#### Key features

- Corruption prevention publications
- Training videos
- Case studies
- Red flags
- Quick tips

# > 465,000 visits> 155,000 downloads





# **Changes in Strategies Over the Years**

#### **Traditional Approach**

- Heavy reliance on assignment studies
- Consultations on operating procedures and guidelines

#### Changes

- More emphasis on early/interactive input
- Enhanced work for private sector
- Capacity building
- **Diversity** in services and deliverables



### Challenges

- Many new initiatives
- Balance between more controls/guidelines and more flexibility & judgment
- Conventional manual processes and IT readiness

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