

**China's Hong Kong Gate: A Vision for the Future of Hong Kong
(CBIC Series A: The Future Cross Border Corporate Landscape)**

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Synopsis: Prior to the handover and soon after, Hong Kong has always been referred to as the Gateway **into** China suggesting that there was no other practical way into the then closed command economy of China. Today China has evolved into a more open economy and has long ceased to be a mere recipient of investment but a powerful self-sufficient investor. Moreover, there are far more options currently on the table for investing into China, such as those brought about by the Shanghai Free Trade Zone and amendments on government oversight and control over Chinese companies. Hong Kong, on the other hand, has developed from being merely the only doorway to China into a most favored intermediary in dealings between China and the world. Today, due to Hong Kong's sophisticated financial and legal system, Hong Kong has evolved into an attractive jurisdiction for the choice of law in cross border investments, offering clear governance systems, exit structures and arbitration, among others. This session investigates the dynamism between Hong Kong and China, today and tomorrow.

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