

KEY TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| Term | Description |
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| BL, the Basic Law | The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China |
| HKSAR, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region | The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China |
| Government, the Government of HKSAR or HKSARG | The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| CE, the Chief Executive | The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China |
| CEO, CE's Office | The Chief Executive's Office |
| ExCo, the Executive Council | The Executive Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| LegCo, the Legislative Council | The Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| LegCo President, the President of LegCo | The President of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| CJ, the Chief Justice | The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| Principal Officials | Principal Officials appointed under Article 48(5) of the Basic Law |
| PAOs, politically appointed officials | Officials under the Political Appointment System |
| PAO Code | Code for Officials under the Political Appointment System |
| CSB | Civil Service Bureau |
| CSR | Civil Service Regulations |
| POBO | The Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Chapter 201 of the Laws of Hong Kong) |
| AAN | The Acceptance of Advantages (Chief Executive's Permission) Notice 2010 (given by the Chief Executive for the purpose of section 3 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance) |
| ICAC | The Independent Commission Against Corruption established under the Independent Commission Against Corruption Ordinance (Chapter 204 of the Laws of Hong Kong) |
| IRC, the Independent Review Committee | The Independent Review Committee for the Prevention and Handling of Potential Conflicts of Interests |

NOTE

All words in this report in the masculine gender form refer to both the feminine and masculine gender, except where the context specifies or requires otherwise.