

Hong Kong Corporations

FEATURES OF HONG KONG CORPORATIONS

TAXATION

- Full exemption from taxation for any business activity or transaction carried out outside Hong Kong.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL / SHARES

- Only nominative shares are allowed.
- No paid-in capital is required.

DIRECTORS / OFFICERS (SECRETARY) AND SHAREHOLDERS

- Shareholders, directors and/or officers can be either corporate entities or natural persons.
- Initial or ongoing changes in directors and/or officers need to be filed at the Hong Kong Registry.
- The directors may grant special or general powers of attorney.
- Register of director(s) is optional and may be kept anywhere in the world.
- Neither the directors nor the officers need be shareholders.
- Shareholders and directors may be of any nationality and may be resident of any country.
- Shareholders and directors may hold their meetings in any country and may attend such meetings by
 - Proxy or by any electronic means (phone, fax, etc.)
 - The appointment of one secretary is mandatory.
 - The company secretary must be a corporate or a natural person residing in Hong Kong.

ANNUAL FILING

- The filing of annual returns is mandatory.
- The filing of an annual profit tax return is made on a request basis, but the company must be prepared to file it, if required.

INCORPORATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- Excellent availability of company names for incorporation.
- Familiarity of incorporation documents (Memorandum & Articles of Association, Certificate of Incorporation).
- The word "Limited", should be used in a company's name.
- Incorporation procedure takes 6 days.
- The Hong Kong Registry is equipped with modern sophisticated computer equipment, which heightens
 - Speed and efficiency in the processing of documents in a timely manner.
 - Relatively simple ongoing administration if activities of the company are not complicated and take place outside of Hong Kong.
- Shelf companies available.

RECORD KEEPING

- Accounting books of the company may be kept abroad.
- Keeping accounting records is mandatory, as is an auditing exercise in Hong Kong every year.
- The director(s) must keep, at his (their) office, the statutory books, including the minutes book, the
- Register of directors, shareholders, secretarial, mortgage & charge and accounting records.

REGISTERED OFFICE AND CORPORATE SEAL

- Registered Office in Hong Kong is required.
- Corporate seal is mandatory.

COSTS AND FEES

- Reasonable formation and maintenance costs and fees.

USES OF HONG KONG CORPORATIONS

- Holder of bank accounts, fixed deposits, investment plans and any other financial or title.
- Owner of the shares of other companies or legal entities.
- Owner of apartments, houses, buildings, vessels and any other movable or immovable property or goods.
- Manager and promoter of international business transactions.
- International leasing of vehicles, machinery and others.
- Borrowing or lending money, paying or receiving commissions, royalties or others.
- Marketing and promotion of products and services.
- Other commercial and financial activities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HONG KONG

- Excellent corporation law.
- Serviced by major world airlines.
- Excellent hotel accommodation.
- Excellent worldwide communication facilities.
- Skilled personnel.
- British territory until 1997, when it became a special administrative region of China with autonomous power.
- Ranks among the top twenty trading economies in the world.
- World's third largest financial centre.
- World's largest container port.
- Major gateway for trade investment and finance into China and the rest of Asia.
- Languages: English and Chinese.
- Long tradition of political and economic stability of the country.