

HKCGI and Jockey Club Jointly Organise the International Symposium on Sports Governance and Integrity

9 December 2025, Hong Kong SAR, China (Hong Kong) – The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI) and The Hong Kong Jockey Club (Jockey Club) today co-organised Hong Kong’s first **International Symposium on Sports Governance and Integrity** at Happy Valley Racecourse. The event gathered more than 160 participants, including global speakers, representatives from national sports associations, members of the Sports Governance and Integrity Alliance committees and HKCGI members.

As part of their shared commitment to promoting governance excellence in sport, HKCGI and the Jockey Club co-hosted the Symposium in partnership with the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC). The Symposium, which will be held annually in Hong Kong, took place during this year’s LONGINES Hong Kong International Races week to provide a continuing platform for advancing integrity and governance standards in sports.

At the event, Rosanna Law, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the HKSAR Government said a sound governance framework not only guides how organisations make critical decisions and establishes appropriate checks and balances, but also ensures national sports associations always act in the best interests of their organisations and athletes. She especially thanked the Jockey Club and HKCGI for echoing the Government’s call to enhance corporate governance in sports. This team effort will not only benefit athletes, support the sports professionals and promote the sustainable development of sports, but also strengthen Hong Kong’s influence in the global sports arena.

HKCGI President, David Simmonds FCG HKFCG, remarked, “we share a common belief that good governance is the foundation of sustainable success, whether it be business, public service or sport.” He highlighted the forthcoming **Sports Governance Certification Course**, which like the Symposium comes under the **Jockey Club HKCGI Sports Governance Programme**. Launching in early 2026, this Course will provide free training to national sports associations and their members, equipping them with practical governance tools, insights and standards aligned with international best practices.

Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, CEO of The Hong Kong Jockey Club emphasised that the core values of fairness, honesty and playing by the rules are essential not only to the success of sports, but the future of communities. “Integrity is fundamental to everything we do at the Jockey Club. The Club stands as a global exemplar of good governance, operating one of the cleanest and most well-regulated racing jurisdictions in the world. This is a very special week for Hong Kong racing – the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races. One of the most prestigious events in global racing, each year it

brings some of the world's best jockeys and horses to Hong Kong. It is a showcase of Hong Kong racing, and of the governance and integrity work behind the scenes.”

Officiating guests of the event included Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, CEO of The Hong Kong Jockey Club; Irene Wang, Assistant Director of Corruption Prevention, ICAC; and Edgar Yang, Honorary Secretary General of SF&OC.

Global experts from across the sports ecosystem including representatives from Sports Integrity Australia, the Hong Kong Sports Institute, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Kai Tak Sports Park and Hong Kong China Rugby joined a discussion on best practices in sports governance.

The Symposium's closing panel covered practical strategies for sporting associations and committees to manage and maintain sporting integrity and featured speakers from the Jockey Club, the ICAC, the SF&OC and independent expert consultants.

In her closing remarks, Gill Meller FCG HKFCG(PE), International Vice President of The Chartered Governance Institute and HKCGI Past President, reflected on the Symposium's takeaways, stating: “Together, we are building a governance ecosystem that will enable Hong Kong sport to grow with integrity, confidence and purpose.”

The annual symposiums are part of **the Jockey Club HKCGI Sports Governance Programme**, one of two key initiatives to enhance governance, operational capability and transparency within Hong Kong national sports associations and supported by the Jockey Club's Charities Trust following an approved donation of over HK\$31 million in August 2025. The programme will engage international experts and foster networking and experience-sharing opportunities with a long-term goal of positioning Hong Kong as a leader in sports governance.

Photo gallery (credit to The Hong Kong Jockey Club):



Photo 1: Rosanna Law, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the HKSAR Government (centre); Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, CEO of The Hong Kong Jockey Club (2nd right); David Simmonds, President of HKCGI (2nd left); Edgar Yang, Honorary Secretary General of SF&OC (1st left); and Irene Wang, Assistant Director of Corruption Prevention, ICAC (1st right) at today's International Symposium on Sports Governance and Integrity.



Photo 2: Rosanna Law, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the HKSAR Government thanked the Jockey Club and HKCGI for echoing the Government's call to enhance the corporate governance in sports.



Photo 3: Jockey Club CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, emphasised that the core values of fairness, honesty and playing by the rules are essential not only to the success of sports, but the future of communities.



Photo 4: David Simmonds, HKCGI President, reinforced the shared belief that good governance is the foundation of sustainable success, highlighting the forthcoming Sports Governance Certification Course under the Jockey Club HKCGI Sports Governance Programme.



Photo 5: Gill Meller, International Vice President, The Chartered Governance Institute and Past President, HKCGI delivered closing remarks.



Photo 6: Group photo



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