

PRESS RELEASE

**HKIHRM's Virtual Briefing Guides Members through
Employment Support Scheme's Second Tranche**

[4 September 2020 – Hong Kong] On 3 September 2020, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare Dr The Hon Law Chi-kwong, GBS, JP visited the Hong Kong Institute of Human Resource Management (“HKIHRM”) to helm an online briefing, alongside Sam Sze, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Employment Support Scheme Processing Agent. Zeroing in on the second tranche of the Employment Support Scheme (“ESS”), the briefing received a positive response, with around 400 members of the Institute participating in the event.

In addition to providing members with details on the second tranche’s application arrangements for disbursement of subsidies, Dr Law shared updates for employers and self-employed persons. These include applicants being able to choose a different specified month on which the subsidy amount will be calculated, and employees aged 65 or above with MPF accounts benefiting from the Scheme.

Launched under the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, the ESS requires participating employers to undertake that they will not implement redundancies during the subsidy period, and spend all the subsidies on paying their employees’ salaries.

The HKIHRM welcomes the second tranche of the ESS as a way to empower employers in maintaining their staff pool during economic uncertainty under COVID-19. By helping employers and the self-employed tide over difficult times, the Scheme will enable Hong Kong to come out of this crisis stronger than before.

Furthermore, the HKIHRM would like to give sincere thanks to Dr Law and Mr Sze for paying a visit to the Institute again to conduct the briefing and address members’ various concerns. The Institute will continue to fully support its organisations’ efforts in surmounting the challenges presented by the new normal.

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