

# Examine Your Future

**China's booming economy offers unprecedented opportunities for local finance practitioners. And for those with the additional qualifications, the rewards could be worth that extra bit of effort.**

**H**ong Kong's financial services sector is likely to grow at a similar pace to its mainland counterpart, but the local industry currently has the edge through the territories' free movement of capital and international exposure, says HKSI member Mr William Wong.

"There is a high premium for things to still be done out of Hong Kong and over the past few years, many companies have been setting up in Hong Kong because of the China effect," said Mr Wong, a financial services professional.

"I wouldn't think there would be a huge growth disparity between Hong Kong and China because everybody has been very busy down here in the past few months."

## Unique Attributes

According to Mr Wong, Hong Kong's rule of law, world-class infrastructure and free movement of capital makes it an attractive destination for companies looking to locate in this part of the world.

"Hong Kong is well known for its financial services industry and capital markets and therefore the opportunities are huge," he said.

"You also have to look at the growth in the region and of course China has great potential."

There is no doubt that mainland China's economic development and the knock-on effect it will have on Hong Kong will open up opportunities for the local financial services sector.

The greatest demand will be for those professionals that are able to provide international and local firms with the skills and knowledge that can help them get ahead of the competition.

Candidates having taken the PRC Securities Regulation Examination or the Certified International Investment Analyst Final Examination will clearly have a head start over their rivals.

Mr Wong sat and passed the PRC Securities

Regulation Examination which will enable him to work in the mainland's securities industry.

He says as a leading finance centre Hong Kong has already provided him with many career opportunities and he expects to see many more as the local industry gets more involved in developing China's hinterland.

"Hong Kong is a leading financial centre in the region and that gives me opportunities to develop my career," said Mr Wong.

Mr Wong said studying for the exam gave him an insight into the cultural and regulatory differences between Hong Kong and mainland China's securities industries.

"There are some cultural and regulatory differences between how things are done here and how things are done in the mainland," he said. "It is very useful to have some hands on exposure to how things work on the mainland and the exam gives you the chance to get that initial experience."

## Bit in Here about the Next Exam

Mr Wong said it is important to prepare fully for the exam and advises even the most experienced practitioners to consider attending the seminars.

He says the exam should not spring any surprises on the well prepared, experienced industry executive.

Mr Wong believes industry recognition of the benefits of the exam is still at an early stage, but that this is gaining momentum. He says this will change as China becomes more open and Hong Kong's role in the mainland's economic development grows.

"If you look further down the road, it's how do we position ourselves against our counterparts in the mainland and within the regions that's going to be important," he said. "China has huge growth potential within its financial markets so there should be plenty of opportunities."

# 考取資格 開拓未來

內地經濟持續增長，為本地金融從業員帶來前所未有的機遇。努力考取額外的專業資格，可以帶來可觀的回報。



會會員黃國威先生認為，本港金融服務業的增長速度大概與內地的速度相若。然而，資金的自由流動和國際的視野，是本地業界目前具備的優勢。

作為金融服務專業人士的黃先生表示：「在香港開展業務，涉及的費用仍然有溢價。在過去數年，有鑑於中國效應，不少公司在香港設立業務。」

「我認為，本港與內地的增長幅度，不會存在很大的差異。這從以往幾個月，業內人士均非常忙碌可見一斑。」

## 獨特之處

黃先生表示，香港具備法治制度和世界級的基礎建設，加上資金可自由流動，因而成為有意在區內立足的公司的理想目的地。

「香港以金融服務業及資本市場聞名，具龐大商機。」他續稱：「區內的增長亦不容忽視，當中固然包括中國的巨大潛力。」

內地的經濟發展及推動本港市場產生的積極效應，為本地金融服務業開創了機遇。

內地市場對人才需求甚殷，特別是具備專業知識和技巧，可以提高跨國企業及本地公司競爭力的專業人士，需求最大。

已考取「內地證券法規科目考試」及「國際註冊投資分析師期終資格考試」的人士，明顯一開始已勝人一籌。

黃先生已通過「內地證券法規科目考試」，因而取得國內證券業從業的資格。

他表示，香港作為首要的金融中心，為他的工作帶來很多機會。他預期，隨著本地進一步參與國內市場的發展，機遇將會進一步擴大。

黃先生指出：「香港是區內首要的金融中心，為我的事業發展造就機會。」

在備試過程中，黃先生認識到香港與內地證券業文化及監管制度的差異。

他續稱：「本地與國內有文化及規管上的差異。具備在內地辦事的實踐經驗，非常有用，而考試正提供初步體驗的機會。」

## 充分備試

黃先生表示，為考試作好充分準備，非常重要。他亦建議，即使是最資深的從業員，亦應參加備試研討會。

他認為，業內富經驗的行政人員只要準備充足，考試應在掌握之中。

黃先生相信，業內對是項考試的認知及認同，目前仍處於初步階段，但預期會不斷加深瞭解。他指出，隨著內地逐漸開放，加上香港在國內經濟發展中扮演的角色日趨重要，對是項考試的重視情況將有所改變。

他表示：「中國金融市場的增長潛力優厚，蘊含龐大機遇。展望將來，面對內地及區內同業的競爭，我們如何定位，將會日顯重要。」

