

# HKEx Hosts ESG Seminars



CSR Asia Chairman Richard Welford speaks at one of HKEx's ESG seminars.

There is increasing focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues. This, in turn, has encouraged companies to implement ESG practices and reporting. Several Hang Sang Index constituents regularly report on ESG. However, the scope of ESG issues is still developing and changing.

To raise ESG awareness among companies listed in Hong Kong and encourage them to adopt ESG reporting, HKEx employed an experienced ESG consultant, CSR Asia Limited, to conduct five half-day training seminars in May. The seminars explained the importance of ESG reporting. They also provided an overview of information that listed companies should consider reporting based on a draft ESG Reporting Guide.

The training seminars were attended by 823 participants from 498 listed companies (around 35 per cent of the companies listed in Hong Kong). Approximately 55 per cent of the participants were from small cap companies. HKEx received positive feedback from participants.

CSR Asia Limited conducted a series of 10 full-day workshops in June and July. The aim of the workshops was to help equip listed companies with practical tools necessary for ESG reporting and enable participants to understand important ESG issues and key performance indicators relevant to their company's business.

The training seminars and workshops have been accredited for Enhanced Continuing Professional Development, or ECPD points, by the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Continuing Professional Development, or CPD points, by the Law Society of Hong Kong.

HKEx proposes to consult the market later this year on a draft ESG Reporting Guide.