RME Elective: Money Laundering for Beginners: An Introduction to Anti-Money Laundering

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In recent international reports on financial crime and combatting money laundering Hong Kong has been labelled a centre for money laundering. This 3-hour seminar will provide an introduction to the criminalising of money laundering internationally and in Hong Kong. The origins of the offence of money laundering will be considered and the measures that have been introduced to combat money laundering and terrorist funding. Money laundering is a relatively recent criminal offence in Hong Kong and the criticism of anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist funding (CTF also known as anti-terrorist funding (ATF)) practices in Hong Kong will be discussed. The seminar will conclude with discussion of possible changes to anti-money laundering legislation and regulation in Hong Kong.

Some of the topics considered in this seminar will be:

- What is money laundering?
- Where did the offence originate and why?
- International and domestic measures intended to combat money laundering;
- High profile cases of money laundering involving persons and institutions linked to Hong Kong;
- Recent decisions of the courts of Hong Kong;
- The problems with AML and CTF in Hong Kong;
- Possible changes to AML and CTF in Hong Kong.



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