

Legal Issues of Bitcoin, Initial Coin Offerings (ICO) and Other "Cryptocurrencies"



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The popularity of Bitcoin has inspired the introduction of other cryptocurrencies and given rise to initial coin (or token) offerings (ICO), which are typically online fundraising activities for blockchain technology-related projects. Although certain ICOs have made the headlines by raising millions of dollars within minutes or hours, from an investor's perspective, participating in an ICO may pose significant legal risks.

A combination of interactive lectures, case studies, practical scenario trainings, role-play sessions, group discussion/sharing will be used in the seminar. Upon the completion, participants should be able to acquire the necessary Fintech, corporate finance, legal, compliance and regulatory professional knowledge and identify the common issues to perform their daily duties effectively.

Topics to be covered include:

- Legal issue of "Bitcoin" and concept of "Blockchain"
- What is a cryptocurrency or a digital token?
- Legal Risks and Analysis of Digital Coins:
 1. Possible scams
 2. Risks associated with money laundering, terrorist financing or misuse for criminal activities
 3. Platform risk
 4. Wallet security
 5. Highly volatile and speculative
 6. Liquidity risk
 7. Cross-border risk
- Are digital tokens/cryptocurrencies and ICOs regulated in Hong Kong and other jurisdictions?

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