Biography

Laura Cha, GBS

Independent non-executive Director, Chairman of the Corporate Sustainability Committee

Laura Cha was appointed to the Board on 1 March 2011. She has extensive regulatory and policymaking experience in the finance and securities sector in Hong Kong and mainland China.

She was formerly Vice Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, being the first person outside mainland China to join the Central Government of the People's Republic of China at vice-ministerial rank. The Hong Kong Government has awarded her Gold and Silver Bauhinia Stars for public service.

Ms Cha is a former Deputy Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong; and has worked in the USA and Asia. She is a non-executive Deputy Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited; a Non-Official Member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong SAR; a director of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Tata Consultancy Services Limited; Chairman of the ICAC Advisory Committee on Corruption; a Hong Kong Deputy to the 12th National People's Congress of China; a member of the Advisory Board of the Yale School of Management Millstein Center of Corporate Governance and Performance; a Senior International Advisor for Foundation Asset Management Sweden AB; and a member of the State Bar of California. She earned a BA degree from the University of Wisconsin and a JD degree from the Santa Clara University in California.

She is a non-executive director of the Bank of Communications Co, Ltd, Baoshan Iron and Steel Co Limited, Johnson Electric Holdings Limited, and China Telecom Corporation Limited; and was Chairman of the University Grants Committee in Hong Kong from 2007 to 2011.