

## **HKQAA obtained the APSCA Membership**

The Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) is pleased to announce that it has obtained the membership of Association of Professional Social Compliance Auditors (APSCA).

APSCA aims at enhancing the professionalism and credibility of the individuals and organisations performing independent social compliance audits. It also strives to promote the use of independent social compliance audits as a tool to advance workplace conditions for workers globally.

As a highly recognised association in the international market, APSCA has developed a credible organisational structure by establishing an Executive Board comprised of member firms with representation from the Stakeholder Board as well as an independent Chairman. The Stakeholder Board is made up of brands, academia and NGOs, including **the Walt Disney Company, El Corte Inglés, Sedex, Social Accountability International (SAI), Walmart and Foreign Trade Association (FTA)**.

In addition, renowned multinational corporations and organisations, such as **PepsiCo, Patagonia, Waitrose, Officeworks, Hallmark, the Home Depot, Sainsbury's, the Association of Labour Providers (ALP)** and more, have signed a statement in support of APSCA's work.

HKQAA's membership was officially announced in the October issue of APSCA newsletter. Through joining this professional association, HKQAA will help contribute to the improvement of social compliance audit quality and workplace conditions in the long run.

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