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- (iii) **The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute**

8 February 2023

**Provisional Trustees/Trustees under the Bankruptcy Ordinance
and
Provisional Liquidators/Liquidators under the
Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance**

Lifting of Social Distancing Measures

I refer to our previous letters dated 14 April 2020 and 26 January 2022 under the caption of “COVID-19 Pandemic” and thank you for all the efforts of your members who are insolvency practitioners and appointment takers in exercising their professional judgment in using as much flexibility as possible to administer their cases as joint and several provisional trustees/trustees and/or provisional liquidators/liquidators during the pandemic period.

As you are aware, in view of the latest epidemic situation, the Government has adjusted the anti-epidemic measures and lifted all social distancing measures except mask-wearing, including the restriction and requirements in relation to the operation of scheduled premises and restriction in relation to group gatherings.
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202212/29/P2022122900035.htm?fontSize=1>

In line with the adjustments, the special requirements or arrangement in case administration as set out in our two previous letters above-mentioned will cease to apply with immediate effect. Specifically, for meetings of creditors and contributories in bankruptcy and/or winding-up proceedings, all insolvency practitioners and appointment takers are reminded to resume the normal meeting arrangement in accordance with the relevant provisions under the Bankruptcy Ordinance (Cap. 6) and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) as appropriate. With the lifting of the restriction measures and gradual resumption of

normal lives, insolvency practitioners and appointment takers are also reminded to take any necessary follow-up action on those matters hindered during the pandemic period and to progress their cases in a pragmatic manner so as to conclude them as soon as practicable.

Please circulate this letter to your members who are insolvency practitioners for their attention. Should there be any query on this letter, please contact the undersigned on 2867 2515.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

(Michael T S Cheung)

for Official Receiver