

**SCCE Regional Compliance & Ethics Conference** 

# How to Succeed in Establishing Corporate Compliance & Ethics within Thai Companies

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### **Topics:**



- I. Major compliance and ethics requirements which a public company in Thailand has to comply as a minimum requirement
- II. Why it is important to a Thai Company to have a Corporate Compliance & Ethics Culture?
- III. How to Implement a Corporate Compliance Program of SCCE to Thai Companies?
- IV. Key issues and practical compliance steps which should be considered to achieve this purpose in a sustainable manner





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- 7 Listed Companies
- A few hundred subsidiaries / affiliates
  - Wholly owned
  - Largest shareholder
  - JV
  - Minority shareholder

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#### > Legal Requirements

- · Public Company Act and Securities Act
- National Anti-corruption Act
- · Criminal Liability of Representatives of Juristic Persons

#### **➢** Good Corporate Governance (CG)

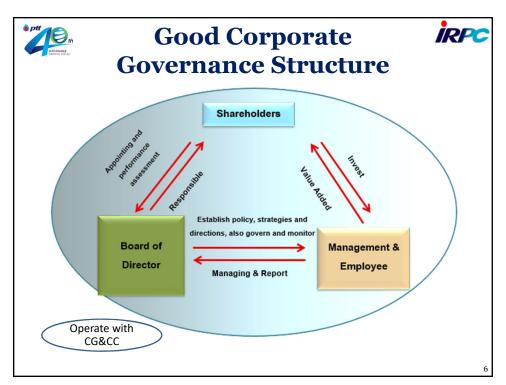
- CG Code / Principles for Listed Company by Thai SEC and Stock Exchange
- · OECD Guidelines
- · CG of State-Owned Enterprises by World Bank
- CG Principles and Guidelines by State Enterprise Policy Office, Ministry of Finance

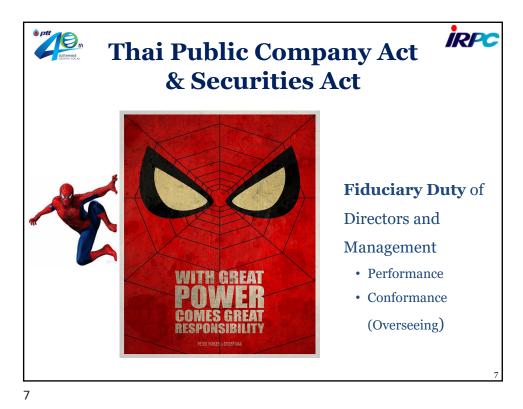
#### > Social Pressure e.g. Investors, Public, Community

- Sustainability
- SDGs
- ESG (Environment, Social & Governance) Investment Policy

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**Fiduciary Duty** 

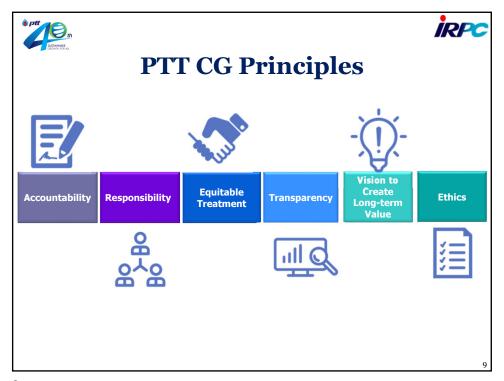


- Duty of Care
- Duty of Loyalty
- > **Duty of Obedience** Compliance with laws, objectives, articles of association, resolutions of BoD and shareholders

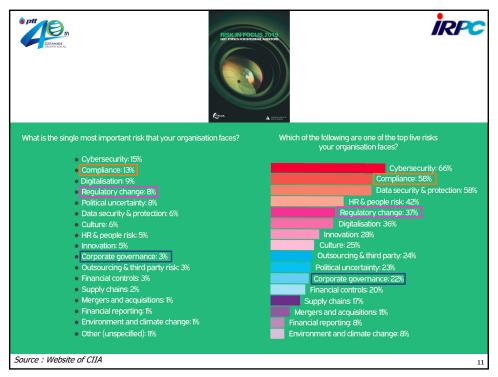
**Duties of Entrusted Persons** 

> **Duty of Disclosure –** Correct, complete, transparent and on – time

Source : Thai IOD













- Section 123/5 concerns with offences of bribery of state officials, foreign public officials and agents of public international organisations, and liability of juristic persons involving in such bribery.
- Soth "individual" and "juristic person" may be held criminally liable under this section.
- A juristic person may be held liable if its personnel or business partners involve in bribery of state officials for the benefit of such juristic person.
- A juristic person shall not be liable if it has in place appropriate internal control measures against bribery.
- Appropriateness of measures depends on various factors, e.g. nature and structure of business, level or exposure of risk of bribery of state officials feasibility of actual implementation, etc.
  Appropriateness of measures, therefore, will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Penalty of "the bribe-giver" or "briber" is imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to Baht 100,000, or both, and penalty of the "juristic person engaging in bribery" is a fine of one (1) time to no more than two (2) times of the damages caused or benefits received.



Source : Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission

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# III. How to Implement a Corporate Compliance Program of SCCE to Thai Companies?

### **Samples**

- > IRPC CC Policy
  - https://tinyurl.com/y2cluylz
- > PTT
  - · www.pttplc.com
    - CG  $\rightarrow$  Compliance

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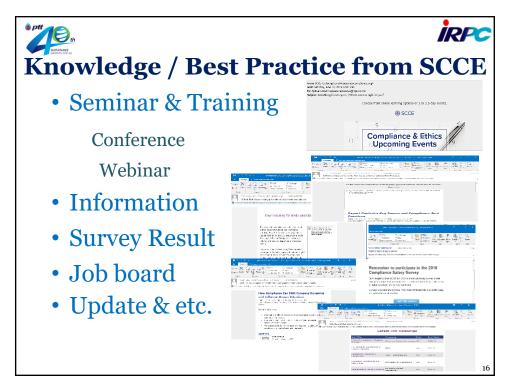
## **Resources: Knowledge**

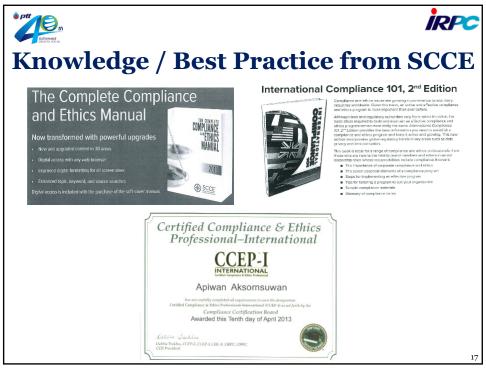


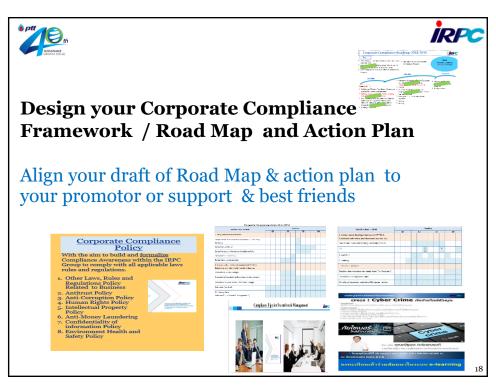
- Always have a good knowledge of the business
- Know the key compliance issues relevant to the company?
- What does the law say about compliance?
- Find out the source either domestic and/or international (can be a reference)
- SCCE is the best source to reference for a corporate compliance & ethics theory & best practice
- · Maintain a broad & wide knowledge

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# **Sustaining the Culture**



 Must have a corporate compliance & ethics policy, process, procedure etc...





- Must have a permanent communication channel to all users
- Must be at least a permanent agenda item/s in Management Committee & **Board Meeting**

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# What you get is what you do? IRP



- Keep evidence or information that demonstrates that there is compliance in the organization
- At all times for Thai companies, training & communication remains vital and are the heart of compliance & ethics program











