

Report of the Special Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution

The number of members who are now included in the List of Arbitrators and List of Mediators keeps on growing and are 91 and 345 respectively.

The development of alternative dispute resolution has been steady in 2015, with the Bar continuing its participation in various forums and events for the promotion of Hong Kong as the international dispute resolution centre in Asia. The Chief Justice's Working Party on Mediation has continued the work to review and enhance the use of consensual mediation of civil disputes in the court.

As one of its founding bodies, the Bar has continued its active participation in the operation and activities of the Joint Mediation Helpline Office Ltd (JMHO), a non-profit-making organization situated in the High Court Building for promoting the use of mediation. The JMHO has been referring cases for mediator appointment to the Bar.

In its capacity of a founding member of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Ltd, the non-statutory industry-led single accreditation body for mediators in Hong Kong, the Bar has continued its active participation in its operation for bringing mediation forward.

Membership:

Gary Soo (Chairman)
Robert Whitehead SC
Anthony Houghton SC
Robert Pang SC
Andrew Mak
Yeung Ming Tai
Thomas Lee Woon Mun (from 7/2015)
Vod Chan
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