

## **Report of the Special Committee on China Practice Development**

The above special committee was formed in around August 2015 to pursue the Bar's general policy to expand the scope of works available to members of the Hong Kong Bar. It is observed that barristers from other jurisdictions have entered into the China market to supply their legal services to Chinese enterprises, whether in the form of international arbitration or otherwise. Given the strategic location of Hong Kong, for the benefits of members of the Hong Kong Bar, it was resolved by the Bar Council that we should facilitate, within the ambit of our Codes of Conduct (in particular Annex 14A), members who are interested in China Practice to expand their scope of work.

We have successfully launched the first joint legal forum with the Shanghai Lawyers' Association on 20 November 2015 during which legal services that could be provided by members of the Hong Kong Bar were promoted. The legal forum was well attended by hundreds of Mainland lawyers. The Bar's delegation was led by our Chairperson, Ms Winnie Tam S.C. with our Secretary for Justice, Mr. Rimsky Yuen S.C. as one of the guests of honour. The forum was hugely successful. It is the first time that members of the Hong Kong Bar, under the relevant terms of the CEPA, are now appointed Hong Kong laws legal consultants of Mainland law firms. A total of 7 members of the Hong Kong Bar including junior members are appointed as legal consultants to leading Mainland law firms. This Committee intends to expand the scope of this mode of co-operation (with adjustments after taking into account practical considerations) in the coming year, so that more members can be benefited from this initiative.

Looking forward, this Committee will continue to explore legitimate ways to expand the markets of legal services to be provided by our members.

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