



HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION DEBATING COMPETITION 2022

GRAND FINALS MEDIA INVITATION & PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, 9 July 2022, the Hong Kong Bar Association will be staging the Grand Finals of its annual Debating Competition for secondary school students, to be adjudicated by judges and leaders of the Bar. Details are as follows:

THE GRAND FINALS

Date: Saturday, 9 July 2022
Time: 2:30 – 4:00PM (Chinese Tournament) and
4:30 – 6:00PM (English Tournament)
Venue: Academic Conference Room, 11/F, Faculty of Law, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

Chinese Tournament

Motion: “暫停對新型冠狀病毒肺炎疫苗的知識產權保護利多於弊。”

Adjudicators: **The Honourable Madam Justice Anthea Pang**, Justice of Appeal;
His Honour Judge Justin Ko, Chief District Judge; and
Mr. Victor Dawes, SC, Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association

Proposition: Wong Shiu Chi Secondary School
Opposition: Cheung Chuk Shan College

English Tournament

- Motion: “This House believes that a suspension of intellectual property protection for COVID-19 vaccines does more good than harm.”
- Adjudicators: **The Honourable Mr. Justice Kevin Zervos**, Justice of Appeal; **The Honourable Mr. Justice Anthony Chan**; and **Mr. Derek Chan, SC**, Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association
- Proposition: Diocesan Boys’ School
- Opposition: St. Paul’s Convent School

Each final will be followed by a prize presentation ceremony where there will be plenty of opportunities to speak with the distinguished adjudicators, the student debaters, being some of the city’s best, and their coaching teachers. The ceremony for the Chinese and English Tournaments will take place from 3:30 – 4:00PM and 5:30 – 6:00PM respectively. Members of the press are warmly welcomed to attend the debates themselves and / or the ceremony.

The Hong Kong Bar Association has long been at the forefront of raising awareness of the rule of law amongst the young and the Debating Competition, organized by the Standing Committee on Young Barristers (YBC) on behalf of the Hong Kong Bar Association, is one example thereof. Specifically, the Competition remains the only one in Hong Kong that promises all students will be adjudicated by, and only be adjudicated by, members of the Bench and the Bar i.e. individuals who have had advocacy training and made advocacy a centrepiece of their professional lives.

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