

## **Report on Committee on Mediation 2018**

The number of members on the Bar List of Mediators is standing at 340 as at 23 November 2018.

The West Kowloon Mediation Centre located next to the West Kowloon Law Courts Building opened in November this year. The Department of Justice lauched a Pilot Mediation Scheme (“Scheme”) to be operated by Joint Mediation Helpline Office (“JMHO”) in the West Kowloon Mediation Centre. The Bar is one of the founding members of the JMHO.

The Bar supported the Scheme. Under the Scheme, mediation services are provided to litigants of the Small Claims Tribunal as well as other parties who are involved in disputes. The JMHO has established a panel of mediators for the provision of mediation services under the Scheme. Bar Mediators who meet the requirements are invited to apply for registration as a panel member.

Further, under the Scheme, mediators who do not have mediation experience will have the opportunity to participate in real life mediation sessions as mentees. Bar Mediators who would like to accumulate more mediation experience are encouraged to register as a mentee under the Scheme.

The Committee believes that the mediation works provided under the Scheme as well as the opportunity to participate in mediations by members who are accredited and yet to have actual experience will benefit members of the Bar who provide mediation services. It also serves to promote and develop mediation in Hong Kong.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all members of the Committee, and to Ms Fiona Kwok as well as other members of the Bar Secretariat for their helpful support.

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