

Report of the Bar Scholarship Committee

1. This is the 11th year of the Bar Scholarship Scheme.
2. We welcome Mr. Paul Shieh, SC who joined the Bar Scholarship Committee (“the Committee”) this year.
3. This year, 12 applications were received. 6 applicants were invited to attend an interview by the Committee.
4. After careful consideration and deliberation, 3 awards were made to (1) HO Wing Yan, Janet, 何詠欣, (2) LEE Hong Yee, Connie, 李匡怡, and (3) PARKER Timothy Edward David, taking the total number of Bar Scholars to 31.
5. The quality of the awardees over the years has been consistently outstanding and impressive. This year has been no exception. The Committee was impressed by their academic and other achievements as well as the breadth of knowledge (legal, social and political) which they demonstrably possessed.
6. Upon completion of pupillage, Bar Scholars over the years have been accepted into prominent chambers with substantial practice and have generally been progressing well in their practice. 25 of the Bar Scholars have entered into and remained in full practice at the Bar.
7. In addition to developing their practice at the Bar, quite a number of the Bar Scholars have participated in the work of the Bar Council and/or the various special committees under it. As their seniority grows, they will be expected to take up more responsibilities.
8. The Committee is also pleased to report that some Bar Scholars have continued to honour their moral obligation to donate back to the Bar Scholarship Fund.

Members of Bar Scholarship Committee 2008:

The Hon. Chief Justice Li (Chairman)
HH Judge Thomas Au
Ronny Wong, SC
Gary Plowman, SC
Paul Shieh, SC
Keith Yeung (ex-officio)

Keith Yeung
Secretary to the Bar Scholarship Committee

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