

Report of the Special Committee on Bar Scholarship

1. This year, 16 applications for the Bar Scholarships were received and 11 applicants were shortlisted for interview. One shortlisted applicant subsequently withdrew his application. Hence, a total of 10 shortlisted applicants were interviewed.
2. The interviews were originally scheduled to be held successively in the afternoon of 23 and 24 October 2014 at the Court of Final Appeal Building. Accordingly, the first day of interview was attended by the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Au, Mr. Gary Plowman SC, the Chairman, myself and Mr. Jose Maurellet.
3. Due to the fact that both Mr. Justice Au and Mr. Maurellet were involved in the hearing of the application(s) for injunction arising from the Occupy Central Movement, the second day of interview was rescheduled to 10 November 2014. Regrettably, Mr. Justice Au was still engaged and could not attend the interviews on the re-scheduled day. As such, he did not participate in the final deliberation of the selection of the bar scholars at all.
4. The unanimous recommendation of the Special Committee that 3 Bar Scholarships be awarded was endorsed by the Bar Council.
5. I would take this opportunity to express the Bar's deepest gratitude and thanks to Chief Justice Ma, Mr. Justice Au, Mr. Gary Plowman SC, Mr. Paul Shieh SC and Mr. Jose Maurellet for their staunch support and invaluable guidance to the Special Committee on Bar Scholarship.
6. A vote of thanks should also be given to Ms. Fiona Kwok from the Bar Secretariat who has rendered us great assistance.

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The Honorary Secretary

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