

## **Report of Special Committee on Bar's Website 2014**

The Special Committee on Bar's Website (the "**Special Committee**") was set up in April 2012. Its task is to review the current website of the Bar, offer recommendations on its layout structure and contents, supervise the construction of a new website of the Bar.

### **Members of the Committee**

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### **Works Done by the Committee**

In 2012, the Special Committee offered its recommendation that the current website of the Bar (the "**Current Website**"), which is technically outdated and difficult to maintain in long run, should be replaced by a new bilingual website.

In about May 2013, the Bar engaged an IT contractor (the "**Contractor**") to design and construct the new website (the "**Project**"). A testing site (the "**Testing Site**") was delivered in early February 2014 for initial testing, but its performance was found to be highly unsatisfactory. Despite being given ample opportunity to rectify and eliminate the defects and errors of the Testing Site, the Contractor was unable to deliver a Testing Site of satisfactory quality. In the circumstances, the Special Committee recommended the Bar to terminate the Project with the then contractor and engaged a new contractor to start the Project afresh.

With the Bar Council's approval, a new contractor (the "**New Contractor**") has been engaged for the Project. According to the current timetable, it is expected that the New Website would be ready for launching in the first half of 2015.

Last but not the least, I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members of the Special Committee for their hard work and efforts. My gratitude also goes to the members of the Bar Secretariat for their unfailing support to the Special Committee.

Anson Wong SC

Chairman of Special Committee on Bar's Website

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