

Report of the Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship Committee

1. This year we had a total of 9 applicants, 6 of which were locally educated. We were pleased to note that we had applications from all three local providers. Without question the quality of the applicants this year was very high and all of them were called for interview.
2. We did note, once again, that all of the applicants were at the very beginning of their pupillage and as a consequence would not be able to take advantage of the scholarship for another year.
3. Interviews took place on Friday 6th December 2013 at the Bar Secretariat. All of the applicants were of good quality and some were truly exceptional. We were very impressed in the interview with their commitment to their legal education, extra- curricular activities and the fact that some had already contributed to local law journals.
4. The Committee was conscious of its duty to the fund and the desire of the HKBA to further the legal education of junior members of the bar in respect of advocacy training. Successful candidates currently attend a two week course offered by the Middle Temple and are also given the opportunity to carry out a mini-pupillage in London chambers.
5. Of the 9 candidates, 8 were so impressive that the committee felt that it had to make an award to each of them. The committee was aware that there was some small disparity in the personal financial circumstances of some of the candidates and therefore resolved to make the following awards:

Jacqueline Law Hoi Man	\$40,000
Martin Kok Hiu Tin	\$40,000
Theresa Lena Chow	\$40,000
Michael Lok Hui Yin	\$40,000
Eva Leung Wing Yu	\$60,000
Peter Chiu Ka Min	\$60,000
Martin Ho Cheuk Hang	\$40,000
Tim Yu Chi Hang	\$60,000

6. The Chairman also suggested that, given the exceptional nature of this scholarship and the high regard in which it was held, there should be some form of ceremony marking the awards. He kindly offered to hold such a ceremony in the Judge's Mess of the High Court in the hope that we could also invite prominent members of the Bar and Judiciary to celebrate the occasion. We were unable to hold such a ceremony last year but hope to do so with the current group of scholars. A date is yet to be fixed.
7. The committee welcomed the continued financial support of the HKBA and also discussed the need to remind past scholars of their moral obligation to make suitable donations, no matter how small, to the fund for the benefit of future scholars.

Committee: The Hon. Mr Justice Bharwaney (Chairman)

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