

Report of the Special Committee on International Practice 2015

In 2015 the members of the Special Committee on International Practice were engaged in a variety of capacity building and international practice development activities reflective of its terms of reference. The 2015 members of the Special Committee were Kim Rooney (Chair), Peter Duncan SC, Roxanne Ismail SC, Hectar Pun SC, James McGowan, Firoz Nasir, Colin Wright, Isaac Chan and Douglas Clark.

Members met on several occasions in 2015 to discuss matters related to the role of the Special Committee, and its capacity building and international practice development activities and also conducted their work by correspondence. In 2015 the Special Committee's members also participated in a range of meetings with international visitors, including some attended by the Chair, office bearers and members of the HKBA's Bar Council and members of other HKBA Committees, including meetings with delegations/colleagues from Cambodia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Russia, as well as representatives of the Association for Chinese Lawyers in Europe and of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Members of the Subcommittee also participated in the HKTDC In Style. Hong Kong Symposium - Business Matching and Referrals Conference Roadshow and associated Hong Kong legal services promotion events in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Among other activities of the HKBA in the area of international practice, in February 2015 in response to a request forwarded via the Special Committee on International Practice, members of the Special Committee on Legal Aid Reform provided comments on the draft "Republic of the Union of Myanmar Legal Aid Provision Law".

I would like to thank the members of the Special Committee on International Practice for their enthusiastic and thoughtful work in 2015. I would also like to thank members of the HKBA Secretariat including Dora Chan, Amy Lee and Fiona Kwok for their support of and assistance to the work of the Special Committee.

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