

**Report of the Standing Committee on
Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship 2016**

1. 2016 has been an eventful year for the Committee. In May 2016, we awarded the Scholarship to 7 of the 2016 applicants. The remaining 12 applications received in 2016 have been deferred to 2017 owing to the fact that the candidates have yet to commence their pupillage.
2. No applications for 2017 have yet been received. (The deadline for the application is in February 2017). Priority will be given to candidates who have begun or completed their pupilages as the Committee feels that the opportunity to undertake a Middle Temple Advocacy Scholarship in the United Kingdom is more suitable for those with some firsthand experience at the Bar.
3. 2016 was the 15th year in which the Scholarship has been in place. To mark the occasion, the Chair of the Committee hosted a drinks gathering at the Judges' Mess on 30 September 2016, the first of, hopefully, many more such gatherings. The gathering was well attended. This included the Chief Justice, Mrs Charles Ching, Ms Adrianna Ching, Ms Winnie Tam SC, Chairwoman of the HKBA, past and present Scholars, past and present committee members as well as members of the Bar and the Judiciary who were well acquainted with Charles Ching and who have contributed to Scholarship funds. The Chief Justice opened the evening with a speech paying tribute to the late Charles Ching and he was followed by Ms Winnie Tam SC who recounted a number of anecdotes about Charles Ching and reminded us that he continues to be an inspiration to junior members. Many still in practice, including the undersigned, remember him fondly. The gathering continued with lively interaction amongst all those who attended over canapés and wine.
4. The Committee believes the Scholarship has indeed benefitted many aspiring young barristers and looks forward to its continued success.

Membership:

The Hon Mr. Justice Bharwaney (Chairman)

The Hon Mrs. Justice Campbell-Moffat (Vice Chairman)

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