

Report of the Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship Committee 2020

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1. The Committee interviewed six applicants on 30 November 2020. They were selected from amongst the 12 applications received this year but also from two candidates held over from 2017 and 2019 who had applied for the Scholarship but were deferred to this year as a result of the Committee's decision in 2017 and 2018 to prioritise those who have begun or completed their pupillage. Only Four of this year's applicants had commenced pupillage in September 2019 and were considered eligible for interview. One current year applicant was rejected without interview. Seven were deferred.
2. The Committee was most impressed by each of the candidates who were selected for interview. It proposes to make an award of up to a total of \$50,000 each to all six of them. They are:

Lai Wun Chi
Ronald Rachel
Tsang Chong Lian Conan
Wong Lok Hay Hayley
So Wing Winky
Tsang Karen Nga Yue
3. The figure for the scholarship award is, at present, an estimate. The situation with COVID-19 means that we have not yet confirmed which courses they will attend but we anticipate the majority will take places on courses in Malaysia and Singapore and we hope that at least 4 scholars will take a place on week long residential courses in South Africa. The Middle Temple Pupils course is currently being held remotely and it is anticipated that will be the case for 2021/2. The calibre of this year's applicants suggests that the Middle Temple Course would not improve their anticipated skill set as of the date they can realistically undertake an advocacy course. The Committee anticipates there are slightly more advanced courses which will be suitable at the time they will be able to avail themselves of the award.
4. Finally, the Committee expresses its sincere thanks to Chyvette Ip, who has served upon this committee for several years and who retires from the Committee this year. We will miss her insight and professionalism and we are most grateful for her service.

The Hon Mrs Justice Campbell-Moffat
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