

Report of the Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship Committee 2021

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1. The Committee interviewed 9 applicants on 10 December 2021 while deferring one applicant to the following year.
2. Since 2017 and 2018, the Committee has (and intends continuing) only interviewed applicants who have just completed their pupillage. Hence, any applicants who have yet to complete their pupillage in December of a particular year will likely see their interview, if selected, deferred and conducted the year after.
3. As is customary, the Committee was most impressed by each of the candidates who were selected for interview. After deliberation, the Committee will award the scholarship to the following applicants:

Yau Hiu Chen Tiffany
Ho Ching Him
Tam Yat Hung Fergus
Zhang Yiyao Jenny

4. Unfortunately, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has continued to force many out of jurisdiction advocacy courses to be conducted online/remotely. The Committee acknowledges that it is undesirable that the number of scholars who have yet to attend an advocacy course is once again accumulating. However, the Committee believes the benefit of scholars attending advocacy courses in-person outweighs the backlog. Therefore, the Committee will continue to liaise with the advocacy course providers and arrange suitable courses for scholars as soon as in-person training becomes available again.
5. Furthermore, a number of 2017 and 2018 scholars have exceeded the 3-year time limit for completing the overseas advocacy course. Under normal circumstances, the Committee would require scholars who have failed their obligation to attend an advocacy course to apply for an extension. However, in light of the present COVID-19 pandemic and the Committee's intention for scholars to attend advocacy courses in-person, the Committee is prepared to grant an extension of another 3 years to such scholars to attend the necessary advocacy course. Scholars who will receive such an extension will be contacted by the Committee.

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