

Report on Standing Committee on International Practice 2018

The 2018 activities of members of the International Practice Committee included:

- Preparing a draft paper commenting on the legal services aspects of the draft free Australian/Hong Kong Free trade agreement.
- Promoting Hong Kong's legal services (including the Bar's services) internationally, including exploring opportunities for Hong Kong Bar members to speak at international conferences and participating in international conferences.
- Collaborating with the Victorian Bar Association on their October 2018 Hong Kong conference including to arrange Hong Kong speakers.
- Exploring opportunities for collaboration with other overseas Bar Associations including in Australia, England and Wales and Japan.
- Responding to questions regarding the implementation of Chapter 13 of the Bar Code
- Preparing a draft course for barristers on international dispute resolution work and presenting to the Bar Council for their approval.
- Teaching in the Bar's LL.M course on International Arbitration at Peking University with colleagues from other Bar committees.
- Regarding the Belt & Road:
 - Establishing a working group to prepare a draft policy for the Bar on international aspects of the Belt & Road.
 - Discussing the opportunities for the Bar arising from the Belt & Road Initiative and providing comments to the Bar Council's representatives.
- Meeting, as requested by the Bar Chairman, with international delegations and representatives of international bodies.

The members of the International Practice Committee in 2018 were Kim Rooney (Chair), José Maurellet SC (Vice Chairman), Douglas Clark (Vice Chairman), Hectar Pun SC, Victor Dawes SC, James McGowan, Richard Zimmern, Colin Wright, Thomas Lee, Isaac Chan, Benny Lo, Alan H.L. Lo, Hugh Kam, Moses Park, Victoria Yue, Adela Mao, Justin Paul Ismail and Christopher To.

May I thank Committee members very much for their work during 2018, and also thank Ms. Amy Lee of the HKBA Secretariat for her great assistance to the Committee.

Kim M Rooney
Chair
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