

Report on Standing Committee on International Practice 2017 (“SCIPrac”)

The 2017 activities of members of the International Practice Committee included:

- Commenting on the international aspects of the review of the Hong Kong Bar Code, including Annex 14 (now Chapter 13) and associated provisions concerning arbitration and foreign practice for consideration by the Bar Code Committee and the Bar Council.
- Preparing and implementing in June 2017 an exchange of 5 young lawyers from the Conseil National, the French Law Association, including compiling their Hong Kong programme and preparing a detailed report to the Bar Council.
- Discussing internally further possible exchanges, and commencing discussions concerning such an exchange.
- Participating in, and speaking at, various conferences in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas on behalf of the Bar.
- Teaching in the Bar’s LL.M course on International Arbitration at Peking University with colleagues from other Bar committees.
- 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 and Mainland China delegations and representatives of international and Mainland China bodies.

The members of the International Practice Committee in 2017 were Kim Rooney (Chair), Jose Maurellet SC (Vice Chair), Douglas Clark (Vice Chair), Peter Duncan SC, Roxanne Ismail SC, Hectar Pun SC, Victor Dawes SC, James McGowan, Richard Zimmern, Colin Wright, Thomas Lee, Isaac Chan, Victoria Yue, Justin Paul Ismail and Christopher To (observer).

May I thank Committee members very much for their work during 2017, and also thank Ms. Amy Lee of the HKBA Secretariat for her great assistance to the Committee.

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