

Annual Report 2020

PATRICK YU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

To commemorate the life of Patrick Yu Shuk Siu 余叔韶 (1922 to 2019), a past honorary life member of the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Bar Council has approved the establishment of the Patrick Yu Memorial Scholarship (“the Scholarship”) on 8 November 2019. The Rules of the Scholarship were approved and they have since been uploaded on the website of the Bar Association. On 23 October 2020, the Inland Revenue Department has granted tax exemption status to the Scholarship under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112).

The Scholarship was publicized by way of Bar Circular (202/20) on 13 November 2020.

The scheme of the Scholarship is to enable successful applicants (“Scholars”) to participate as counsel in criminal trials or appeals for a legally-aided defendant with and under the guidance of a more senior counsel. The participation by Scholars under the scheme in assigned trials or appeals shall be for one year. Scholars shall not be entitled to any legal fees for his participation in an assigned trial or appeal, but shall receive a sum or sums from the Scholarship award on the basis of the work undertaken, save where the Director of Legal Aid in his discretion decides to instruct the Scholar in the legal aid case and remunerate the Scholar as per usual practice. In consultation with the Scholarship Committee, the Bar Council has decided that for 2021, not more than 5 Scholarship awards shall be made, subject to the limit of \$200,000 for each award without prejudice to any legal fees which the Legal Aid Department may see fit to pay to the Scholar as referred to above.

Any person who is holding a practising certificate issued by the Hong Kong Bar Association, and has been qualified to practise for 5 years or less, is eligible to apply.

Applications for the Scholarship for 2021 are invited from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021 with interviews scheduled to be held not later than 31 October 2021.

Membership of the Patrick Yu Scholarship Committee

The Hon. Madam Justice Susan Kwan, VP (Chair)

The Hon. Mr. Justice Patrick Chan, NPJ

Ms Dominica Yu Yang, daughter of the late Patrick Yu

Mr. Mok Yeuk-Chi, barrister

Mr. Tony Li, barrister

Ms Wing Kay Po, *ex officio*, Honorary Secretary

Mr. Jeffrey Tam, , *ex officio*, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid Reform

Wing Kay Po
Honorary Secretary

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