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### **Maurellet, José Antonio, S.C. re-elected as HKBA Chairman**

Mr. Maurellet, José Antonio, S.C. today was re-elected as Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association (“HKBA”) for another one-year term following the conclusion of today’s Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Hui, Martin S.T., S.C. and Ms. Sit, Eva Y.W., S.C. were re-elected as Vice-Chairmen. Mr. Wong, Martin W.H., the immediate past Deputy Honorary Secretary, was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, while Mr. Tang, Alexander K.M. was elected as the Deputy Honorary Secretary.

“With the renewed trust of members placed on my team, I am deeply honoured to be re-elected to continue serving the HKBA,” said Mr. Maurellet. “The HKBA has its social responsibility to speak out on important legal issues. Certain cases in recent years have attracted attention, and it is hoped the public will not apply a political lens to the Court’s judgments or the state of our rule of law, and that the Judiciary will be permitted to fulfill its judicial function, with Courts continuing to adjudicate cases independently and impartially, based only on the law and evidence. Protecting our system and our Judiciary is of fundamental importance, because they provide the safeguard for the rights of members of the public and the interests of our society at large.”

“Last year, the HKBA strengthened its ties with overseas and Mainland counterparts. Members of the Bar Council paid visits to 11 places on at least 13 occasions. The HKBA also organised many conferences, bringing legal talents and experts from different jurisdictions to Hong Kong to witness the rule of law first-hand,” Mr. Maurellet added.

For the year ahead, he noted that the HKBA will sustain its efforts to upholding the rule of law and bolstering ties with the international and the Mainland legal community. Other key priorities include the reviews by two working groups tasked with reviewing the laws and regulations regarding the Tai Po fire and artificial intelligence.

Mr. Maurellet also expressed gratitude to the outgoing Honorary Secretary, Mr. Eugene W.T. Yim, and Council Member Mr. Chan, Derek C.L., S.C., for their dedication and contribution to the HKBA during their tenure.

Five Council members were re-elected for another one-year term, including Mr. Chang, Jonathan T.Y., S.C., Ms. Leung, Pauline Po Lam, Mr. Lee, Shu Wun, Mr. Chan, Isaac C.K., and Mr. Marwah, Azan Aziz.