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THE POLA CUP WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2003

The Class One race for the POLA Cup to be run at Happy Valley on Wednesday, 19 November, is sponsored by the Law Society of Hong Kong. It will be presented by the President of the Law Society, Mr. Ip Shing Hing and the Chairman of Working Party of POLA Conference 2003, Mr. Wong Kwai Huen to celebrate the 2003 conference of the Presidents of Law Associations in Asia and the Pacific Region ("POLA") which is taking place in Hong Kong this week.

POLA as its name suggests is a regional legal professional organization founded in the early 1990s as a forum at which the presidents of law societies and bar associations in Asia might meet annually to discuss matters of mutual concern. It was last held in Hong Kong in 1994.

This year's conference will be attended by approximately 50 delegates comprising the Presidents of law associations and their senior staff/Council members from nearly 20 jurisdictions as well as observers from international bodies such as LawAsia, the International Bar Association and the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

During their stay in Hong Kong delegates will meet with the Chief Justice Hon. Mr. Justice Andrew Li, the acting Secretary for Justice Mr. Bob Allcock and the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs Mr. Stephen Lam. Additionally their discussions will range over a variety of topics including the impact of globalization on the practice of law in Asia, the regulation of professional conduct, legal education and continuing professional development. A morning will be spent at the offices of the Independent Commission Against Corruption to meet the Commissioner Mr. Raymond Wong discussing corruption and related issues in law enforcement.

The conference concludes on Saturday with a visit to Macau hosted by the Macau Lawyers Association.

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