



2008 Annual General Meeting

The Law Society of Hong Kong held its Annual General Meeting on 22 May.

Election of Council members

In the election of members of the Council of the Law Society, there were 7 candidates for 6 vacancies. Upon a cast of votes, the following were duly elected to serve on the Council:

IP Shing Hing (葉成慶)
Angela W.Y. LEE (李慧賢)
Joseph C. W. LI (李超華)
Peter C.L. LO (羅志力)
Billy W.Y. MA (馬華潤)
Melissa K. PANG (彭韻僊)

At a subsequent Council meeting held immediately after the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Lester HUANG was re-elected President and Mr. WONG Kwai Huen and Mr. Junius K.Y. HO were re-elected Vice Presidents unanimously.

Mr. Lester HUANG welcomed the support of his fellow Council Members in re-electing him to serve for his second term as President. He said, "I treasure the opportunity given to me to serve another year as President of the Law Society. I look forward to further consolidating the strategies which the Council and I have formulated to enhance the long-term interests of members of the profession."

The list of Council members for 2008-09 is as follows:

Lester G. HUANG (黃嘉純) (President)
Wong Kwai HUEN (王桂壘) (Vice-President)
Junius K.Y. HO (何君堯) (Vice-President)
Stephen W.S. HUNG (熊運信)

IP Shing Hing (葉成慶)
James E. JAMISON (季明善)
Alex T.H. LAI (黎庭康)
Ambrose S.K. LAM (林新強)
Angela W.Y. LEE (李慧賢)

Joseph C. W. LI (李超華)
Michael J. LINTERN-SMITH (史密夫)
Peter C.L. LO (羅志力)
Billy W.Y. MA (馬華潤)
Amirali B. NASIR (黎雅明)
Kenneth S.Y. NG (伍成業)
Melissa K. PANG (彭韻僖)
Sylvia W.Y. SIU (蕭詠儀)
Thomas S.T. SO (蘇紹聰)
Cecilia K. W. WONG (黃吳潔華)
Dieter L. T. YIH (葉禮德)

Mr Edmund Y S Cheung JP admitted to Roll of Honour

At the Annual General Meeting, the Law Society admitted Mr. Edmund Y. S. CHEUNG JP to its Roll of Honour. In moving the admission, former President Dr. Simon S. O. IP said, “During Mr. CHEUNG’s presidency, the Law Society organized for the first time a historic visit by solicitors to Beijing and Shanghai in 1979 when the door to the Mainland was still virtually closed and lawyers on the Mainland hardly existed. He was a pioneer of his era; China then was not the China we know today. That historic visit laid a foundation stone for Hong Kong lawyers doing business on the Mainland.” Mr. CHEUNG was admitted as a solicitor in 1957 and was President of the Law Society from 1979-81.

Free RME electives

To promote good risk management of legal practice, the Law Society launched a mandatory risk management education (“RME”) programme in 2004. All solicitors practising in Hong Kong law firms have to complete a one-off core course and then in every subsequent year, not less than 3 hours of accredited elective courses on risk management. Apart from approving elective courses organized by other providers, the Law Society also provides elective courses on various risk management topics for its members.

At the Annual General Meeting, the President announced the resolution that starting from November 2008, all RME electives to be offered by the Society will be free of charge. This will mean a saving to the Law Society members of not less than HK\$2 million per year.

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