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## New President for The Law Society of Hong Kong

(Hong Kong, 24 May 2012) – <u>Dieter Yih</u> has been elected as the new President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, with immediate effect. He will lead the 20-member Council which is the governing body of the Law Society of Hong Kong. He is a partner of the law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy.

Additionally, <u>Ambrose Lam</u> has been re-elected as one of two Vice-Presidents, and <u>Stephen Hung</u> has been elected Vice-President.

Mr Yih joined the Council of the Law Society of Hong Kong in 2003 and has been Vice-President since 2009. He currently chairs the Law Society's Standing Committee on Standards and Development and the Legal Education Committee. He has keen interests in maintaining the highest standards for the profession and the education and career of young lawyers. He has also served on many of the Society's sub-committees and working groups.

"The practice of law in Hong Kong has become more challenging in recent years, and the Law Society will continue its work on expanding the practice environment for our members", said Mr. Yih. "As the association for the largest number of lawyers in Hong Kong, we will continue to champion the rule of law and justice for our society". The new Council of the Law Society of Hong Kong comprises:

President: Dieter YIH

Vice- Presidents: Ambrose LAM and Stephen HUNG

Council members: Junius HO, Huen WONG, Peter LO, Michael LINTERN-SMITH, Billy MA, Sylvia SIU, Cecilia WONG, Kenneth NG, Joseph LI, Amirali NASIR, Melissa PANG, Thomas SO, Angela LEE, Brian GILCHRIST, Gavin NESBITT, Denis BROCK and Charles CHAU.



Mr. Dieter Yih

Law Society AGM

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## About the Law Society of Hong Kong

The Law Society of Hong Kong is a professional body of solicitors in Hong Kong vested with the statutory powers to regulate the professional conduct of solicitors. It establishes and promotes professional standards and the solicitors' code of conduct and practice and ensures its compliance. The Law Society assists its members to promote Hong Kong legal services and offers its views from time to time on legal issues that are of public concern. For more information, please visit: www.hklawsoc.org.hk



# 葉禮德 太平紳士 香港律師會會長

**葉禮德律師**於 2012 年獲選為香港律師會 會長,並帶領該會的二十人理事會。葉律 師早於 2003 年投入律師會理事會工作, 他曾擔任本會專業水準及發展常務委員 會、法律教育委員會及審批委員會的主 席。

除始於 1989 年開始在香港執業外, 葉律 師亦取得英國、澳大利亞首都地域、澳大 利亞新南威爾斯及新加坡的執業律師資 格。

葉律師現為美邦律師事務所的香港法律事 務主管,主要執業範圍包括涉及香港、中 國內地及亞洲區的資本市場、企業融資、 私募投資、合併和收購的事務。葉律師曾 主理多個在香港聯合交易所新上市的項 目,在公司重組及上市公司收購合併方面 擁有豐富經驗。他並經常爲跨國及香港企 業就直接投資、合資項目及上市公司規範 相關的事務上提供法律諮詢服務。

葉律師曾出任多間上市公司的董事,亦被 委任為不同法定機構及諮詢委員會的成 員。目前,他為法律教育及培訓常務委員 會委員,及香港會計師公會調查委員會之 交替召集人。

葉律師已婚並育有四名子女。

# Dieter Yih, JP President The Law Society of Hong Kong

Elected as President of the Law Society of Hong Kong in 2012, Dieter leads the 20member Council. He first joined the Council in 2003 and had served as chairman of the Standing Committee on Standards and Development, Legal Education Committee and Consents Committee.

Apart from practicing as a Hong Kong solicitor since 1989, Dieter is admitted to practise as a solicitor in England and Wales, Australian Capital Territories, New South Wales and Singapore.

Dieter heads the Hong Kong law practice of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, and focuses on advising on capital markets, finance, private corporate equity investments and public and private M&A in Hong Kong, mainland China and across the Asian region. Dieter has been responsible for numerous initial public offerings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and he also has extensive experience in corporate restructuring and public company takeovers. He frequently advises multinational and Hong Kong corporations on direct investments, joint ventures, and regulatory compliance.

Dieter has served on the board of directors of several listed companies in Hong Kong. He has also served on various statutory bodies and advisory committees. At present, he is a member of the Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training, and the alternate convenor of the Investigation Panel A of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Dieter is married and has four children.



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# 林新強律師 香港律師會副會長

林新強律師於英國艾塞克斯大學修讀法 學院學士。1988 年獲取香港執業律師資格、1993 年獲取英國執業律師資格、 1993 年獲取新加坡律師資格、2003 獲委 任為中國委託公證人。現為林李黎律師 事務所合夥人,主要處理房地產事務及 商業交易活動所牽涉的法律事務。

林律師於 2011 年獲選為香港律師會副 會長,並參與不同委員會的工作,目前 他擔任律師會轄下會員服務常務委員 會、大中華法律事務委員會及香港律師 會業務管理委員會主席。

除了日常的法律事務及香港律師會的工 作外,林律師亦參與其他公職,包括:

- 中華海外聯誼會理事
- 建築物條例上訴審裁小組主席
- 香港貿易發展局內地商貿諮詢會 委員
- 香港政府的立法規管一手住宅物 業銷售督導委員會委員
- 十八鄉鄉事委員會法律顧問
- 香港西醫工會榮獲法律顧問(2011-2012)

# Ambrose S K Lam Vice-President The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Lam is one of the founding partners of Lam Lee & Lai, a local solicitors firm established in 1991. He graduated from the University of Essex, UK and was admitted as a Solicitor of Hong Kong in 1988. He was later appointed a China-Appointed Attesting Officers by the Ministry of Justice of PRC in 2003. Mr. Lam practises mainly in conveyancing and commercial law.

Mr. Lam has been a Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong since 2004 and is in charge of its Member Services Standing Committee. He was first elected a Vice President in May 2011 and was re-elected in May 2012.

Apart from his day-to-day legal practice and positions held at the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr. Lam is also involved in the following private and public duties:-

- Council member of the China Overseas Friendship Association
- Chairman of the Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings)
- Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's China Trade Advisory Committee
- Member of The Hong Kong Government's Steering Committee on the Regulation of the Sale of First-hand Residential Property by Legislation
- Legal Advisor of Shap Pat Heung Rural Committee
- Honorary Legal Advisor of Hong Kong Doctors' Union (2011-2012)



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熊運信律師 香港律師會副會長

**熊運信律師自** 2003 年起出任香港律師會理事,並於 2012 年 5 月 24 日獲選爲律師會副會長,之前,熊律師參與多個律師會委員會職務,包括:出任審查及紀律常務委員會、對外事務委員會、刑事及訴訟程序委員會主席,與及法律周籌委會及其他委員會的工作。

作為香港律師會代表,熊律師亦擔 任下列公職:

- 法律援助服務局成員
- 當値律師服務執委會成員
- 較高級法院出庭發言權評核委員會委員
- 刑事法庭使用者委員會成員
- 刑事訴訟程序規則委員會成員

熊律師於 1995 年取得香港執業律師 資格。他現為彭溫蔡律師行合夥 人。

# Stephen W S Hung Vice-President The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Stephen Hung has been a member of the Council of the Law Society of Hong Kong since 2003, and was elected as Vice President on 24 May 2012. Prior to becoming a Vice President, Mr. Hung has served in numerous Law Society committees as the Chairman of its Standing Committee on Compliance, Standing Committee on External Affairs. Criminal Law and Procedure Committee, Law Week Organizing Committee as well as a member of Law Society working committees.

As a representative of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr. Hung also serves on various government boards and committees, namely Council Member of the Legal Aid Service Council, and Duty Lawyer Service; as member of the Assessment Board for higher rights of audience, Criminal Court Users' Committee, and Criminal Procedure Rules Committee.

Mr. Hung was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1995. He is currently a Partner of Pang, Wan, & Choi.



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