



## Press Releases

14 May 2015

### **Mr. Stephen W. S. Hung re-elected as President of The Law Society of Hong Kong**

(Hong Kong, 14 May 2015) – At the Annual General Meeting of the Law Society of Hong Kong held today (14 May 2015), a new Council was elected. Mr. Stephen W. S. Hung who has served as President since 19 August 2014 was re-elected as President for the second term. He will continue to lead the 20-member Council which is the governing body of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Mr. Thomas S. T. So and Ms. Melissa K. Pang were re-elected Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Hung said, “The Law Society will continue its efforts in defending the Rule of Law and the independence of the judiciary. We will strive to champion our work on various fronts including maintaining the highest standards of the solicitors’ profession, improving the legal practice environment, exploring new opportunities for our members, providing effective support to them and giving back to the community.”

The 2015/16 Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong comprises:

President: Stephen W. S. Hung

Vice- Presidents: Thomas S. T. So and Melissa K. Pang

Council members: Dieter Yih, Junius K. Y. Ho, Huen Wong, Peter C. L. Lo, Michael J. Lintern-Smith, Billy W. Y. Ma, Sylvia W. Y. Siu, Cecilia K. W. Wong, Kenneth S. Y. Ng, Joseph C. W. Li, Amirali B. Nasir, Brian W. Gilchrist, Gavin P. Nesbitt, Denis Brock, Nick Chan, Bonita B.Y. Chan and Mark Daly.

### **Stephen W. S. Hung, President of Law Society of Hong Kong**

Mr. Stephen W.S. Hung has been a member of the Council of the Law Society of Hong Kong since 2003. He was elected Vice President on 24 May 2012 and President on 19 August 2014. Mr. Hung has served on numerous Law Society Committees including the Standing Committee on Compliance, the Standing Committee on External Affairs, the Standing Committee on Policy and Resources, the Criminal Law and Procedure Committee and the Legal Education Committee.



As a representative of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr. Hung also serves on the PCLL Academic Board of the University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, and City University of Hong Kong; Steering Committee on the Provision of Legal Advice for Litigants in Person. In his personal capacity, Mr. Hung serves on the Higher Rights Assessment Board; the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and Law Reform Committee, Subcommittee on Causing or Allowing the Death of a Child; and the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee.

Mr. Hung is an Adjunct Professor of Law of Hong Kong Shue Yan University.

### **Thomas S. T. So, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong**

Mr. Thomas S. T. So was elected Vice-President of the Law Society on 20 May 2013 and re-elected in 2014. Prior to that, Mr. So has been serving as a Law Society Council member since 2005 and had acted as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Compliance, Standing Committee on Practitioners Affairs and Law Week Organizing Committee. He is currently the Chairman of Greater China Legal Affairs Committee and Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Committee.



Mr. So is a partner at Mayer Brown JSM advising on property-related, libel and media related litigation work, as well as cross border litigation and arbitration in the PRC. He obtained his LL.B degree from University of Hull (1985), LL.M degree in International Commercial Law from University of Hong Kong (1993), LL.B degree at China University of Political Science & Law, Beijing (1997), and Doctor of Laws from Tsinghua University, Beijing (2005).

Admitted to practise in Hong Kong (1988), England & Wales (1991) (non-practising), Australia – ACT (1991), Australia – High Court (1991), Singapore (1993) and the People’s Republic of China (2009), Mr. So is also a China-Appointed Attesting Officer (2003).

## **Melissa Kaye Pang, Vice-President of Law Society of Hong Kong**

Ms. Melissa K. Pang has been serving as a Law Society Council member since 2005 and was elected Vice-President of the Law Society on 2 September 2014. Ms. Pang currently serves as the Chairperson of Standing Committee on Member Services and Consents Committee. She is also a member of several other committees overseeing compliance, policy and resources and development, international legal affairs, and constitutional affairs and human rights.



Ms. Pang is qualified to practise as a solicitor in Australia (1989), England and Wales (1991), and Hong Kong (1991). She is also a Notary Public, Civil Celebrant, accredited mediator, associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, and China Appointed Attesting Officer. Her main areas of practice are commercial law, property law and litigation. She is a Partner of Pang & Associates.

Ms. Pang was nominated to represent the Law Society in the LAWASIA executive committee and Hong Kong Legal Aid Services Council. With her devotion to public service, Ms. Pang was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2006 and Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong in 2010.



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