## **General Information**

Applications for higher rights of audience will be invited two times a year, around spring and autumn. The exact application period will be announced through this website and by other means.

The application form can be downloaded from this website. The completed form should be returned **by post or in person** to the Office of the Higher Rights Assessment Board, Room 2619, 26/F, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Please <u>do not</u> submit applications by fax or e-mail.

Applications must be accompanied by all necessary documents together with the prescribed fees as set out in items 1 and 2 of <u>the Schedule</u> in the Higher Rights of Audience Rules. Applicants who elect to make application on the basis of exemption are not required to pay the fee set out in item 2 of the Schedule.

While applicants applying for higher rights of audience in respect of both civil and criminal proceedings may submit their applications in one form, the applications will be processed separately and the applicants should pay two sets of the prescribed fees.

Payment of the prescribed fees should be made by crossed cheque or bank draft payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR".

Any applicant who must sit an assessment will be informed of the dates of the assessment by the Assessment Board.