

中華人民共和國
香港特別行政區政府
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China

政府總部
運輸及物流局
香港添馬添美道 2 號
政府總部東翼



Transport and Logistics Bureau
Government Secretariat
East Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

本局檔號 Our Ref.: TLB(TL)PML 9/9/6

來函檔號 Your Ref.: TLC/22/6536464

Mr C. M. CHAN
President
The Law Society of Hong Kong
3/F., Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road Central
Hong Kong

15 September 2023

Dear Mr Chan,

Maritime Services Traineeship Scheme – Legal

I write to express our sincere gratitude for your esteemed Society's assistance in our formulation of the Maritime Services Traineeship Scheme – Legal ("the Scheme"), which is officially launched today under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund ("MATF").

Maritime law is one of Hong Kong's highly competitive professional services in the international arena. Being the only common law jurisdiction within China, Hong Kong's unique advantages under "one country, two systems" are salient. To consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international maritime centre on the one hand and develop high value-added maritime legal services in Hong Kong for better integration into the country's development course on the other hand, we need farther more home-grown maritime lawyers to enhance the availability and quality of our maritime legal services.

Considering that training of a maritime lawyer is resource intensive, this Bureau sets up the Scheme with a view to incentivising legal firms and barristers with maritime business to provide bespoke traineeship for those who aspire to a career in maritime law. Only with the invaluable participation of your representative in the Working Group concerned that we can actualise the Scheme.

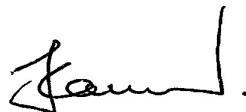
The Scheme offers a monthly subsidy of \$20,000 to successful applicants for providing practical training focusing in maritime areas to each legal trainee, subject to a cap of two trainees per applicant at any one time annually. Utilising subsidies from the MATF, law firms or barristers with maritime business are hoped to be better placed to offer more trainee positions as well as to enhance the remuneration package for recruiting more competitive trainees. Interested law firms or barristers are most welcome to apply under the Scheme by completing the Application Form (Form 1) and submitting it together with all necessary documents to the MATF Secretariat. Details of the Scheme have been uploaded to the website of MATF:

www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/highlights/transport/20140401-12.html

We would be very grateful if the Society could assist in disseminating the above information and relaying the attached leaflet to all your Members for information. Should there be any queries, please feel free to contact Ms Bona CHAN (Tel.: 3509 9173) or Mr Vincent LEUNG (Tel. No.: 3509 7266) of this Bureau.

With your continued support, we look forward to nurturing more home-grown maritime lawyers for Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Carmen CHAN)
for Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Encl.