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In the wake of the success of the webinar 'Why Hong Kong Is Irreplaceable', the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong SAR and the Asian Academy of International Law are launching a webinar series 'Why Hong Kong' with the recent 'Why Arbitrate in Hong Kong' as the first edition, and 'Why Invest in Hong Kong: Current Opportunities' as the second one. Focusing on Hong Kong's preponderant role as a leading global financial centre and international legal hub, 'Why Invest in Hong Kong: Current Opportunities' sets out to examine the strengths and challenges of Hong Kong from both legal and economic perspectives, demonstrating why Hong Kong is and will continue to be a hub for international inbound and outbound investments.

Eminent experts in the legal and business fields will bring to the fore the core strengths of Hong Kong such as its legal and regulatory framework and the free flow of capital. Speakers will also deliberate on opportunities in direct investment and capital markets coupled with Hong Kong's unique position in the Greater Bay Area that make Hong Kong an attractive investment hub in the region.



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TIME (GMT+8)	PROGRAMME
16:00–16:10	<p data-bbox="336 199 1525 264">Welcome Remarks</p> <ul data-bbox="336 264 1525 383" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 264 1525 383">• Ms Teresa Cheng GBS SC JP Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
16:10–16:30	<p data-bbox="336 383 1525 448">Keynote Speech</p> <ul data-bbox="336 448 1525 566" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 448 1525 566">• Mrs Laura Cha GBM GBS JP Chairman, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
16:30–17:15	<p data-bbox="336 566 1525 631">Panel I: Strengths and Challenges: The Legal and Financial System</p> <p data-bbox="336 631 1525 683">Convenor</p> <ul data-bbox="336 683 1525 750" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 683 1525 750">• Mr Martin Rogers Partner & Chair (Asia), Davis Polk <p data-bbox="336 750 1525 795">Panellists <i>(Listed in alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul data-bbox="336 795 1525 918" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 795 1525 851">• Mr Benjamin Hung Chief Executive Officer (Asia), Standard Chartered Bank <li data-bbox="336 851 1525 918">• Mr Edmond Lau JP Deputy Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority <p data-bbox="336 918 1525 994">Q & A</p>
17:15–18:00	<p data-bbox="336 994 1525 1059">Panel II: Opportunities in Direct Investment</p> <p data-bbox="336 1059 1525 1111">Convenor</p> <ul data-bbox="336 1111 1525 1211" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1111 1525 1211">• Mr Paul Starr Partner, Practice Leader of Hong Kong Dispute Resolution/Infrastructure, and Joint Coordinator of International Arbitration Team, King & Wood Mallesons <p data-bbox="336 1211 1525 1256">Panellists <i>(Listed in alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul data-bbox="336 1256 1525 1379" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1256 1525 1312">• Mr Victor Chu CBE Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, First Eastern Investment Group <li data-bbox="336 1312 1525 1379">• Dr Fred Hu Founder and Chairman, Primavera Capital Group <p data-bbox="336 1379 1525 1447">Q & A</p>
18:00–18:45	<p data-bbox="336 1447 1525 1512">Panel III: Opportunities in Capital Market</p> <p data-bbox="336 1512 1525 1563">Convenor</p> <ul data-bbox="336 1563 1525 1641" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1563 1525 1641">• Dr Anthony Neoh QC SC JP Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law <p data-bbox="336 1641 1525 1686">Panellists <i>(Listed in alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul data-bbox="336 1686 1525 1809" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1686 1525 1742">• Mr Ashley Ian Alder SBS JP Chief Executive Officer, Security and Futures Commission <li data-bbox="336 1742 1525 1809">• Ms Susie Cheung Founder Member and Co-Convenor, The Asia-Pacific Structured Finance Association Limited <p data-bbox="336 1809 1525 1883">Q & A</p>
18:45–19:00	<p data-bbox="336 1883 1525 1948">Conclusion</p> <ul data-bbox="336 1948 1525 2087" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1948 1525 2087">• Mr Christopher Hui JP Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

SPEAKERS



Ms CHENG, Teresa GBS SC JP

Secretary for Justice

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, is the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Prior to her appointment as the Secretary for Justice, Ms Cheng was a Senior Counsel in private practice, a chartered engineer, a chartered arbitrator, and an accredited mediator. She was frequently engaged as arbitrator or counsel in complex international commercial or investment disputes. Ms Cheng was one of the founders and Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law. Apart from being a Past Chairperson of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Ms Cheng is also a Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration and a Past Vice President of the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) International Court of Arbitration. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017. She is a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes Panel of Arbitrators, and was a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board. Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and was the Course Director of the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing.



Mrs CHA, Laura GBM GBS JP

Chairman

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Mrs Cha is a member of the Executive Council of the Government of Hong Kong, Chairman of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and a member of the Financial Leaders Forum. Mrs Cha is an Independent Non-Executive Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Holdings plc, the Non-Executive Chairman of HSBC, and a Non-Executive Director of Unilever plc. She is also a Senior International Advisor of Foundation Assets Management Sweden AB and a member of Sotheby's International Advisory Board. In addition, she is Vice Chairman of the International Advisory Council of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, and a Director of the World Federation of Exchanges. Mrs Cha became the first, and to-date, the only person outside Mainland China to join the Central Government of the People's Republic of China at the vice ministerial rank when she was appointed as Vice Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission in January 2001. She served in that position until September 2004. Mrs Cha worked for the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong from 1991 to 2000, becoming its Deputy Chairman in 1998. She was also Chairman of The Financial Services Development Council of Hong Kong from January 2013 to July 2018. She was awarded a Silver Bauhinia Star in 2001, a Gold Bauhinia Star in 2009 and the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2017 by the Hong Kong Government for her public service.



Mr HUI, Christopher JP

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Mr Christopher Hui Ching-yu was appointed the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury on 22 April 2020. He serves on the boards of Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited, Hong Kong Airport Authority and also as the Chairman of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation. Prior to his appointment, Mr Hui was the Executive Director of the Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council. He spent 13 years at the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, having been the Managing Director for Market Development and Head of Project Management and also in various senior roles in Listing and Market Development. He also worked for a number of multinational companies in the private sector. He started his career as an Administrative Officer in the Government in 1999 and served in the Economic Development Branch, the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing and the Home Affairs Department. Mr Hui previously held a number of public roles including Councillor of the City University of Hong Kong, Member of the Mandatory Provident Fund Authority Process Review Panel, Hong Kong Stock Exchange Listing Review Committee and also Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants Disciplinary Panel. Mr Hui holds Bachelor and Master (Hon) Degrees in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford, and Master of Business Administration Degree from INSEAD. He also attended the Stanford Executive Programme.

(Listed in alphabetical order)



Mr ALDER, Ashley Ian SBS JP

Chief Executive Officer

Securities and Futures Commission

Ashley is the Chief Executive Officer of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) of Hong Kong. He was first appointed in October 2011. In May 2016, Ashley was elected as Chair of the Board of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), and was re-elected for a further two-year term in June 2020. Ashley was previously Chair of the IOSCO Asia-Pacific Regional Committee and Vice Chair of the IOSCO Board. Ashley has represented IOSCO as a member of the Financial Stability Board Steering Committee and Plenary since his election as IOSCO Board Chair. Ashley started his career as a lawyer in London in 1984. He moved to Hong Kong in 1989 with the international law firm Herbert Smith, practicing corporate and business law. He was Executive Director of Corporate Finance at the SFC from 2001 to 2004, before returning to Herbert Smith, where he became head of the firm's Asia Region.



Ms CHEUNG, Susie

Founder Member and Co-Convenor
The Asia-Pacific Structured Finance Association Limited

Susie Cheung is the Co-Convenor and a Founder Member of The Asia-Pacific Structured Finance Association Limited (APSA) established in 2006. In her roles as Director of Board of the China Securitization Forum (CSF) and its Executive Secretary General, Susie focuses on promoting the development of securitisation between Mainland China and Hong Kong. At present, Susie is the Chief Legal Counsel and Company Secretary of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Medical Centre. Susie was the former General Counsel and Company Secretary of The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (HKMC), and had served under four successive Financial Secretaries of Hong Kong who, *ex officio*, became Chairmen of HKMC's Board of Directors. Susie was responsible for overseeing the structuring and legal documentation of the various debt and mortgage-backed securities programmes. Susie obtained her LL.B. and LL.M. from University College London and is qualified as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR. She was a former Member of the Market Development Committee of the Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council and an Adjunct Professor of the Department of Civil Engineering of The University of Hong Kong. Susie is an Honorary Fellow of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) and a Fellow, respectively, of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors and The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. Susie received the 'Outstanding Achievement – Asia Women in Business Law Awards 2012' for her various contributions made to development of the debt market and the reverse mortgage industry. In May 2019, Susie was honoured by the CSF for the 'tremendous dedication and leadership which she had displayed in advancing and promoting the development of securitization finance in the service of the real economy of the People's Republic of China'.



Mr CHU, Victor CBE

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
First Eastern Investment Group

Victor Chu was born in Canton, China and came to Hong Kong at the age of four. He received his early education in Hong Kong and England, and took his law degree at University College London (UCL) where he is now Chairman of the University's governing council. Mr Chu is Chairman and CEO of First Eastern Investment Group, a leading Hong Kong-based international investment firm and a pioneer of private equity investments in China. He is a Co-Founder and Director of Peach Aviation in Japan, as well as a Board Member of Airbus SE. Over the last 30 years, Victor Chu has at various times served as Director and Council Member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Member of the Hong Kong Takeovers and Mergers Panel, Advisory Committee Member of the Securities and Futures Commission, and part-time member of Hong Kong Government's Central Policy Unit. Mr Chu has also served as a Foundation Board Member (Trustee) of the World Economic Forum from 2003 to 2015 and currently co-chairs the Forum's International Business Council. He is Chairman of the Hong Kong-Europe Business Council and Chairman of the Hong Kong-United States Business Council. Mr Chu is admitted to practise law in England and Hong Kong. Since 1982 he has practised in the field of corporate, commercial and securities laws, with special emphasis on regional investment transactions. He served as Deputy Secretary-General of the International Bar Association (IBA) from 1995 to 2000. Victor Chu is a Trustee of Asia House in London and Hong Kong, as well as a member of the advisory boards of Chatham House, the Oxford Martin School and the Atlantic Council of the USA. Mr Chu was awarded the 2011 Global Economy Prize by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy.



Dr HU, Fred

Founder and Chairman
Primavera Capital Group

Dr Fred Hu is the founder and chairman of Primavera Capital Group. Prior to this, he was Chairman of Greater China and a Partner at Goldman Sachs. Fred is a respected economist who served at the International Monetary Fund. He previously sat on the Hong Kong Government's Strategic Development Committee and the Advisory Committee for the Securities and Futures Commission. Fred is the non-executive chairman of Yum China and serves as an independent non-executive director of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, UBS, Ant Group, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. Fred holds a Master in Engineering Science from Tsinghua University and a Master and Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University.



Mr HUNG, Benjamin

Chief Executive Officer (Asia)
Standard Chartered Bank

Ben was appointed Standard Chartered's Chief Executive Officer for Asia in January 2021. He sits on the Group's Management Team and is the Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank (China) Limited. Ben joined Standard Chartered in 1992 and has held a number of senior management positions spanning corporate, commercial, and retail banking. Prior to the current role, he was Regional Chief Executive Officer for Greater China and North Asia, and Chief Executive Officer of Retail Banking and Wealth Management business globally. He is based in Hong Kong and has international banking experience in the UK and in Canada. Ben is a member of the Hong Kong Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development, the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee, the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's Board of Directors and the General Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. He was previously the chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Banks, a member of the Financial Services Development Council, a board member of the Hong Kong Airport Authority and the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, and a Council Member of The University of Hong Kong.



Mr LAU, Edmond JP
Deputy Chief Executive
Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Mr Edmond Lau is responsible for external affairs, monetary management and research. He holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree in Economics and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Hong Kong. Mr Lau joined the Hong Kong Government as an Administrative Officer in 1986. He joined the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) in 1997 as Division Head (Banking Development) and had been involved in banking reform and the establishment of the Deposit Protection Scheme. He also served as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Executive of the HKMA in 2004 after a one-year secondment to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau. Mr Lau was promoted as Executive Director (Strategy and Risk) in 2005. He assumed the post of Executive Director (Monetary Management) from 2007 to 2013 when he resigned from the HKMA to pursue further study and, thereafter, take up a leadership role in a non-governmental organisation. Mr Lau joined HKMC Annuity Limited as Chief Executive Officer in 2017, and has been on secondment to the HKMA since 1 October 2019. He was appointed as a Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA on 1 April 2021.



Dr NEOH, Anthony QC SC JP
Chairman
Asian Academy of International Law

Dr Anthony Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. In 1979, he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar after serving for 13 years in the Hong Kong Civil Service. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. He was the chief architect of the legal structure for the listing of Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong. He is former Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1995 to 1998; during this time, he was the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji. On 1 June 2018, Dr Neoh was appointed as Chairman of the Hong Kong Independent Police Complaints Council to serve a term of two years. He was the Convenor of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Expert Group on the Finance Academy and now serves as Member of the HKMA Preparatory Committee for the Finance Academy. He is also the Co-Chairman of 2018 B20 Financing Growth and Infrastructure Task Force, and Co-Chairman of The China Securitization Forum.



Mr ROGERS, Martin
Partner & Chair (Asia)
Davis Polk

Mr Rogers is the Chair for Asia of Davis Polk and a partner in its Litigation Department, based in Hong Kong. He is regarded as one of Asia's leading litigation, financial services regulatory and corporate governance lawyers, with over 30 years' experience. His practice includes corporate governance, Listing Rules and Takeovers Code work, complex litigation and arbitration, particularly disputes arising out of investments and merges and acquisitions transactions, regulatory, white collar crime and FinTech. He has extensive experience advising both global and regional corporates, institutional investors and financial institutions. He also advises government and public bodies. He regularly advises corporates and financial institutions at main board level. Mr Rogers has a strong relationship Hong Kong's regulators and substantial experience with regulators in China, India, Japan, Korea, and Singapore. Mr Rogers is consistently recognised as a leading lawyer by the foremost legal directories, including *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *IFLR1000* and *Asia Pacific Legal 500*. Mr Rogers is in the 'Hall of Fame' in dispute resolution: litigation category of the *Legal 500*'s. He is also named Asia's top 15 litigators by ALB's first-ever ranking for his out-of-the-box strategising to deliver the ideal outcome for his clients. For 20 years, he has been the General Editor of Sweet & Maxwell's *Hong Kong Civil Procedure*, more commonly known as the *White Book*.



Mr STARR, Paul
Partner, Practice Leader of Hong Kong Dispute Resolution/Infrastructure,
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Paul Starr is Asia's Hong Kong Disputes Star of the Year and Joint Coordinator of King & Wood Mallesons' worldwide arbitration practice. Paul is Practice Team Leader in Hong Kong for Construction and Dispute Resolution. An honours graduate in law from Peterhouse, the University of Cambridge, UK, Paul won a scholarship and the University's prestigious Squire Law Prize. The *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021* states that 'Paul Starr is widely acknowledged as the leading dispute resolution practitioner in Hong Kong, China and the Pacific region'. The *Global Arbitration Review* describes Paul as 'simply the best lawyer for dispute resolution in construction and industrials in the East Asia and Pacific region'. The *Legal 500 Asia-Pacific* singles Paul out as 'an excellent strategist'. Paul serves as member of the Advisory Board of the Asian Academy of International Law, the Hong Kong Red Cross, and the professional services committee of Hong Kong Trade Development Council.