



Potential Contribution of Common Law in the Greater Bay Area

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18:00-19:20 (GMT+8)

Venue: The Former French Mission Building,
1 Battery Path, Central, Hong Kong

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This seminar aims to showcase the unique position of the Hong Kong SAR as the sole common law jurisdiction in China and to explore its potential contribution that could be made to the development of the Greater Bay Area (GBA). Aspects to be discussed include:

■ Hong Kong's Strong Common Law Traditions

Review the common law system, featuring its transparency, fairness, and adherence to the rule of law, which have created a conducive atmosphere for Hong Kong to become a global financial hub that is renowned for its judicial independence and integrity.

■ Opportunities and Challenges Arising from the Three Legal Systems

Juxtapose the respective three legal systems of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao so as to examine the potential opportunities and anticipated challenges posed by differing legal principles and practices. Understanding these complexities is crucial for business success in the GBA.

■ Distinguished Features of the Hong Kong Legal System

Introduce the legal bilingualism in Hong Kong and its unique feature as the sole common law jurisdiction within China. Highlighting the principles of the rule of law, sharing will be made on how the Hong Kong legal profession plays a crucial role as a 'super-connector' and 'super value-adder' between the East and the West and in supporting Hong Kong as a gateway to the Greater Bay Area.

■ Role and Potential Contribution of the Hong Kong Legal Sector

Discuss the pivotal role of Hong Kong legal sector in the overall development of the GBA, highlighting the synergies Hong Kong legal professionals could bring to the region through their expertise in dispute resolution and regulatory compliance. Success stories will be presented to demonstrate its impact made on regional integration and economic development.

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Dr Huang Jiefang is Zhou Gengsheng Chair Professor of Wuhan University, a member of the Council of the Academy of International Law and Global Governance of Wuhan University. Previously, he was the Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialised agency of the United Nations; Dean of the Law School of Civil Aviation University of China; Vice President of the International Law Association (Canadian Branch); Senior Teaching Fellow at the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University, Canada; a guest lecturer and member of Doctoral Opposition Committee of the Institute of International Air and Space Law, Leiden University, the Netherlands. He has delivered lectures or presentations in more than 20 countries, representing ICAO in various UN meetings, serving as one of the three members of the ICAO Joint Advisory Appeals Board.



panellist

José-Antonio MAURELLET SC

Chairman
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Mr José-Antonio Maurellet SC is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 2000 and to the Inner Bar in 2016. He was admitted in 2020 as a solicitor of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, British Virgin Islands circuit. He is also a registered foreign lawyer with rights of audience in the Singapore International Commercial Court. He has sat as a Deputy High Court Judge for periods between 2018 and 2021, and has been appointed as a Recorder of the Court of First Instance since October 2021. He has advised and acted in numerous shareholder disputes, winding up petitions, and applications arising out of liquidations of companies (e.g. applications for provisional liquidators, receivers, validation orders, private examinations, unfair preference proceedings). José is a member as well as the board of directors of the International Insolvency Institute. He has also dealt with director disqualification proceedings commenced by the Official Receiver and the Securities and Futures Commission.



panellist

Roden TONG

President
The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr Roden Tong was in private practice specialising in litigation and dispute resolution before moving to in-house role in 2007. Mr Tong is currently the Chief Executive of Berkley Insurance Company. He leads the Hong Kong operations of Berkley Insurance Asia (a Berkley Company), with a strong focus on Financial Lines and Specialty insurance. Mr Tong has deep expertise in handling complex claims across Asia, including Lehman related investment mis-selling cases, US securities class actions against Hong Kong and PRC companies, US SEC investigations and large-scale fidelity claims. His clients include multinational corporations, listed companies, banks, and other financial institutions. Mr Tong was admitted in Hong Kong. In addition to his role as the Chief Executive of Berkley Insurance Company, Mr Tong holds prominent positions within the legal and community spheres. He has served on various Law Society committees and working groups for nearly 20 years. In 2016, he was elected to the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong, in 2021, he was elected as Vice-President, and in 2024, he was elected as President. Furthermore, he is a member of the Junior Police Call Central Advisory Board and an Executive Committee Member of Customs YES, a youth uniformed group operated by the Customs and Excise Department, where he actively promotes legal education for the youth.