



2009 Cross Strait Four Regions Lawyers Summit – Presidents’ Consensus

We respectively represented the lawyers associations listed below at the 2009 Cross Strait Four Regions Lawyers Summit organized in Hong Kong by the Law Society of Hong Kong. There were in-depth discussions at the Summit on the topic of “*The Emerging Global Economic Forces - The Strategy of Collaboration of the Legal Services Sector in the Cross Strait Four Regions*”. At the Presidents’ roundtable, we unanimously shared the view that that in due recognition of the different legal systems in the Cross Strait Four Regions, the common objectives of our lawyers associations are to maintain the rule of law; and to promote and facilitate cooperation and law practice collaboration between lawyers in the region; and we have reached the following consensus:

1. To establish and improve the system of legal business referrals and law practice collaboration in the Cross Strait Four Regions; and to facilitate mutual business cooperations by lawyers in meeting the emerging demands for legal services generated by the rapidly increasing social and commercial interactions in the region.

2. To establish a comprehensive information, publicity and cooperation platform for the legal services market in the Cross Strait Four Regions for the sustainable development of cross-boundary legal services; and for the promotion of law practice collaborations by lawyers in the region. The actual mode of operation and the establishment of this platform will be dealt with by consent by the secretariats of our respective lawyers associations.
3. To strengthen the cooperation between lawyers associations in the regulation of legal professional ethics and conduct; the provision of continuing professional development programmes and training; in particular, the training of young lawyers; with a view of maintaining high standards in the practice of law and public confidence of the legal profession.
4. To promote the cooperation in relation to arbitration and mediation in the Greater China Region.
5. To encourage lawyers in the region to participate in pro bono work.

We, note with appreciation this Summit organized by the Law Society of Hong Kong, and we look forward to the organization of similar summits on a regular basis in the future.

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