



**Statement by The Law Society of Hong Kong on
Disqualification of Legislative Councillors**

1. The Law Society of Hong Kong notes the public concerns raised in relation to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Issues Relating to the Qualification of the Members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the “Decision”) and the HKSAR Government’s subsequent announcement on the disqualification of four Legislative Councillors of the sixth term Legislative Council, both dated 11 November 2020.
2. To ensure due process, transparency and accountability in all its actions, the HKSAR Government is duty bound to address clearly those concerns, in particular the legal basis on which the disqualification was effected, the impact of such disqualification including depriving the legal sector of its representation in LegCo, as well as the legality and propriety of the new protocol that empowers the HKSAR Government to announce the disqualification of any LegCo member who falls within the provisions in the Decision.
3. The Rule of Law is one of the greatest strengths of Hong Kong. Everyone must ensure that it is not compromised or perceived to have been compromised in any way.
4. The Law Society urges the HKSAR Government to address these concerns publicly as a matter of top priority.

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