



## Press Release

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### **“Teen Talk 2022 - Sports, Law & Discipline” Sports and Music Carnival cum Law Week 2022 Opening Ceremony**

Caring for the community and legal education for the young people have always been at the heart of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Today (10 December 2022), the Law Society organised the joint opening ceremony for its two annual flagship events, namely “Teen Talk 2022” and “Law Week 2022”, attracting the attendance of nearly 700 young people from secondary schools and youth uniformed groups under disciplined services departments. During this lively event, a number of Hong Kong elite athletes shared their first-hand experience about sports and the importance of discipline. The Law Society is also greatly honoured to have the Secretary for Justice Mr Paul Lam, SC, and other guests officiate at the opening ceremony.

In his welcome remarks, the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr. C. M. Chan, said the Law Society not only maintains the professional standards and status of solicitors in Hong Kong, but also pro-actively takes part in pro bono activities. Mr Chan said, “As early as in 1991, we launched ‘Law Week’ to promote legal services and enhance citizens’ legal knowledge. We attach particular importance to legal education of young people, who form a sector of our stakeholders. That constituted the basis for the creation of ‘Teen Talk’ in 2010 aiming to promote law abidance among young people, cultivate their interest in law and nurture future pillars of society.” He pointed out that the two flagship projects have served more than 50,000 citizens and engaged more than 15,000 young people over the years.

Today’s event is a sports and music carnival. Mr Chan said, “Music is a universal language of mankind. As a lawyer and a music lover, I believe that we all need to obey the law, which is a publicly recognised system of rules, so that our society can strike a harmonious chord.”

In his address at the opening ceremony, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said that the cultivation of young people’s sense of law abidance and correct understanding of and respect for the rule of law from an early age cannot succeed overnight. He said, “The current-term Government attaches great importance to strengthening rule of law education. In this regard, it will establish a Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education to be chaired by me. Through the launch of the ‘Rule of Law Education Train-the-Trainers Programme’, we hope to join hands with different sectors of the community, including our younger generation, to promote consistent and correct messages on the rule of law. ‘Teen Talk’ provides an interactive learning platform for students to explore law-related social issues from different perspectives, complementing the

Department of Justice’s work in promoting the rule of law.”

### **About “Teen Talk” and “Law Week”**

Founded in 2009, “Teen Talk” aims to enhance students’ awareness of social issues and interest in learning legal knowledge through a variety of activities. This year’s “Teen Talk” is dual-themed “Together ‘Beat Drugs with Sports’” and “Sports, Law & Discipline”. With support from the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau and the Committee on Promotion of Civic Education, the Law Society has collaborated with various disciplined services departments to organise a series of large-scale activities to promote law abidance, anti-drugs messages and positive life values among secondary school students in Hong Kong.

As part of the whole series of activities, today’s “Sports, Law & Discipline” Sports and Music Carnival featured enjoyable contents such as sporting demonstration and sharing by elite athletes, group discussions themed on sports and law, new sport experiences, game booths designed with legal knowledge elements, as well as singing performance. Other “Teen Talk” activities include the “Anti-drugs Online Quiz Competition”, and the “Winter Camp Programme”, which will be held in the first quarter of next year.

Inaugurated in 1991, “Law Week” aims to promote legal services and enhance the citizens’ legal knowledge. To coincide with the Law Society’s 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year’s “Law Week” is themed “With Legacy of 115 Years and counting, a New Chapter for the Rule of Law”. Under the co-ordination of the Law Society, volunteer lawyers reach out to the community to provide a series of free public programmes, such as free legal advice services, free legal community talks and production of short legal videos, so as to educate citizens about legal knowledge relevant to them and to promote legal services. We have also organised a contest called “My Little Legal KOL” to nurture children’s awareness of law abidance and rule of law through creativity-based activities such as colouring, painting and videography.

### **Event Photos**



Officiating guests host the Opening Ceremony



Group photo of the event



President Mr C.M. Chan delivers his welcome remarks at the event



Officiating guests take selfies with students

**Attendance List of Officiating Guests**

- Mr Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SBS, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice
- Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, SBS, JP, Deputy Secretary for Justice
- Mr SIU Chak Yee, PDSM, PMSM, Commissioner of Police
- Mr WOO Ying Ming, Danny, SBS, CSDSM, Commissioner, ICAC
- Ms HO Pui Shan, Louise, CDSM, CMSM, Commissioner of Customs & Excise
- Mr LAM San-keung, JP, Legislative Council Member (Functional Constituency – Legal)
- Mr TAI Chi Yuen, IDSM, Deputy Director of Immigration, Immigration Department
- Mr YEUNG Yan Kin, Andy, F.S.D.S.M., Director of Fire Services
- Mr CHONG Yan Tung, Chris, JP, Director of Legal Aid
- Ms Melissa Kaye PANG, BBS, MH, JP, Chairman, Agency for Volunteer Service
- Mr DAWES, Victor, S.C., Chairman, Bar Association of Hong Kong
- Mr Stanley CHOI Tak-shing, JP, Chairman, Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education
- Mr Kesson LEE, Commissioner for Narcotics, Narcotics Division, Security Bureau
- Mr WU Wai Hung, West, MBS, GDSM, Controller, Government Flying Service
- Mr LAM Wing Chap, Acting Assistant Commissioner (Operations), Correctional Services Department