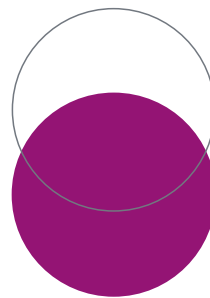


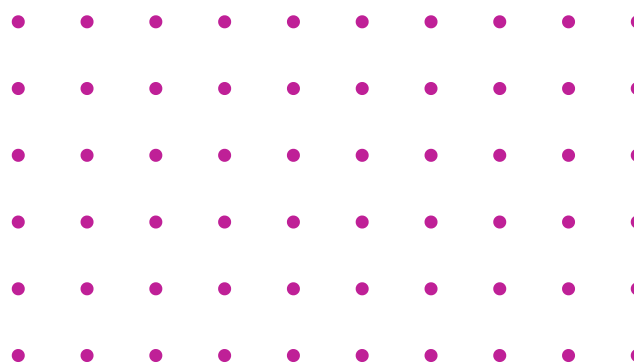


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Standing Committee on External Affairs



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



The Standing Committee on External Affairs (“SCEA”) oversees promotion of the objectives and overall image of The Law Society. It assists The Law Society in fostering a good relationship with stakeholders, including relevant institutions in the Mainland and Hong Kong as well as various international legal fraternities, and of course, also different sectors of the community in Hong Kong.

The SCEA works closely with its three Committees, namely, the Community Relations Committee, the International Legal Affairs Committee and the Legal “Fact Check” Committee. While some physical events were put on hold at the heights of the pandemic, the SCEA continued to organise events in other formats and physical events when the epidemic situation eased.

Various activities had been held to facilitate the profession’s practice in collaborations with legal practitioners globally and to objectively inform the international legal community of the maintenance of the rule of law in Hong Kong, and to promote the local community’s understanding of and respect for the rule of law.

To promote legal awareness within the community in Hong Kong, we also provided support to many non-government organisations through giving seminars and organising members of The Law Society to participate in their events on a pro-bono basis.

In terms of membership movements of the SCEA during the year, in October, Mr. Denis Brock, Mr. Simon Lai and Mr. Jonathan Ross retired from the SCEA. In November, Ms. Michelle Tsoi resigned. Ms. Joyce Cheng, Mr. Arthur Law, Mr. Richard Tsun and Ms. Karen Wong joined as members in December.

Below are highlights of the events and activities organised by the SCEA during the year:

Ceremonial Opening of Legal Year 2022 in Hong Kong

The Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2022 in Hong Kong was held on 24 January. On the occasion of the Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year, the Law Society hosted an online Presidents’ Roundtable on 25 January, providing a platform for bar leaders and presidents of law societies from around the world to exchange views on the latest developments of the international legal industry. Over 80 representatives from 70 overseas lawyers’ associations and international legal organisations coming from 34 jurisdictions joined the event. They offered their insights into how law and legal professionals could help each other to navigate through jurisdictional and international challenges and create opportunities for all.

On 26 January, a Leadership Insights Session was organised with the support of five legal organisations, namely (in alphabetical order) Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Limited, Department of Justice, eBRAM, Hong Kong Bar Association and Legal Aid Department. The Secretary for Justice, Ms. Teresa Cheng, SC gave a keynote speech on “Opportunities for international lawyers to participate in the development of the Greater Bay Area”, which was followed by a panel discussion about this theme. In an exchange session, two former Secretaries for Justice Dr. Elsie Leung and Mr. Rimsky Yuen and the Director of Legal Aid Mr. Thomas Kwong spoke on their valuable experience and offered their views on continuity of judicial independence. This virtual event attracted 140 attendees from 50 lawyers’ associations and international legal organisations.

Webinars on Cross-border Property Law and Inheritance and Mainland Legal System

To mark the 115th Anniversary of The Law Society and as an accredited event celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong SAR, two webinars on Cross-border Property Law and Inheritance and Mainland's Legal System and Legal Affairs were held on 6 and 7 August respectively, with the generous support of Guangdong Lawyers Association.

M.s Yang Xiaojing, Council Member of Guangdong Lawyers Association, and Mr. You Zhilong, Director of Marriage and Family Law Committee of Guangdong Lawyers Association, shared their profound knowledge about cross-border legal issues relating to living in the Mainland. Representatives from the Hong Kong Trade Development Council were also invited to present on GoGBA, a one-stop platform that provides support to help people tap into GBA opportunities.

The Webinars attracted nearly 600 members of The Law Society and members of the general public.

Law Week 2022

The first *Law Week* back in 1991 demonstrated the aspiration of the Law Society to provide fuller legal knowledge and to promote legal services in the community. Over the years, Law Week has grown into a flagship programme of the Law Society. With the theme “With Legacy of 115 Years and Counting, a New Chapter for the Rule of Law”, Law Week 2022 was held from October to December 2022, featuring following events:

Free Legal Advice Programme

To reach out to the community and serve the public, a two-day Free Legal Advice Programme was held on 5 and 6 November, in the pavement area outside Hopewell Centre, Wan Chai. About 30 volunteer solicitors had given legal advice to over 250 citizens and their accompanying persons, spending totally over 3,700 minutes to answer their legal enquiries about employees' compensation and personal injury compensation, criminal law, family law, wills and probate, building management, as well as landlord & tenant, conveyancing & property.

Community Talks

Five sessions of free legal community talks were held, offering information on a range of topics such as personal injury and compensation, family law, wills and probate, building management and criminal law. Both onsite and online viewers had the chance to interact with volunteer solicitor speakers and asked relevant questions regarding their legal matters.

Production of legal knowledge videos

To fulfil our mission to bring legal knowledge to the community, Law Week Organising Committee (“OC”) made use of videos and social media channels to promote legal knowledge to the public. President, Council Members and OC members were invited to participate in the production of nearly 20 short videos on legal topics, featuring “Hong Kong's Common Law System”, “litigation vs mediation”, “family law”, “conveyancing & property” and “Employment

Law”, etc. In addition, a five-episode mini-drama series were produced highlighting the various legal issues citizens face such as “wills and probates” and “online scams” in their everyday lives. All videos are available at the Law Week Facebook Page, Instagram and YouTube channel.

“My Little Legal KOL” Competition

The Competition aimed to inculcate the law-abiding concept to students of kindergartens and primary schools through creative painting, drawing and short video production. The children also acted as KOLs in front of the camera to promote the law-abiding spirit. An overwhelming response of over 400 entries were received.

The award presentation ceremony of the Competition was held on 14 January 2023. Deputy Secretary for Justice Mr. Horace Cheung was invited to officiate at the ceremony and present the awards to the children winners. Also presenting the awards were President Mr. C.M. Chan, Vice-Presidents Mr. Amirali Nasir, Mr. Roden Tong and Mr. Chris Yu, and Secretary General Ms. Heidi Chu. Over 70 parents, children, principals and teachers attended the ceremony.

The Law Society would like to extend its gratitude for the Legal Aid Department’s invaluable assistance in organising the 2022 programme.

Teen Talk 2022

Launched in 2009, “Teen Talk” is another annual flagship event of the Law Society that aims to nurture values of empathy, humanity, kindness and respect for the rule of law amongst teenagers, whilst encouraging critical thinking, teamwork and social skills via an interactive approach under a law-related theme every year. Exceeding a decade, more than 18,000 students from over 470 secondary schools have participated in this event.

Teen Talk 2022 is composed of three parts. In collaboration with various disciplined services departments, the Law Society arranged a wide range of activities on a larger scale under the themes of “Sports, Law & Discipline” and “Together ‘Beat Drugs with Sports’”. The first event was an online quiz on anti-drug and law-abiding concepts held from November to December 2022. The quiz attracted over 3,000 participants.

The leading event titled “Sports and Music Carnival” was held on 10 December at the Police Sports and Recreation Club, in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the 115th Anniversary of the Law Society. The opening ceremony was officiated by the Secretary for Justice Mr. Paul Lam, SC, and many other senior government officials. The event attracted nearly 700 young people from secondary schools and youth uniformed groups under disciplined services departments. Some local elite athletes also shared their insights into sportsmanship and the importance of discipline during the opening ceremony.

The whole-day Sports and Music Carnival featured video screening on sports and law for in-depth discussions and debriefings led by over 60 facilitators. Game booths designed with legal knowledge elements with the assistance of members of Teen Talk 2022 Organising Committee and various disciplined services departments were also arranged, aiming to raise young people’s law abidance awareness in an interesting manner. Having made the event even more enjoyable

to the young people were the performance by our Law Society band TLF, and the new sport sessions conducted on the lawn in the warmth of the sun on a winter's day.

The third event, namely the “Leadership Camp Award Programme” (“Programme”) would be held in the first quarter of 2023 at Junior Police Call Permanent Activity Centre and Integrated Youth Training Camp, Fire and Ambulance Services Academy and Hong Kong Customs College. The Programme would be a fun-filled event where young participants can experience game and task-based learning in interaction with our solicitor facilitators and top-ranking officials of the disciplined services departments to develop an appreciation for the importance of the rule of law, law abidance and anti-drug messages.

The Law Society would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Hong Kong Police Force, Fire Services Department and Hong Kong Customs & Excise Department for their unwavering support in coordinating the Programme.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Community Relations Committee (“CRC”) is responsible for fostering relations between The Law Society and various sectors and organisations in the local community. With this in mind, we strive to create opportunities for solicitors to offer community services and to promote legal awareness to the community. CRC is also tasked to organise talks and seminars for the general public including NGOs on legal topics of interest to the community, as well as for schools to enhance students’ understanding of legal knowledge and the legal profession. CRC also strives to project the corporate image of The Law Society as a Caring Organisation.

The membership of CRC underwent a few changes. Four new members joined and two members retired from the committee. CRC is now comprised of 17 members. At the end of the year, a certificate of appreciation will be presented to all speakers and writers as a recognition of their contribution of time and efforts.

Over the past few years, to combat public health concerns during the pandemic, events have shifted from physical to virtual or hybrid formats. CRC has also adapted to this new mode of social interaction in organising its events. In times when the pandemic situation eased off, some activities were held in person, with anti-pandemic measures suitably in place. CRC has continued its work to serve different sectors of the community both physically and through online channels. Below are some noteworthy achievements:

Abide by the Law Education

The Sub-Committee for Abide by the Law Education is established under CRC with the aim to promote the importance and message of abiding by the law to youngsters. In 2022, the sub-committee organised the “Abide by the Law Legal Forum: Drug Traps” on 24 September at the Large Moot Court in The University of Hong Kong. The half-day forum consisted of two sessions, namely “Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” and “Drug-related Crimes and Current Trends”.

Commissioner of Police Mr Raymond Siu, was invited to join as a special guest addressing the young participants. Experts from various sectors shared their insights and knowledge on the

consequences of drug-related offenses, followed by an in-depth discussion on drug-related crimes from different perspectives.

The forum was physically attended by over 300 secondary and university students. After their attentive listening to the presentations, the students enthusiastically participated in the Q&A sessions and prize-giving quizzes. Taking advantage of the intermission and the conclusion of the forum, many of the students took the initiative to engage in conversations with our speakers to further discuss legal and related issues about drug abuse.

Community Talks and Services

The Law Society regularly receives invitations from external organisations to organise community talks on various legal topics. The sub-committee is responsible for reviewing the invitations, assessing the presentation materials and recruiting qualified solicitors to deliver the talks. In 2022, nine community talks were held. Due to the unstable situation of COVID-19, some of the community talks were held in a hybrid format.

Law and New Generation Programme and School Talks

In addition to preparing and evaluating the contents of the talks and seminars, the sub-committee has been actively recruiting qualified solicitors to deliver talks to secondary school students on different legal topics. Apart from talks for secondary students, the sub-committee also offers talks to school principals, teachers and administrators, as well as relevant government department, to share knowledge on legal matters in school work context.

In 2022, our solicitors conducted 48 school talks and reached out to over 13,000 students. Most school talks were held in a face-to-face format.

Sing Tao Column “Legal Mailbox”

CRC is responsible for coordinating contribution of articles from the Law Society members for publication in the Sing Tao column “Legal Mailbox” every week. The articles cover a wide range of everyday-life legal issues, promoting general legal knowledge to the public.

The sub-committee is also responsible for recruiting writers, reviewing submitted articles to ensure relevancy of the subject matter, accuracy of the factual information cited by the authors, and coordinating the publication.

In 2022, a total of 46 articles were published. All articles are also available on the Law Society’s website and social media platforms. Furthermore, the “Sing Tao Smart Books Volume 4”, comprising of articles published between 2019-2021, has been also produced and distributed to the interested parties.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The International Legal Affairs Committee (“ILAC”) is a committee established under the SCEA and is responsible for coordinating activities in the international arena so as to develop, maintain

and establish relations with bar associations, law societies and other law-related organisations overseas for the purpose of promoting The Law Society as a professional association for solicitors in Hong Kong.

Although the pandemic has brought international travel to a near halt in the first three quarters of 2022, it has not in any way impeded The Law Society's effort in staying connected with our overseas counterparts. Throughout the year, The Law Society actively participated in international conferences/ seminars and reached out to other legal professional bodies around the world.

In view of the easing of the epidemic situation and hence gradual resumption of social and economic activities globally, The Law Society has resumed sending delegates to physically attend international events since August, which marked a major step forward for Hong Kong's legal community in its efforts of resuming normality after the pandemic.

Second Joint Webinar Series with Overseas Lawyers' Associations

To foster collaboration and strengthen exchanges between The Law Society and overseas lawyers' associations amidst the pandemic, the second joint webinar series was successfully held from March to December with the overseas counterparts that previously entered into Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with The Law Society. Details are as follows:

	Date	Event
1	9 March	<p><u>Joint Webinar with the Madrid Bar Association – “Doing Business in Hong Kong and Spain”</u></p> <p>To help participants gain a better understanding of doing business in Hong Kong and Spain, an overview of the business environments and the respective market advantages in both jurisdictions were introduced at the webinar, which was well-received by over 140 members from the two associations.</p>
2	17 March	<p><u>Joint Webinar with the Georgian Bar Association – “Doing Business in Hong Kong and Georgia”</u></p> <p>Valuable insights on the business environments and opportunities in Hong Kong and Georgia such as the Greater Bay Area development; dispute resolution; business registration and double taxation were discussed at the webinar, attracting more than 170 participants from the two associations.</p>
3	22 April	<p><u>Joint Webinar with The Florida Bar International Law Section – “Hong Kong Gateway to China - Miami Gateway to Latin America”</u></p> <p>Eminent speakers from Hong Kong and the Florida introduced the business environments and highlighted the respective market advantages, including dispute resolution; Greater Bay Area development and LawTech development. It attracted over 110 participants from both jurisdictions.</p>

4	7 July	<p><u>Joint Webinar with the Milan Bar Association – “Ensuring effective capital market access: Hong Kong and Italy”</u></p> <p>Apart from the overview of the business environments in both jurisdictions, the most pressing issues that companies in Italy face when accessing Hong Kong’s capital market and the opportunities for Hong Kong companies to invest in Italy were discussed at the webinar. It was well-attended by over 170 legal practitioners from both associations.</p>
5	19 December	<p><u>Joint Webinar with the German Federal Bar – “Anti-Money Laundering Regulation and the Supervision of the Advocacy in Germany and Hong Kong”</u></p> <p>The Anti-money laundering landscape in the legal sector is continuously evolving, with an increasing awareness of the multitude of ways in which legitimate services provided by legal firms can be used for illegitimate purposes. Against this background, the anti-money laundering regulations and the supervision of the advocacy in Hong Kong and Germany were thoroughly discussed in this joint webinar, which attracted over 100 participants from the two associations.</p>

Virtual Dialogue Series co-organised by the American Bar Association (“ABA”) Rule of Law Initiative and Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales

Jointly organised by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative and Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales, a virtual dialogue series entitled “The Edge of the Law: A regional approach to confronting key legal challenges” was successfully held from November 2021 to March 2022. Targeting legal practitioners around the world, the series addressed forced labour, sanctions, data security and judicial independence through four dialogues.

Representing The Law Society, President C. M. Chan joined the final dialogue themed “Judicial Independence, the Rule of Law and the Role of the Legal Profession” on 2 March to talk about judicial independence, the rule of law and the role of the legal profession from a Hong Kong perspective. The President also took this opportunity to highlight The Law Society’s role and works on safeguarding the rule of law.

Astana Finance Days 2022 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

At the invitation of the Astana International Financial Centre (“AIFC”) Authority, Vice-President Amirali Nasir participated virtually in a session entitled “Official Presentation of the AIFC Legal Services Regulatory Framework” held on 28 June at the Astana Finance Days 2022 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Apart from introducing the regulation of the legal profession in Hong Kong, Mr. Nasir also took this opportunity to talk about the collaboration with the AIFC Authority and the AIFC Legal Services Board.

3rd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference

Under the theme “Human Rights in Times of War and Conflict”, the 3rd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference jointly organised by the LAWASIA’s Human Rights Committee and the Malaysian Bar was held on 20 August virtually.

On behalf of The Law Society, Vice-President and Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Committee Amirali Nasir was invited to speak at a session entitled “Balancing Human Rights with National Security Laws” to provide an overview of the Basic Law and the National Security Law in Hong Kong. He also shared a case study to illustrate the application of the National Security Law by courts using the common law approach.

60th International Association of Young Lawyers (“AIJA”) Congress in Singapore

Ms. Louise Wong, member of the SCEA, participated in the 60th AIJA Congress in Singapore on behalf of The Law Society from 22 to 27 August. Under the theme “The Future of the Legal Profession: Reunite and Embrace the Change”, the Congress discussed the transformation of the legal framework in different aspects and the new normality brought by the COVID-19.

32nd Presidents of Law Associations in Asia (“POLA”) Conference in Singapore

Themed “The Next Normal Law Firms”, the 32nd POLA Conference was held from 21 to 23 September in Singapore. Vice-President Amirali Nasir and Immediate Past President Melissa Pang (in her capacity as the LAWASIA President) attended the Conference physically, which was the first outbound trip attended by The Law Society Office Bearers since January 2020.

On this occasion, fruitful meetings to renew friendship and discuss possible future collaboration were arranged with various overseas lawyers’ associations and international legal organisations, including the International Bar Association (“IBA”), the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (“IPBA”), the Korean Bar Association, the Law Council of Australia, The Law Society of Singapore, the Malaysian Bar and the New Zealand Law Society.

Opening of the Legal Year 2022 in England and Wales

At the invitation of The Law Society and The Bar Council of England and Wales, President C. M. Chan attended the Opening of the Legal Year 2022 in England and Wales in London, the United Kingdom, from 2 to 3 October physically.

He also took this opportunity to discuss legal issues of mutual concern with the international legal community, provided with them a clear, accurate account of the robustness of Hong Kong’s independent judiciary and the rule of law, and clarification of any misconceptions. These included the Law Society of England and Wales, the Commonwealth Law Association (“CLA”), the ABA, local judicial officers, government officials, business leaders and solicitors, and law students from Hong Kong.

International Association of Lawyers (“UIA”) Governing Board Meeting and 66th UIA Congress in Dakar, Senegal

As the UIA Regional Secretary representing The Law Society, Vice-President Amirali Nasir attended the UIA Governing Board Meeting and the 66th UIA Congress in Dakar, Senegal, from 25 to 30 October. Many participants of the event indicated interest in various topics relating to the Hong Kong’s legal landscape such as the system for overseas judges, judicial independence, whether a lawyer from the Mainland or a civil law jurisdiction can practise in Hong Kong, etc.

Mr. Nasir also took the opportunity to update the participants from around the world on Hong Kong’s legal initiatives, such as the establishment of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre and the eBRAM.

24th International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives (“IILACE”) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., United States

The 24th IILACE Annual Conference was held from 25 to 28 October in Washington, D.C., United States. As the incumbent President of IILACE representing The Law Society, Secretary General Heidi Chu physically attended the conference and gave the opening remarks. She also chaired the AGM of IILACE, and moderated a session entitled “Staying Ahead of Change” in which panellists and participants exchanged their practical experiences on how they anticipated change and led their organisations’ decision-making process in preparation for the pending shifts.

International Conference of Legal Regulators (“ICLR”) 2022 in Chicago, United States

The ICLR 2022 was held from 26 to 28 October in Chicago, United States. Vice-President Christopher Yu, who chairs the Standing Committee on Compliance, attended the ICLR in-person on behalf of The Law Society. Among others, Mr. Yu met with representatives of the Solicitors Regulation Authority of the United Kingdom and the delegation from Singapore, discussing with them issues of mutual concern, such as how the pandemic was changing the legal regulation environment, LawTech development and the legal landscape in Hong Kong in general.

35th LAWASIA Conference in Sydney, Australia

Representing The Law Society, President C. M. Chan and Immediate Past President Melissa Pang, who is currently the President of LAWASIA, physically attended the LAWASIA Executive Committee (“ExCo”) Meeting, the LAWASIA Annual Council Meeting and the 35th LAWASIA Conference in Sydney, Australia, from 17 to 21 November.

At the LAWASIA Annual Council Meeting on 18 November, it was announced that Ms. Pang would continue serving as the President of LAWASIA, while Mr. Chan was re-elected as an ExCo Member for the term of 2022-2023. On this occasion, MOU with the LAWASIA was signed to formalise the commitment which would bring the two organisations even closer. In addition, the MOU with the Seoul Bar Association was renewed to further strengthen the work relationship.

A breakfast session jointly organised by The Law Society and Hong Kong Bar Association on 20 November was a highlight of the trip. Entitled “Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law in Hong Kong”, Mr. Michael John Hartmann, GBS, Former Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2010-2016), and Prof. Zhao Yun, Head of Department of Law of The University of Hong Kong and Representative of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, were invited to join the panel to share their valuable insights on this topic with the overseas delegates.

Constructive face-to-face meetings to renew friendship and discuss possible future collaboration with a number of overseas associations were arranged during the Conference, including the Law Council of Australia, the German Federal Bar and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney.

Opening of the Legal Year 2022 in Paris

At the invitation of the Paris Bar, Vice-President Amirali Nasir attended the Opening of the Legal Year 2022 in Paris, France, from 23 to 25 November representing The Law Society. Mr. Nasir took the opportunity to provide an update on Hong Kong’s legal system and services, its latest development and The Law Society’s work in the international legal arena to the bar leaders from around the world including Algeria, France, Germany, Palestine, Peru, Spain and the United Kingdom. Mr. Nasir also discussed the expansion of UIA participation in the Asia Pacific region with the President of UIA Urquiola De Palacio.

Agreement with Overseas Lawyers’ Associations and Legal Organisations

As part of the ongoing mission of the ILAC to develop and further relationships with overseas lawyers’ associations and international legal organisations, The Law Society signed a total of three MOUs this year with details as follows:

	Date	Name of organisation
1	16 June	AIFC Authority
2	18 November	LAWASIA
3	18 November	Seoul Bar Association (renewal)

Participation in International Conferences and Meetings

In 2022, the following visits and attendance of various international conferences and meetings by The Law Society representatives were coordinated by the ILAC:

- Attendance at the LAWASIA ExCo and Council meetings by President C. M. Chan and Immediate Past President Melissa Pang who are The Law Society’s official representatives at LAWASIA. Currently, Ms. Pang is the LAWASIA President, while Mr. Chan is an ExCo member for the term of 2022-2023.
- Attendance at the UIA ExCo meetings by Vice-President Amirali Nasir who is The Law Society’s official representative in the ExCo. Mr. Nasir also served as the UIA Regional

Secretary for a term of two years from October 2020 to October 2022 and has renewed the term for one year from October 2022 to October 2023.

- Attendance at the IILACE meetings by Secretary General Heidi Chu who is The Law Society's official representative at IILACE. Ms. Chu served as the President of IILACE for the term of 2020-2022.
- Attendance at the CLA Council meetings by Vice-President Amirali Nasir who is The Law Society's official representative at the CLA. Mr. Nasir is a CLA Council Member from February 2022 to January 2024. He is also Co-Chair of the CLA Law Tech and Innovation Committee.
- Attendance at the AIJA ExCo meetings by Ms. Louise Wong, member of the SCEA, who was The Law Society's official representative at the AIJA ExCo from September 2019 to August 2022. She was also the National Representative representing AIJA in Hong Kong and Asia-Pacific Regional Co-ordinator.
- Attendance at the Opening of the Legal Year in Brunei, England and Wales, Malaysia, Singapore and Paris by President C. M. Chan and Vice-President Amirali Nasir.
- Please refer to the following table for the international events that The Law Society delegates attended this year:

Physical:

Date	Event	Location
22 – 27 August	60 th AIJA Congress	Singapore
22 – 23 September	32 nd POLA Conference	Singapore
25 – 29 October	24 th IILACE Annual Conference	Washington, D.C.
26 – 28 October	International Conference of Legal Regulators	Chicago
26 – 30 October	66 th UIA Congress	Dakar
18 – 21 November	35 th LAWASIA Conference	Sydney

Virtual:

Date	Event
2 March	Virtual Dialogue Series co-organised by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative and Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales
9 March	Joint Webinar with the Madrid Bar Association
14 – 18 March	California International Arbitration Week
17 March	Joint Webinar with the Georgian Bar Association
22 April	Joint Webinar with The Florida Bar International Law Section
27 – 29 June	Astana Finance Days 2022
7 July	Joint Webinar with the Milan Bar Association
20 August	3 rd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference
17 September	LAWASIA Belt and Road Webinar
13 – 14 October	International Conference on AI & Cybersecurity
19 December	Joint Webinar with the German Federal Bar

Meetings with Overseas Visitors and Local Counterparts

Throughout the year, a number of virtual and physical meetings were conducted with overseas visitors and local counterparts to facilitate constructive and fruitful exchanges of knowledge and ideas in relation to international legal related-matters. Details are as follows:

Date	Organisation
23 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulate-General of Australia in Hong Kong
24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (via Zoom)
21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (via Zoom)
25 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seoul Bar Association (via Zoom)
16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astana International Financial Centre Authority (via Zoom)
21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulate-General of Singapore in Hong Kong
21 – 22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBA • Integrated Bar of the Philippines • IPBA • Korean Bar Association • Law Council of Australia • Malaysian Bar • New Zealand Law Society • The Law Society of Singapore
29 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong Law Foundation (via Zoom)
30 September – 4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong Association • Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London • The Law Society of England and Wales
17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia Subcommittee of Seoul Bar Association (via Zoom)
30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UIA
14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao
18 – 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Federal Bar • Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Sydney • Law Council of Australia • Seoul Bar Association
25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UIA