

STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND RESOURCES

The Standing Committee on Policy and Resources is responsible for formulating policy and overseeing The Law Society's finance and administration. Matters of policy and finance are reviewed and considered by the Standing Committee; and in appropriate cases, referred to the Council for decision.

During the year the Standing Committee met 13 times to review policy strategies, to consider and monitor the annual budget, income and expenditure, to review the terms of reference of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and the new Standing Committee on Member Services and to review staff matters and recruitments.

Members of the Standing Committee:

Lester G. HUANG (*Chairman*)

Junius K.Y. HO

Raymond C.K. HO

IP Shing Hing

Alex T.H. LAI

Michael J. LINTERN-SMITH

Peter C.L. LO

Billy W.Y. MA

Thomas S.T. SO

WONG Kwai Huen

Dieter L.T. YIH

Secretary: Director of Finance & Administration

HONOURS COMMITTEE

The Committee was set up to recommend to the Council solicitors for admission to the Law Society's Roll of Honour and prominent persons for election as Honorary Members. In 2008, Mr. Edmund Y. S. Cheung, a former President of the Law Society from 1979 to 1981, was admitted to the Roll of Honour in recognition of his long and distinguished service to The Law Society, to the legal profession, and to the practice of law, on the recommendation of the Committee. When presenting the citation on the admission of Mr. Cheung to the Roll of Honour at the Annual General Meeting of The Law Society on 22 May, the Chairman said, "*Mr. Cheung is the consummate professional, learned in the law and meticulous in practice. He is one of nature's true gentlemen. Mild mannered, soft spoken and patient. He is a role model to the profession for his integrity, dedication and professionalism.*"

Members of the Committee:

Simon S. O. IP (*Chairman*)

Ambrose S. K. LAM

Wilfred C. W. LEE

Billy W. Y. MA

TONG Tin Sun

Secretary: Secretary General

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ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION



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Over 230 members and guests attended the Annual Cocktail Reception held on 10 November at the Hong Kong Club. The Chief Justice and the Secretary for Justice were the Guests of Honour.

WORKING PARTY ON CEPA

The Working Party continued to consider and recommend new proposals for further liberalisation of the trade in legal services for solicitors and solicitors' firms in the Mainland under CEPA. In 2008, the Working Party recommended to the Council a new proposal for introduction in the 2009 CEPA supplements. As a pilot scheme for introduction on a trial basis in the province of Guangdong, the Working Party recommended that representative offices of Hong Kong firms in Guangdong should be permitted to employ qualified Mainland lawyers and to provide Mainland legal services.

Members of the Working Party:

IP Shing Hing (Chairman)

Anthony W.K. CHOW

Junius K.Y. HO

Lester G. HUANG

WONG Kwai Huen

ZHU Xuanfeng

Secretary: Secretary General

WORKING PARTY ON INCORPORATION OF SOLICITORS' PRACTICES

The Working Party reconvened its meetings in 2008 and reviewed the latest version of the draft *Solicitor Corporation Rules* and the proposed consequential amendments to the *Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) Rules* ("PIS Rules"). With the legislative changes in the *Companies Ordinance*, the structure of solicitor corporations was changed to allow for one shareholder and one director solicitor corporations. The Working Party targeted that the relevant rules would be ready for implementation in 2009.

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Members of the Working Party :

Junius K. Y. HO (*Chairman*)

Fred K. C. KAN

Christopher E. M. LAMBERT

Cecilia K. W. WONG

Secretary : Secretary General

THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The objectives of the *Law Society of Hong Kong Educational Trust* includes the provision of financial support to residents of Hong Kong for furthering their studies in law; the provision of financial support to research projects, publications, seminars, conferences for the purpose of promoting the study of law and legal education and the importance of legal system in Hong Kong and for any other educational and charitable activities relating to the study of law and legal principles.

The Trust sponsored applicants for attending *IBA Conference* on Islamic Finance from 13 to 15 January in Dubai, the Middle East; *Inter-Pacific Bar Association 18th Annual Conference* from 27 April to 30 April in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.; *International Trademark Association's 130 Annual Meeting* from 17 to 21 May in Berlin, Germany; *International Association of Young Lawyers* from 26 to 30 August in Paris, France; *International Bar Association Conference* from 12 October to 17 October in Buenos Aires, Argentina; *Commonwealth Lawyers' Association 25th Anniversary Conference* from 16 October to 19 October in Montego Bay, Jamaica; *LawAsia 21st Conference 2008* from 29 October to 1 November in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and *ICC Mediation Training Course* from 17 November to 21 November in Hong Kong.

The Trust awarded book prizes to law students and sponsored a full-time student for *United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials Internship Programme* from 25 June to 11 October.



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