

# COUNCIL'S REPORT



The Council has pleasure in submitting its annual report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010.

## **Principal place of business**

The Law Society of Hong Kong ("the Society") is a company limited by guarantee, and is incorporated and domiciled in Hong Kong and has its registered office and principal place of business at 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

## **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Society are to act as the professional and regulatory body for solicitors in Hong Kong. The principal activity and other particulars of the Society's subsidiaries are set out in note 8 to the accounts.

## **Accounts**

The results of the Society's operations for the year ended 31 December 2010 and the state of the Society's affairs at that date are set out in the accounts on pages 150 to 170.



### **Membership**

At 31 December 2010 there were 7,986 (2009: 7,507) members of the Society. The total number of Practising Certificates issued was 6,792 (2009: 6,465). There were 764 (2009: 732) firms of solicitors.

### **Fixed assets**

Movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

### **Donations**

Donations by the Society during the year amounted to HK\$605,600 (2009: HK\$3,018,600) which represent donations to The Hong Kong Academy of Law Limited of HK\$500,000, Qinghai Earthquake of HK\$100,000 and Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation of HK\$5,600.

### **Auditors**

KPMG retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the Society is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

## **Bankers**

The bankers are The Bank of East Asia Limited, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Hang Seng Bank, Standard Chartered Bank Limited, Wing Lung Bank Limited and Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited.

## **Council Members**

In accordance with article 15(a) of the Society's articles of association, at the forthcoming annual general meeting the five members longest in office since election or re-election shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

At no time during the year was the Society or its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable Members of the Council to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of an interest in the Society or any other body corporate.

Except for the related party transactions as disclosed in note 18(a) to the accounts, no contract of significance to which the Society or its subsidiaries was a party and in which Members of the Council had a material interest subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

The Council Members during the financial year and up to the date of this report; and their attendance at the Council meetings are shown in the table below.

	Regular Meeting	Unscheduled Meeting	Total	Official Duties
Huen Wong, President	21	5	26	3
Junius K.Y. Ho, Vice-President	18	4	22	2
Dieter Yih, Vice-President	21	2	23	0
Lester G. Huang (Re-elected on 27 May 2010 and resigned on 31 December 2010)	16	3	19	0
Peter C.L. Lo	20	3	23	0
Michael J. Lintern-Smith	19	2	21	0
Ip Shing Hing	23	3	26	0
Billy W.Y. Ma	22	4	26	0
Sylvia W.Y. Siu (Re-elected on 27 May 2010)	18	2	20	0
Cecilia K.W. Wong	23	4	27	1
Alex T.H. Lai (Resigned on 10 March 2010)	5	1	6	0
Kenneth S.Y. Ng	19	3	22	0
Stephen W.S. Hung	25	5	30	0
Ambrose S.K. Lam (Re-elected on 27 May 2010)	20	3	23	0
Joseph C.W. Li (Re-elected on 27 May 2010)	18	4	22	1
Amirali B. Nasir	19	5	24	0
Melissa K. Pang	20	3	23	0
Thomas S.T. So (Re-elected on 27 May 2010)	22	4	26	0
Angela W.Y. Lee	22	3	25	0
Brian W. Gilchrist	18	4	22	0
Gavin P. Nesbitt (Co-opted on 23 March 2010 and Re-elected on 27 May 2010)	14	3	17	0
Denis G. Brock (Co-opted on 19 January 2011)	0	0	0	0

By order of the Council

**Huen Wong**

*President*

29 March 2011