

The Council has pleasure in submitting its annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

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

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The surplus of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the state of the Society’s affairs as at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 166 to 186.

## TRANSFERS TO RESERVES

Surplus for the year of HK\$3,560,712 (2012: HK\$10,410,650) has been transferred to reserves.

## MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2013, there were 8,967 (2012: 8,561) members of the Society. The total number of Practising Certificates issued was 7,864 (2012: 7,482). There were 818 (2012: 806) firms of solicitors.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Movements in property, plant and equipment during the year are set out in note 7 to the financial statements.

## DONATIONS

Donations made by the Society during the year amounted to HK\$5,100 (2012: HK\$40,000) which represented donations to World Wild Fund For Nature of HK\$3,000 (2012: HK\$33,000) and Agency for Volunteer Service of HK\$2,100 (2012: HK\$Nil).

## BANKERS

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

## Council Members

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
Ambrose Lam, President (from 20 May 2013)	20	2	22	7
Dieter Yih, President (until 20 May 2013)	21	2	23	1
Stephen W. S. Hung, Vice President	26	3	29	4
Thomas S. T. So, Vice President (from 20 May 2013)	29	3	32	1
Junius K. Y. Ho (re-elected on 20 May 2013)	23	3	26	1
Huen Wong	24	3	27	1
Peter C. L. Lo	23	1	24	0
Michael J. Lintern-Smith	24	1	25	1
Billy W. Y. Ma	22	2	24	0
Sylvia W. Y. Siu (re-elected on 20 May 2013)	23	0	23	0
Cecilia K. W. Wong (re-elected on 20 May 2013)	25	2	27	2
Kenneth S. Y. Ng	20	2	22	0
Joseph C. W. Li (re-elected on 20 May 2013)	23	3	26	1
Amirali B. Nasir	28	2	30	0
Melissa K. Pang	23	3	26	2
Angela W. Y. Lee	28	2	30	0
Brian W. Gilchrist	24	3	27	0
Gavin P. Nesbitt (re-elected on 20 May 2013)	20	2	22	0
Denis G. Brock	16	2	18	2
Charles C. C. Chau	27	3	30	1

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, any of its subsidiaries or any of its related companies a party to any arrangement to enable Council Members to acquire benefits by means of the 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 financial statements, no contract of significance to which the Society, any of its subsidiaries or any of its related companies was a party, and in which Council Members had a material interest, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

## AUDITOR

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.

By order of the Council

**Ambrose Lam**  
*President*

25 March 2014