



Dr Thomas So, JP
Member of the National Committee of the
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Dr Thomas So is a partner of Grandall Zimmern Law Firm with experience in advising on shareholders and equity-related disputes, property-related, libel and media-related litigation work, as well as litigation and arbitration in the PRC.

Dr So was a founder member of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre (eBRAM) and has been appointed Chairman since 2020. Dr So is the Past President of The Law Society of Hong Kong and a member of multiple arbitration and mediation committees in Asia, committed to promoting and improving the standard of legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong.

In January 2018, Dr So was appointed as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He was commissioned as a mediator of Guangdong Court for Cross-border Commercial Dispute Resolution in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by The High People's Court of Guangdong Province for 3 years. He obtained his Doctor of Laws from Tsing Hua University and has been frequently invited to be the lecturer by various universities in the Mainland.



Ms Melissa Pang, BBS, MH, JP
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Ms Pang is qualified to practice as a solicitor in Hong Kong, being a Partner of Pang & Associates. Ms Pang was the first female President of the Law Society of Hong Kong from 2018 to 2021. She was the president of LAWASIA from 2021- 2023. She is a Notary Public, Civil Celebrant, accredited mediator and China-Appointed Attesting Officer. Ms Pang is also the member of National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Enthusiastic about community affairs, she is currently the Chairperson of the Family Council, the Agency for Volunteer Service, the Hong Kong Press Council and the Independent Review Committee of Po Leung Kuk. Ms Pang is also a member of the Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Women's Commission and the Commission on Children.

With her devotion to public service, Ms Pang was awarded by the HKSAR Government the Medal of Honour in 2006, Justice of the Peace in 2010 and the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2020.



Mr. Nick Chan, MH, JP
Elected and serving Hong Kong Deputy
to the National People's Congress
of the People's Republic of China

Nick Chan, MH, JP, Hon Fellow (HKUST), HKI Arb (Fellow), CAAO, once the youngest elected Hong Kong Deputy serving in the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, is now one of the more experienced deputies taking on some leadership roles, served as election scrutineer in the re-election of President Xi, and gets more involved in building consensus, putting forward proposals to update, upgrade and pass new national laws and policies to help unleash our full potential with unique advantages under "One Country, Two Systems", strengthen our digital and traditional economies, improve our living standards, international engagements, Rule of Law, and to build a more innovative, inclusive, just and greener society.

Mr. Chan studied Artificial Intelligence at university, and is an experienced law firm Partner with computer science background and in-house experience with regional responsibilities at some of the largest communications and network Fortune 100 companies. After completing his service as Chair of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre where he spearheaded the development of the Online Dispute Resolution platform and Legal Cloud offerings, Mr Chan was appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to serve as Director leading the operations of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre, which is established by international laws and operates under the auspices of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), an inter government organization with 47 member countries speaking for two-thirds of the world's population and trillions in combined GDP.

Mr. Chan is the Vice Party Chairman of the Liberal Party, member of the Chief Executive's Policy Unit Expert Group, Council Member of CUHK, Court Member of HKUST, Board of Governor Member of Tung Wah College, Visiting Fellow at CityU (teaching Law and Technology for PCLL, JD, LLM and LLB students), guest lecturer at Civil Service College, member of the HKSAR Election Committee, Communications Authority, the Committee on Innovation, Technology and Industry Development, Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration, on hospital governing committees, various appeal boards, industry organizations, sports associations and charities, and Chairs the \$2 billion HKSAR Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee, the Legal Committee for the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and the Belt and Road Conference Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Mr Chan is Honorary Legal Advisor of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, HKOEF, HKITF, HKISPA, HKMHDIA and Hong Kong SmartCity Consortium.

The HKSARG recognized his contribution to civic services, including in the conceptualization, development and deployment of the Leave Home Safe App to help Hong Kong recover from the pandemic, with a Medal of Honour and appointment to serve as a Justice of the Peace.