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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

主題演講:

Mr Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SBS, SC, JP 林定國資深大律師, SBS, SC, JP

Secretary for Justice, HKSAR 香港特區政府律政司司長

16 August 2023, Wednesday 二零二三年八月十六日 星期三

Morning Session 上午時段

2.5 CPD points

專業進修學分2.5分

Meeting Rooms S221-S222 **Hong Kong Convention** and Exhibition Centre 香港會議展覽中心 S221-S222會議室

Afternoon Session 下午時段 3 CPD points 專業進修學分3分





Morning Session

9:10 am to 9:15 am

Welcoming Remarks

By: Mr C. M. CHAN

President, The Law Society of Hong Kong

9:15 am to 9:30 am

Keynote Speech

By: Mr Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SBS, SC, JP

Secretary for Justice, HKSAR

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Impacts of National Development Plans on Business and the In-House Legal Profession

Speakers: Mr Nick CHAN Hiu-Fung, MH, JP

Elected and serving Hong Kong Deputy to the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China

Ms Melissa PANG, BBS, MH, JP

Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the

People's Republic of China

Moderator: Ms Joyce CHENG

Senior Corporate Lawyer,

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

10:30 am to 11:00 am

Short Break

11:00 am to 12:00 nn

When There are No Borders: Dispute Resolutions Across Jurisdictions

Speakers: Mr HAU Pak Sun

Partner, Charles Chu & Kenneth Sit

Mr Billy NG

Director, Legalmapp Limited

Dr Thomas SO, JP

Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute

Resolution Centre Limited

Moderator: Ms Irina CHAN

Vice President, KKR Asia Limited

12:00 nn to 2:00 pm

Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Rising Opportunities for In-House Lawyers with the Emergence of Mainland Enterprises

Speakers: Ms Annie LING

Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, Micro Connect

Mr Simon MUI
Founder, CLECSS

(China Legal Education and Career Seminar Series)

Ms Chris ZHAO

Chief Compliance Officer, Head of Legal & Compliance,

Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited

Moderator: Mr Toby WAI

Legal Counsel, Huatai International

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Advance Your IP Literacy as Hong Kong Develops Into a Regional IP Trading Centre

Speakers: Mr Alan CHIU

Founder and Managing Partner, ELLALAN

Ms Rebecca LO
Consultant, Gallant
Mr Thomas TSANG

Deputy Director of Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Department, HKSAR

Moderator: Mr Arthur LAW

General Counsel, Meitu, Inc.

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Short Break

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Gear Up for IPO Market Revival in the World's Top Listing Destination

Speakers: Ms Christina BAO

Managing Director, Co-Head of Sales & Marketing, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Mr David CHENG

Managing Director, Head of Asia Corporate Finance,

BofA Securities

Ms Benita YU

Senior Partner, Slaughter and May

Moderator: Mr Alex AU

Director - General Counsel (Corporate & Investment),

Link REIT

5:30 pm to 5:35 pm

Closing Remarks

By: Mr Adamas WONG

Chairman, In-House Lawyers Committee

議程

上午時段

上午9時10分至上午9時15分

致歡迎辭

講者:陳澤銘律師

香港律師會會長

上午9時15分至上午9時30分

主題演講

講者: 林定國資深大律師, SBS, JP

香港特區政府律政司司長

上午9時30分至上午10時30分

國家發展規劃對企業和企業律師的影響

講者: 陳曉峰律師, MH, JP

港區全國人大代表

彭韻僖律師, BBS, MH, JP

全國政協委員

主持:鄭程律師

澳新銀行集團有限公司資深律師

上午10時30分至上午11時

小休時段

<u>上午11</u>時至中午12時

世界無邊界:解決跨境爭議

講者:侯百燊律師

朱嘉楨薛海華律師行合夥人

吳汝杰律師

法圖有限公司董事

蘇紹聰博士, JP

一邦國際網上仲調中心有限公司主席

主持: 陳伊琳律師

KKR Asia Limited 副總裁

中午12時至下午2時

午休時段

下午時段

下午2時至下午3時

内地企業為企業律師帶來的新機遇

講者:凌濤濤律師

滴灌通集團首席運營官兼首席法務總監

梅品和律師

CLECSS(中國法律教育及就業講座系列)創辦人

趙彤律師

國泰君安國際合規總監兼法律及合規部主管

主持:衛智滔律師

華泰國際法律顧問

下午3時至下午4時

提升IP專業能力 配合香港成為區域知識產權貿易中心

講者:趙之威律師

張淑姬趙之威律師行創辦人兼管理合夥人

盧孟莊律師

何耀棣律師事務所顧問

曾志深律師

香港特區政府知識產權署副署長

主持: 羅日陽律師

美圖公司首席法律顧問

下午4時至下午4時30分

小休時段

下午4時30分至下午5時30分

全球領先的上市地:為香港IPO市場復甦做準備

講者: 鮑海洁女士

香港交易所董事總經理及市場拓展聯席主管

鄭建龍先生

美林(亞太)有限公司亞洲區企業融資部主管及董事總經理

余嘉寶律師

司力達律師樓資深合夥人

主持: 區永謙律師

領展房地產投資信託基金總監 - 總法律顧問(企業及投資)

下午5時30分至下午5時35分

致閉幕辭

講者:黃嘉晟律師

企業律師委員會主席



Impacts of National Development Plans on Business and the In-House Legal Profession

Course outline

In-house lawyers are well placed to make use of their professional strengths and connectivity to help businesses thrive in light of China National Development Plans. An important factor contributing to the success is to have a clear understanding of the trends, opportunities, changes and impacts to the legal and business environment at the policy level. Top notch legal professionals who are also members of the National People's Congress and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference will share their insights on the latest China national strategies, the role of Hong Kong and the legal profession.

When There are No Borders: Dispute Resolutions Across Jurisdictions

Course outline

More and more companies are venturing overseas to seize new business opportunities, but this also brings about the potential risks of running into cross-border disputes. With the different dispute resolution options available, how could in-house legal counsels find the best solution to balance corporate interests, efficiency and business relationships with the other parties? From the perspectives of in-house lawyer, private practitioner and online dispute resolution service provider, this session will discuss the different approaches to resolving cross-border disputes and the role of legal professionals in consolidating Hong Kong's position as an international centre for legal and dispute resolution services.

Rising Opportunities for In-House Lawyers with the Emergence of Mainland Enterprises

Course outline

With the rapid growth and expansion of Mainland Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong and worldwide, there are rising opportunities available for in-house lawyers who are capable of providing efficient and professional advice and solutions that could meet the specific needs of Mainland Chinese enterprises.

Seasoned corporate counsels from reputable organisations in the finance and technology sectors will share their thoughts on the challenges and opportunities faced by in-house lawyers in this context.

Advance Your IP Literacy as Hong Kong Develops Into a Regional IP Trading Centre

Course outline

Intellectual property ("IP") is crucial in driving growth and innovation in today's knowledge-based economy. As Hong Kong sets out to develop into a premier IP trading hub in the region, speakers in this session will look into Hong Kong's strengths in terms of legal system, IP regime and close links with Mainland China, and how these advantages could be leveraged.

Gear Up for IPO Market Revival in the World's Top Listing Destination

Course outline

The pandemic has upended the financial world, but it seems like the world is finally getting back on track. Hong Kong has long been a hub for businesses seeking to go public, but with the borders opening up following a lengthy pandemic induced closure and trade with Mainland China increasing, what is Hong Kong doing to stay ahead of the game? More importantly, what else needs to be done to ensure that Hong Kong remains a leading global IPO hub in the much-anticipated market revival to follow?

It is about attracting new businesses to get listed here as much as it is about maintaining a vibrant and safe listing environment. Are the regulatory frameworks and policies up to the task? Renowned speakers from regulatory body, financial institution and private practice will share their views on these critical topics.



國家發展規劃對企業和企業律師的影響

内容大綱

企業律師具專業優勢和人脈關係,能夠協助企業在國家發展規劃下開拓業務、把握商機。要成功擔當這個角色,企業律 師需要清楚了解政策趨勢,以及政策為法律和營商環境帶來的機遇、轉變和影響。

本環節將邀請身兼港區全國人大代表,以及中國人民政治協商會議全國委員會委員的法律專業人士,分享他們對國家最新發展策略的見解,並探討香港和香港法律界在其中的角色。

世界無邊界:解決跨境爭議

内容大綱

越來越多企業為開拓新商機而進駐海外市場,但企業同時亦需要面對發生跨境爭議或糾紛的風險。在不同的爭議解決方案中,企業律師如何找到能夠平衡企業利益、效率以及與各方業務關係的最佳選擇?本環節將從企業律師、私人執業律師,以及網上仲裁和調解服務供應者的角度,討論解決跨境爭議的不同方法,以及法律界如何鞏固香港作為國際法律及爭議解決服務中心的地位。

内地企業為企業律師帶來的新機遇

内容大綱

内地企業在香港以至全球迅速發展,它們需要專業高效的建議,以及能夠滿足內地企業特定需求的解決方案,這亦從而 為企業律師創造了不少的發展機會。在本環節中,來自金融和科技領域的企業法律顧問將會就內地企業為企業律師所帶 來的機遇和挑戰分享看法。

提升IP專業能力 配合香港成為區域知識產權貿易中心

内容大綱

知識產權對推動現今知識型經濟的發展和創新至關重要。隨著香港致力成為亞洲區首屈一指的知識產權貿易中心,本環節的講者將討論香港在法律基建、知識產權保護制度,以及與內地聯繫方面的優勢,並探討如何有效利用這些優勢。

全球領先的上市地:為香港IPO市場復甦做準備

内容大綱

疫情打亂了金融市場的發展步伐,但世界現在似乎終於重回正軌。長久以來,香港一直是各大企業的上市集資中心,隨著香港的邊境在漫長的疫情過後重開,以及與内地的貿易日趨頻繁,香港正在採取甚麽措施保持領先地位?在首次公開募股("IPO")市場備受期待的復甦之路上,香港又可以如何確保其作爲國際首選IPO集資地的地位呢?

吸引公司選擇在香港上市,與維持一個具活力而健全的上市環境同樣重要。香港的監管制度和政策是否能夠勝任呢?來自監管機構、金融界,以及法律界的講者將就上述議題分享他們的見解。



Mr Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SBS, SC, JP Secretary for Justice, HKSAR

Mr Paul Lam has been the Secretary for Justice since 1 July 2022.

Before joining the Government, Mr Lam was a Senior Counsel in private practice specialising in general civil and commercial proceedings, and has passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association from 2014 to 2017 and the Chairman from 2017 to 2018. He sat as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong for short periods each year since 2015. He was once enlisted in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and was once appointed by the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing as professor.

Mr Lam held a number of public service positions, such as Chairman of the Consumer Council, Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board, Chairman of ICAC Operations Review Committee and Member of Independent Police Complaints Council.

Nick CHAN Hiu-Fung, Medal of Honour awardee, Justice of the Peace, a lawyer and lawmaker with computer science background. Mr Chan is an elected and serving Hong Kong Deputy to the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. He was involved in the formulation and approval of the current national 14th Five Year Plan. He is the Director leading the operations of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre which is established by international law and operates under the auspices of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization, an inter government organisation established in 1956 and currently has 47 member states speaking for two-thirds of the world's population with a special role and voice in the United Nations. Mr Chan serves as member of the HKSAR Government Committee on Innovation, Technology and Industry Development, member of the HKSARG Communications Authority, Council Member of CUHK, Court member of HKUST, and member of law school boards and hospital governing committees. Mr Chan is the Vice Party Chairman of the Liberal Party, Chairman of the Hong Kong and Mainland Legal Profession Association, Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce Legal Committee, Honorary Legal Advisor of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, Honorary Legal Advisor to the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Federation, Vice-Chairman of InnoTech Committee, Chairman of Belt and Road Conference Committee and former Council Member and Chairman of Standing Committee on Compliance of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Mr Chan teaches LawTech, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Metaverse and Openverse at law school for JD, LLM, LLB and PCLL students. He publishes regularly and is a host of Friday Beyond Spotlights.



Mr Nick CHAN Hiu-Fung, MH, JP Elected and serving Hong Kong Deputy to the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China



Ms Melissa PANG, BBS, MH, JP Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China

Ms Pang is qualified to practice as a solicitor in Hong Kong, being a Partner of Pang & Associates and the President of LAWASIA. Ms Pang was the first female President of the Law Society of Hong Kong from 2018 to 2021. 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.

2023 企業律師年會由香港律師會企業律師委員會舉辦

Joyce is currently a Senior Corporate Lawyer with Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited ("ANZ") overseeing a wide range of regional legal matters of ANZ in Asia. She also chaired ANZ Hong Kong's Corporate Sustainability and Diversity Committee.

Before joining ANZ, she worked in Linklaters focusing on cross border corporate finance transactions and general corporate matters. She then decided to change her career path by moving in-house to join Deutsche Bank.

Joyce is passionate about bringing positive values and impact to a broader community. She is currently a Council Member, a member of the Standing Committee of External Affairs, the Vice-Chairperson of the Community Relations Committee, a member of the In-House Lawyers Committee, the Greater Bay Area Lawyers Sub-Committee and several other committees of the Law Society of Hong Kong. She is one of the vice presidents of the Hong Kong Federation of Women Lawyers. She also sits on executive boards or acts as honorary legal advisors of various NGOs in Hong Kong.

Joyce holds a bachelor degree in Law from the City University of Hong Kong and a master degree in Law from the University of Cambridge.



Ms Joyce CHENG Senior Corporate Lawyer Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

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Mr HAU Pak Sun Partner Charles Chu & Kenneth Sit

Hau Pak Sun is a solicitor advocate with higher rights of audience in Hong Kong in civil matter practising in dispute resolution involving predominately company law, directors' duties, shareholders' and investors' rights and insolvency law. Many of his cases have resulted in important judicial decisions reported in law reports. He also regularly acts as instructing solicitor to overseas counsel in multi-jurisdictional disputes and the focal point of contact in managing and advising in dispute strategy and progress.

He is currently a Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong and he also sits in the Standing Committees of Compliance, Standards and Development and Practitioners Affairs and the Arbitration Committee of the Law Society. He is also a member of four statutory tribunals in Hong Kong (notably as Deputy Chairman of the HKSAR Inland Revenue Board of Review as of present).

Billy provides solutions to clients through his consultancy companies Legalmapp & Hoceans. With an almost indecipherable resume, Billy is known to fellow lawyers in his different capacities as a legal headhunter, shipping and arbitration lawyer, general counsel, tech company chief strategy officer and founder, legal translator, business consultant, commodities lawyer, private M&A deal maker, employment advisor and educator, to name a few. For the last twenty years Billy usually jumps from industry to industry and around the globe to explore new frontiers. Admission as a solicitor in Hong Kong (2005), England & Wales (2008).



Mr Billy NG Director Legalmapp Limited



Dr Thomas SO, JPChairman
eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution
Centre Limited

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.

Irina Chan is Vice President in the Legal & Compliance team of KKR Asia Limited. Prior to joining KKR, she worked in the private equity legal team of an investment bank. She started her career as a litigator with a focus on commercial disputes and financial regulatory matters. As a result of her dynamic background, she has broad commercial and regulatory experience with regard to private equity investments across the Asia-Pacific region, including China, Southeast Asia, India and South Korea.

Irina is passionate about making contributions to the community in- and outside of the legal industry. She served on the committee of the Young Solicitors Group of The Law Society of Hong Kong from 2019 to 2022. She currently sits on the philanthropy committee of KKR's Asia Women's Network.

Irina is admitted as a Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong and a Solicitor of England & Wales (non-practising). She holds a Juris Doctor and a Postgraduate Diploma in Laws (PCLL) from the University of Hong Kong. She also holds a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) from the University of Cambridge and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) with Distinction from the University of Toronto.



Ms Irina CHAN Vice President KKR Asia Limited

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Ms Annie LING Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel Micro Connect

Ms Annie Ling is Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel of Micro Connect Group and oversees operations, legal and compliance matters of the Group. Prior to joining Micro Connect in early 2021, Annie worked at the investment and asset management arm of an international bank in Hong Kong, where she served as Managing Director and Head of Legal and Compliance and a member of the Board of Directors. Earlier in her career, Annie spent a few years with a Magic Circle law firm in Hong Kong, specialised in corporate and private equity mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, securities and financial services. Annie is a qualified attorney and counsellor at law in the State of New York and a solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong.

Simon Mui is a founder of CLECSS (China Education Legal Education and Seminar Series), currently one of the largest lawyers platforms in China. Traced back to 2007, CLECSS has a long track record of providing/organising seminars, articles, social and professional events relating to legal education, career and practice to lawyers, in-house counsels, law school students and other business professionals. CLECSS also runs one of the most popular law-related public wechat accounts (also called "CLECSS") in China. It publishes daily articles relating to legal career, education and practice and has attracted several million views. It also runs overseas scholarship programme and outstanding lawyers award scheme.

Simon is currently a General Counsel of an asset management company and a hedge fund. He previously worked as a General Manager of the Legal Department of a listed company in Hong Kong and has worked for several prestigious international firms. Simon is a qualified lawyer in State of New York and Hong Kong. He also passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Legal Professional Examination. He obtained LLB and PCLL from University of Hong Kong, LLM and JD from Washington University in St. Louis and MS in Management from Stanford Graduate School of Business in the United States. He is the first Chinese graduate to receive Distinguished Alumni Award from Washington University School of Law and is currently a committee member of Stanford Club of Hong Kong.



Mr Simon MUI
Founder
CLECSS (China Legal Education and Career
Seminar Series)



Ms Chris ZHAO
Chief Compliance Officer,
Head of Legal & Compliance
Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited

Chris is the Chief Compliance Officer of Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited. She was trained and qualified in Linklaters Hong Kong and worked in UBS and Barclays as in-house counsel for more than 6 years before she joined Guotai Junan. Chris obtained her bachelor and master degrees in PRC law in Sun-Yat Sen University and completed her PCLL course in Hong Kong University. Chris is also the Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Toby is a Legal Counsel at Huatai International advising on legal issues in connection with OTC derivatives, repo, structured products, financial regulations, and other finance matters. Prior to joining Huatai, he worked at an international law firm and one of the largest independent Hong Kong law firms.

Toby currently serves as a member of the In-House Lawyers Committee, the Working Party for In-House Lawyers, and the Greater China Interest Group of the Law Society of Hong Kong. He is also an Advisor to the Board of a UK based charity, providing advice on legal and governmental affairs.

While being admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong, Toby also passed the China National Judicial Examination and holds the Legal Professional Qualification Certificate. Toby received an MSc Law and Finance and an LLB (Senior Status) from Queen Mary, University of London, and an LLB from the China University of Political Science and Law.



Mr Toby WAI Legal Counsel Huatai International



Mr Alan CHIU
Founder and Managing Partner
ELLALAN

Alan Chiu is the Founder and Managing Partner of ELLALAN.

He specialises in Intellectual Property, Technology and Entertainment matters and is an award-winning lawyer in IP, Technology, Entertainment and Dispute Resolution in Asia.

He has received more than 50 professional awards and some recent examples include:-

- "Practitioner of the Year (HK)", Managing IP Asia-Pacific Awards 2023
- "Asia Top 15 IP Lawyers", Asian Legal Business, 2021 and 2022
- "A-List lawyer (top 100 foreign lawyers)" in the China market, China Business Law Journal, 2021
- "Asia Super 50 Dispute Lawyers", Asian Legal Business 2021
- Lexology Client's Choice Award 2021 "Intellectual Property (Copyright)"
- Finalist of "Managing Partner of the Year", Asian Legal Business Hong Kong Law, 2021 and 2022

Alan has 20 years' experience in advising both local and multinational companies on the full spectrum of both contentious and non-contentious intellectual property and technology work, including commercialisation of IP assets, internal IP audits, pre-IPO IP due diligence, joint ventures, research collaboration, licencing, franchising and distribution. He has also handled a number of high-profile IP litigation and cross-border enforcement actions involving copyright, trademark, design, patent and trade secret protection. His practice also covers data privacy, advertising law, competition law, entertainment law, e-commerce and cybersecurity matters, including hot topics like artificial intelligence, cryptocurrency, NFT and autonomous driving.

Alan started his legal career at Mayer Brown (formerly known as Johnson Stokes & Master) in 2002, and was made a Partner of Mayer Brown and Head of Mayer Brown's Beijing IP team in 2013. Before founding ELLALAN in Oct 2016, Alan also worked at another leading international law firm Hogan Lovells as a Partner overseeing their IP, Media and Technology Practice in the Greater China Region.

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Rebecca Lo has been practising the laws of intellectual property, technology, media and communications for more than 30 years, engaging in IP registration and regulatory work, enforcement of IP rights, IP litigation and dispute resolution, as well as commercial and transactional IP matters. Rebecca serves a broad spectrum of clients from overseas, Mainland China and Hong Kong, ranging from technology startups to Fortune 500 companies, from private companies to listed companies, and from commercial enterprises to the academia and statutory bodies and quasi-government bodies.

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