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**CAPITALISING ON THE UNIQUE ADVANTAGES OF
HONG KONG'S COMMON LAW SYSTEM
ACTING AS A SPRINGBOARD TO LINK UP
THE 'BELT AND ROAD' INVESTMENT PROJECTS**

**Mr Roden Tong
President, The Law Society of Hong Kong**

A Glimpse from the Middle East

Business delegation led by the Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR visiting Qatar and Kuwait (10 – 15 May 2025)




**President of The Law Society of Hong Kong
Joins the Business Delegation led by the Chief Executive
of the Hong Kong SAR to Qatar and Kuwait**
**香港律師會會長參加由香港特別行政區
行政長官率領的商貿代表團訪問卡塔爾和科威特**



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Mr Faisal Rashid Al-Sahouti, Chief Executive Officer of the Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre
卡塔爾國際法院和爭議解決中心首席執行官 Faisal Rashid Al-Sahouti 先生



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Innovation & Technology 創新與科技

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| 1 | PCI Technology Co., Ltd. (佳都科技集團股份有限公司) |
| 2 | WeBank Co., Ltd. (微衆銀行) |
| 3 | EHang Intelligent Equipment (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd. (億航智能設備 (廣州) 有限公司) |
| 4 | Shenzhen RabbitPre Intelligence Technology Co., Ltd. (深圳兔展智能科技有限公司) |
| 5 | Ningde SKEQI Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd (寧德思客琦智能裝備有限公司) |
| 6 | Glodon Technology Co. Ltd (廣聯達科技股份有限公司) |
| 7 | Meetsocial Group (飛書深諾集團) |
| 8 | Shanghai Westwell Technology (上海西井科技股份有限公司) |
| 9 | Dongchao Technology Group (東朝科技有限公司) |
| 10 | Zhejiang Zuch Technology Co., Ltd. (浙江珠城科技股份有限公司) |



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New Energy 新能源

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| 1 | Xiamen Guangpu Electronics Co., Ltd. (廈門光莆電子股份有限公司) |
| 2 | Zhejiang Feiyi Optoelectronic Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (浙江飛宜光電能源科技有限公司) |
| 3 | Zhejiang Ronma Group Co., Ltd (浙江潤馬光能集團有限公司) |
| 4 | Zhejiang Zuch Technology Co., Ltd. (浙江珠城科技股份有限公司) |
| 5 | Fujian Tianjiao Chemical Materials Co., Ltd (福建省天驕化學材料有限公司) |
| 6 | Jindi United Holdings Group Co., Ltd. (金帝聯合控股集團有限公司) |
| 7 | Shanghai Fengling Renewables Co. Ltd. (上海風領新能源有限公司) |
| 8 | Center International Group Co., Limited (森特士興集團股份有限公司) |
| 9 | Shuangdeng Group Co., Ltd (雙登集團股份有限公司) |

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Manufacturing 製造

1. Jiangsu Tenwei Electronic Co.,Ltd (江蘇騰威電子有限公司)

Real Estate 房地產

1. Luyi Industrial Park (江蘇路宜投資有限公司)

Conglomerate 綜合企業

1. Hubei United Investment Capital Investment Development Co., Ltd.
(湖北聯投資本投資發展有限公司)
2. Wepeng Holding Group Co., Ltd (武漢偉鵬控股集團有限公司)
3. Fosun International Limited (複星國際有限公司)

Construction 建築

1. Baoye Hubei Construction Engineering Group Co., Ltd. (寶業湖北建工集團有限公司)



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**Roundtable Meeting with
Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry
與卡塔爾工商會舉行圓桌會議**



Mr Roden Tong, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong, shared market insights from a Hong Kong legal perspective at a roundtable meeting with the Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry. 香港律師會會長湯文龍律師出席與卡塔爾工商會舉行的圓桌會議，並從香港法律角度分享他對市場的見解。



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Why Hong Kong?

Why Now?

Belt and Road Initiative

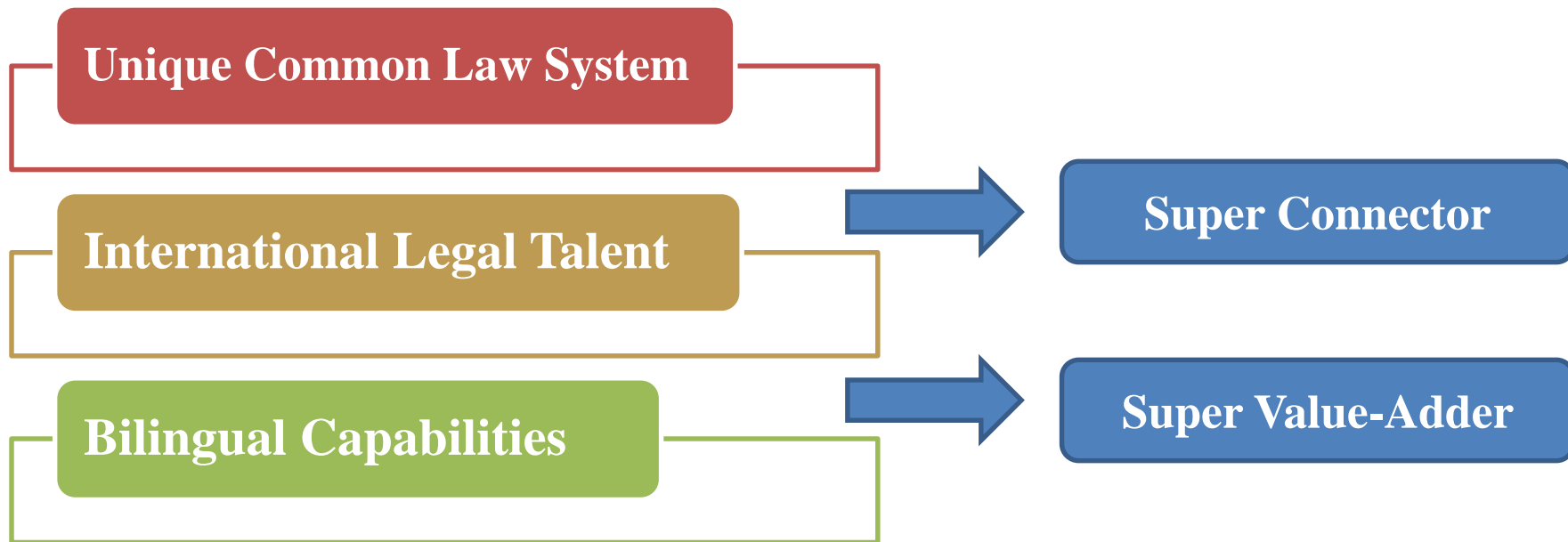
**Belt and Road
Initiative**

**Global Trade &
Infrastructure
Development**

**Potential Challenges
due to different legal
systems and compliance
issues**



Hong Kong: Super Connector and Super value-adder



The Power of Common Law



One Country, Two Systems

Only Common Law System in the Country



Only bilingual Common Law Jurisdiction in the World

Article 8 of the Basic Law

- The laws previously in force in Hong Kong, that is, the common law, rules of equity, ordinances, subordinate legislation and customary law shall be maintained, except for any that contravene this Law, and subject to any amendment by the legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Common Law System

- Provides **certainty and predictability**.
- Helps create a **stable business environment**.



Hong Kong as a **global business hub** and a trusted hub for international business and dispute resolution.

- Supports a full suite of services – **litigation, arbitration and mediation** aligned with global standards.



Mainland Enterprises
going global



Belt and Road partners doing
business in the Mainland



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“Law Comes First”

- President Xi Jinping mentioned at the second meeting of the Central Committee for Comprehensive Rule of Law on 25 February 2019:

Rule of Law is the Best Business Environment

Understanding Laws of a Jurisdiction

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS

CORPORATE SYSTEMS

TAX ISSUES

LABOUR LAWS

A Legal Talent Hub

Solicitors in Hong Kong

Solicitors	Number
Members	13,373
Members (with Practising Certificates)	11,679
Trainee Solicitors	1,082
Registered Foreign Lawyers (From 31 Jurisdictions)	1,600
Solicitor Advocates	102

(As of 30 April 2025)

Law Firms in Hong Kong

Law Firms	Number
Hong Kong Firms of Solicitors	920
Registered Foreign Law Firms (From 19 Jurisdictions)	81
Representative Offices of Hong Kong Solicitors Firms in the Mainland	63

(As of 30 April 2025)

Policy Support and Strategic Positioning

The Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)

- The Second Agreement Concerning Amendment to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Services was signed on 9 October 2024 between the Mainland and Hong Kong.
 - Allow Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law (「港資港法」).
 - Allow Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong (「港資港法港仲裁」) as facilitation measures for Hong Kong investors.



Hong Kong: As a bridge and Launchpad of GBA



Source: The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office, Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau



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The Law Society's Role

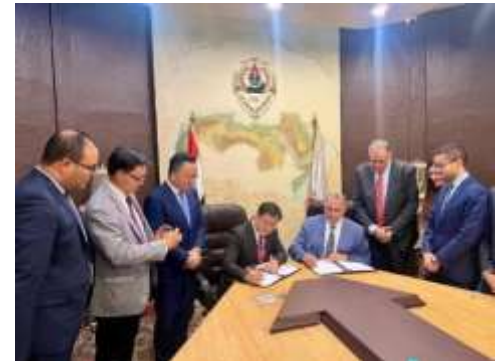
Signing MOUs with Lawyers' Associations from Belt and Road related regions

- By connecting with lawyers' associations around the world, The Law Society has built extensive and amicable relationships with many overseas' jurisdictions which enhance the cooperation and bring benefits to the local legal industry.
- As of May 2025, we have signed 28 MOUS with 26 international legal organisations and overseas lawyers' associations across 22 jurisdictions with Belt and Road countries and regions, such as Georgia, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mongolia, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea and Sri Lanka.



Forging Closer Cooperation with Counterparts from the Middle East and Africa

- In recent years, the Law Society has visited Middle Eastern cities including Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, and Cairo.
- In May 2024, a MOU with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts was signed, marking the first agreement of its kind between Hong Kong and a Middle East court system.
- The MOU with the Egyptian Bar Association was signed in October 2024.



Meeting with Qatar's Investment and Trade Court



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Mr Roden Tong, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong, and Dr Thani Al Thani, Board Vice Chairman of the Qatar International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration, represented the two parties in signing an MoU.
香港律師會會長湯文龍律師與卡塔爾國際調解仲裁中心董事會副主席 Thani Al Thani 博士代表雙方機構簽署諒解備忘錄。



Mr Roden Tong, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong, and Mr Mubarak Al Sulaiti, Chairman of the Qatar Lawyers Association, represented the two parties in signing an MoU.
香港律師會會長湯文龍律師與卡塔爾律師協會主席 Mubarak Al Sulaiti 先生代表雙方機構簽署諒解備忘錄。



Mr John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR; His Excellency Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Minister of Finance of Qatar; and His Excellency Sheikh Khalifa Bin Jassim Al Thani, Chairman of the Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry, witnessed the exchange of two MOUs signed by The Law Society of Hong Kong with the Qatar International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration and the Qatar Lawyers Association respectively.

香港特別行政區行政長官李家超先生、卡塔爾財政部長Ali bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari 閣下及卡塔爾商會主席Sheikh Khalifa Bin Jassim Al Thani 閣下見證了香港律師會兩份諒解備忘錄交換儀式，該兩份諒解備忘錄分別是與卡塔爾國際調解仲裁中心及卡塔爾律師協會簽訂。

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Mr John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR (fifth from left), witnessed the MOU Exchange Ceremony for The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Kuwait Bar Association, which was also graced by the presence of guest of honour Minister of Commerce and Industry of Kuwait, His Excellency Khalifa Abdullah Dhahi Ajeel Al-Askar (fourth from right).

香港特別行政區行政長官李家超先生（左五）見證香港律師會與科威特律師公會之諒解備忘錄交換儀式。科威特商務及工業部長Khalifa Abdullah Dhahi Ajeel Al-Askar閣下（右四）以嘉賓身份出席儀式。



Commissioner for Belt and Road Mr Nicholas Ho officially witnessed the MOU Signing Ceremony for The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Kuwait Bar Association.

「一帶一路」專員何力治先生擔任香港律師會與科威特律師公會之諒解備忘錄簽署儀式的見證人。



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