



From the President
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To Editor/ Assignment Editor:

**Response from President of The Law Society of Hong Kong
about the International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office**

1. As an international legal service and dispute resolution centre, Hong Kong prides itself not only as the sole city in China that practises common law, but also in being well equipped to fulfil the needs of multijurisdictional clients including the availability of a diverse legal talent pool of high calibre lawyers and well established infrastructure to support different dispute resolution services. Hong Kong is thus best placed to house the International Organization for Mediation (“IOMed”) Preparatory Office to promote the use of mediation for resolving international disputes.
2. I am grateful for the support of the Central Government for the establishment of IOMed Preparatory Office in Hong Kong as it reinforces Hong Kong’s unique status as the international legal service and dispute resolution hub in the Asia Pacific region under “One Country Two Systems”.
3. I am confident that the legal profession in Hong Kong will live up to the high expectation of the Central Government to treasure and make good use of the valuable opportunities bestowed upon us.

Yours sincerely,

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