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Clerk to Panel
LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong
(Attn. : Mr. Paul WOO)

Dear Sirs,

**LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Meeting on 26 November 2001
Promoting Hong Kong as an international arbitration centre**

We refer to your above referenced letter dated 10 December 2001 and are pleased to provide the relevant issues as requested by the Chairman of the Panel below.

On training up and developing the local arbitration community, we have been doing the following:-

a) Providing Training Courses

We provide training courses, jointly with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch), twice a year, the successful completion

of which would qualify the attendees to apply for Associate Membership of our Institute and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

We are also in the course of delivering the first Fellowship training course of our Institute and further training course on mediation and arbitration.

b) Organising Seminars and Talks

To promote exchange of the knowledge and experience, we organise seminars of eminent local and overseas speakers. These include the most recent one by John Teckaberry QC and the coming ones to be delivered Mr. Justice Bokhary and Mr. Peter Caldwell.

Also, we have delivered talks to chambers of commerce, such as the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

c) Delivering Workshops

To enhance the sharing of practical experience, we have delivered Arbitration Workshop that aimed to deal with the various practical aspects and problems facing an arbitrator in real life.

d) Presenting Events Outside Hong Kong

For the boarding of experience of the local arbitrators, we have organised and presented events outside Hong Kong, like the Mock

Arbitration in Guangzhou, the Conference on the Comparison in Legal System between Mainland China and Hong Kong in Shanghai and the Seminar on Hong Kong Law and Practice of International Arbitration in Manila.

e) Launching Scheme Arbitration

In order to promote the use and education of arbitration into the community level, we are introducing a new dispute resolution scheme for settling minor disputes involving real estate agencies.

We are of the view that continuing the above measures would be beneficial and helpful in increasing the supply of competent local arbitrators to cope with growing demand for arbitration service and competition.

Should we be of any assistance, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,

WONG Kwai Huen
President

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