

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) is inviting applications for the post of **Solicitor General**.

Duties

The Solicitor General is the head of the Legal Policy Division of the Department of Justice, and is responsible, under the Secretary for Justice, for the following -

- (a) the development of legal policy issues;
- (b) advising on a wide range of complex and sensitive legal issues; and, if necessary, appearing in court;
- (c) acting as Chairman of relevant departmental boards and committees; and
- (d) overseeing personnel and administrative issues of the Division.

The successful candidate will be appointed as Law Officer, initially as the Solicitor General but may be subject to transfer to other Law Officer posts in the Department of Justice.

Requirements

Candidates should -

- (a) be qualified either as barristers or solicitors in a recognised jurisdiction as stipulated under the Legal Officers Ordinance and Schedule 1 to the Legal Practitioners Ordinance;
- (b) possess considerable knowledge and experience of legal practice in Hong Kong at a senior level;
- (c) possess an ability to produce constructive ideas for the development of legal policy;
- (d) possess excellent qualities of judgement and leadership. Management experience will be a considerable advantage; and
- (e) have good communication and inter-personal skills.

An ability to speak, read and write Chinese would be a clear asset.

Remarks

The successful candidate will be expected to take up his or her duties within 2000.

Remuneration

The salary for a Law Officer is \$162,650 per month. The package includes housing benefits, vacation leave with leave passage allowance, and other benefits commensurate with a position of such seniority.

The successful candidate will be appointed on agreement for three years, which is renewable at Government's discretion, with a gratuity of an appropriate percentage of the gross basic salary paid on satisfactory completion of the agreement.

How to Apply

New recruits to the civil service must be permanent residents of the HKSAR.

Letters of application, which must state in detail why the applicant considers himself or herself suitable for the post, together with a full curriculum vitae, should be sent to the Deputy Director (Administration) of the Department of Justice, Room 3131, 31st floor, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong by **15 July 2000**. Suitable candidates will be invited to an interview. Initial telephone enquiries may be directed to the Deputy Director (Administration) of the Department of Justice (Tel. No. 2529 9328).