

Rainbow Consultancy Limited Submission for LegCo on 23/4/13

1. Under the stated core principles of Mediation - simplicity, confidentiality, voluntariness, self-determination and open dialogue (CB(4)354/12-13(01)), how can Mediator's role and responsibility be respected and be professionally undertaken?
  - a) Ethical issues among mediators especially for those who may have any chance of wearing two hats as solicitors and mediators within legal profession;
  - b) Balance the issues of confidentiality and legal precedent - for giving an appropriate guideline for similar dispute case so as to prevent any serious imbalance situation for any party to take advantage of the other underprivileged;
  - c) Increase the general public awareness, recognition and even respect for mediation under legal proceedings.
  
2. As far as I know, the mission of the Council is for "promoting and facilitating the use of Mediation in Hong Kong"; therefore, the quality and professionalism of mediators is the key for its real sustainability. However, I found there is limited or even NO "official" practising opportunity for the newly accredited mediators. Comparatively speaking, in the current solicitor/barrister practising, there are plenty of such mentor-mentee practising system, I was wondering if such a "good practising" system be possibly and compulsorily implemented within mediation practices to ensure our quality as so to raise reputation and recognition of mediators from the general public.