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Dear Sirs

Review of Intellectual Property Department Fees and Charges

We write further to the recent proposals by the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) to amend charges and fees charged by the IPD.

HKITMP Background

- A. The Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners ("HKITMP") was formed in 1988 with the aim of protecting the interests of those who are engaged in the trade mark profession in Hong Kong. However, as many of our members are general intellectual property practitioners, who on a day-to-day basis engage in not only trade mark matters, but also copyright, patents and designs, the HKITMP's membership and its interests have evolved to cover all of these areas.
- B. The HKITMP also has regular meetings with the Intellectual Property Department ("IPD") in Hong Kong, to exchange views and ideas on everyday practice, and to pass on recommendations for any changes in Hong Kong's intellectual property laws that may be required out of the practical issues arising in day-to-day practice.
- C. The HKITMP regularly circulates its members with information about meetings with the IPD, IPD circulars on practice, details of seminars, and welcomes comments from its members about intellectual property law and practice in Hong Kong. The HKITMP acts as a conduit and sounding board, and helps to air views of the professionals in Hong Kong who actually engage in hands on trade mark, patent, copyright and other intellectual property works.
- D. This letter has been considered by the Council of the HKITMP, and is submitted on behalf of the HKITMP.

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Submission of Support

We have had the benefit of considering the response to those proposals put forward by the Intellectual Property Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong in their paper submitted on 23 January 2015. We fully support the views expressed in that paper.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
The Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners Limited

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