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Dear Mr. Woo,

Meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (“AJLS Panel”) on 24 June 2019 – Legal education and training in Hong Kong

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 2019 inviting the Law Society (“Society”) to attend the captioned meeting.

As explained, the centralised examination proposals, made with the aims of ensuring uniformity and consistency of standards and appropriate access to the solicitors’ profession with equal opportunities, are at a conceptual stage. The Society is in the process of assessing the feasibility of these proposals internally and we are not yet in a position to share any concrete details publicly.

The Society has assured relevant stakeholders that we would consult the Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training (“SCLET”) and other stakeholders on the proposals when we are in a position to do so. There will be ample opportunities for stakeholders to consider and comment on the proposals and for the Society to take such views into account before finalizing the way forward.

The Society has reviewed the latest submission to the AJLS Panel by the Undergraduate Law Society of the Student Union of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (“SUCU”). We thank SUCU for sharing their views. As explained above, the proposals are at the conceptual stage and the Society will share the details when we are in a position to do so. The concerns raised by SUCU in its submissions are noted and will be taken into account in the on-going feasibility study.

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The Society will keep stakeholders updated on our work on the proposals. However, at the moment, the Society is not in a position to provide any new information. Accordingly, please note that the Society will not send any representatives to attend the meeting of the AJLS Panel on 24 June 2019.

Further to the Society's previous correspondence, the Society will respond after completion of the internal feasibility study on the proposals, due consultation with the relevant stakeholders and finalization of the way forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi K.P. Chu', written in a cursive style.

Heidi K.P. Chu
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