

26th September 2024  
(Thursday)

| 17:00 – 20:00 |

Four Seasons Hotel,  
Kuala Lumpur

# HONG KONG: The Common Law Gateway for Malaysian Businesses to China and Beyond

## Co-Organisers:



Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office



National Chamber  
of Commerce and  
Industry of Malaysia

## Supporting Organisations:



The Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, H.E. Paul TK Lam, SBS, SC, JP will lead a high-level mission to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2024, aiming to strengthen collaboration between Hong Kong and Malaysia on business in general and in the field of legal and dispute resolution.

A Seminar will be staged on 26 September 2024 (Thursday) at Four Seasons in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Seminar will shed light on the latest legal and business environment in Hong Kong and the city's unique and profound strengths as the gateway to the robust China and Asian markets, as well as the international legal and dispute resolution services hub and the risk management centre in the Asia-Pacific region, for businesses looking to expand their ventures.

Following the Seminar, a Networking Reception will be hosted to provide participants with the extended opportunities for more in-depth networking and exchanges with the Hong Kong delegation.

Join us at this premier event with free admission to exchange views with our Hong Kong legal and business professionals!

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## TIME

## PROGRAMME

17:00 – 17:06

### OPENING REMARKS

#### Venus Cheung

Deputy Principal Government Counsel  
Legal Enhancement and Development Office, Department of Justice,  
HKSAR Government

#### Karen Cheah Yee Lynn

Immediate Past President, Malaysian Bar

17:06 – 18:00

### PANEL DISCUSSION

#### | Moderator

#### Alexander Tang

Barrister  
Des Voeux Chambers

#### | Speakers

#### Jern-Fei Ng, KC

King's Counsel (England and Wales)  
Arbitrator (Temple Chambers, HKSAR)  
Advocate (Duxton Hill Chambers, Singapore)  
Foreign Lawyer (Lim Chee Wee Partnership, Malaysia)

#### Elaine Lo, MH

Managing Partner  
Jingtian & Gongcheng LLP

#### Janice Chew

Partner  
JC Legal

#### Michael Lok

Barrister  
Des Voeux Chambers

#### Joanne Lau

Secretary General  
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

#### Q&A

**18:00 – 18:10**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**H.E. Paul TK Lam, SBS, SC, JP**

Secretary for Justice

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

**18:10 – 18:15**

**SPECIAL REMARKS**

**H.E. Dato' Sri Azalina Binti Othman Said**

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department - Law and Institutional Reform

**18:15 - 18:20**

**SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE SOUTH CHINA INTERNATIONAL  
ARBITRATION CENTER (HK) AND THE ASIAN  
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE**

**18:20 – 18:25**

**PHOTO SESSION**

**H.E. Dato' Sri Azalina binti Othman Said**

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department - Law and Institutional Reform

**H.E. Paul TK Lam, SBS, SC, JP**

Secretary for Justice

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

**H.E. Ouyang Yujing (TBC)**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China  
to Malaysia

**Dato' Seri N. Gobalakrishnan**

President

National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia

**Libera Cheng**

Director-General

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Jakarta

**18:25 – 18:30**

**GROUP PHOTO WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**18:30 – 20:00**

**NETWORKING**

# DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



## **H.E. Paul TK Lam, SBS, SC, JP**

**Secretary for Justice**

**Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China**

Paul Lam has been the Secretary for Justice since 1 July 2022.

Before joining the Government, Paul was a Senior Counsel in private practice specialising in general civil and commercial proceedings, and has passed the Guangdong - Hong Kong - Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association from 2014 to 2017 and the Chairman from 2017 to 2018. He sat as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong for short periods each year since 2015. He was once enlisted in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and was once appointed by the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing as professor.

Paul held a number of public service positions, such as Chairman of the Consumer Council, Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board, Chairman of ICAC Operations Review Committee and Member of Independent Police Complaints Council.



## **H.E. Dato' Sri Azalina Binti Othman Said**

**Minister in the Prime Minister's Department - Law and Institutional Reform**

Dato' Sri Azalina binti Othman Said is the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) with a distinguished career spanning over three decades. A holder of a Master of Laws (LLM) Degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, she seamlessly fuses her academic prowess with practical experience to tackle some of the most pressing legal challenges of our time.

Thus far, Dato' Sri Azalina has held several ministerial positions, including Minister of Youth and Sports, Minister of Tourism, and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department. She was the first female deputy speaker of the Lower House in Parliament. Previously, she was the Special Advisor (Law and Human Rights) to the 9th Prime Minister of Malaysia. She has also chaired several parliamentary committees, notably the Parliamentary Special Select Committee on Women, Children and Community Development.

As Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) in her home country, Dato' Sri Azalina has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at institutional reform and upholding the rule of law. Under her leadership, significant strides have been made in institutional reforms, such as the recent amendments to the Arbitration Act 2005 which aims to among others, strengthen Malaysia's position as a global hub for alternative dispute resolution. Her legislative efforts have also strengthened the protection of child witnesses through amendments to the Evidence of Child Witness Act 2007, which were passed by the Malaysian Parliament in July this year.

She is currently leading efforts to set up a single, independent statutory body that will be empowered to receive and investigate complaints of misconduct by the public service. In addition to that, she is working to introduce legislation in Malaysia aimed at enhancing online safety and tackling online harms, including cyberbullying.



## **Karen Cheah Yee Lynn**

**Immediate Past President, Malaysian Bar**

### **Chairperson**

- **Bar Council Committee on AMLA**
- **Bar Council International Affairs Committee**
- **Bar Council LAWASIA Conference 2024 Organising Committee**

Karen Cheah Yee Lynn is the Immediate Past President of the Malaysian Bar. Her presidential term was from March 2022 to March 2024.

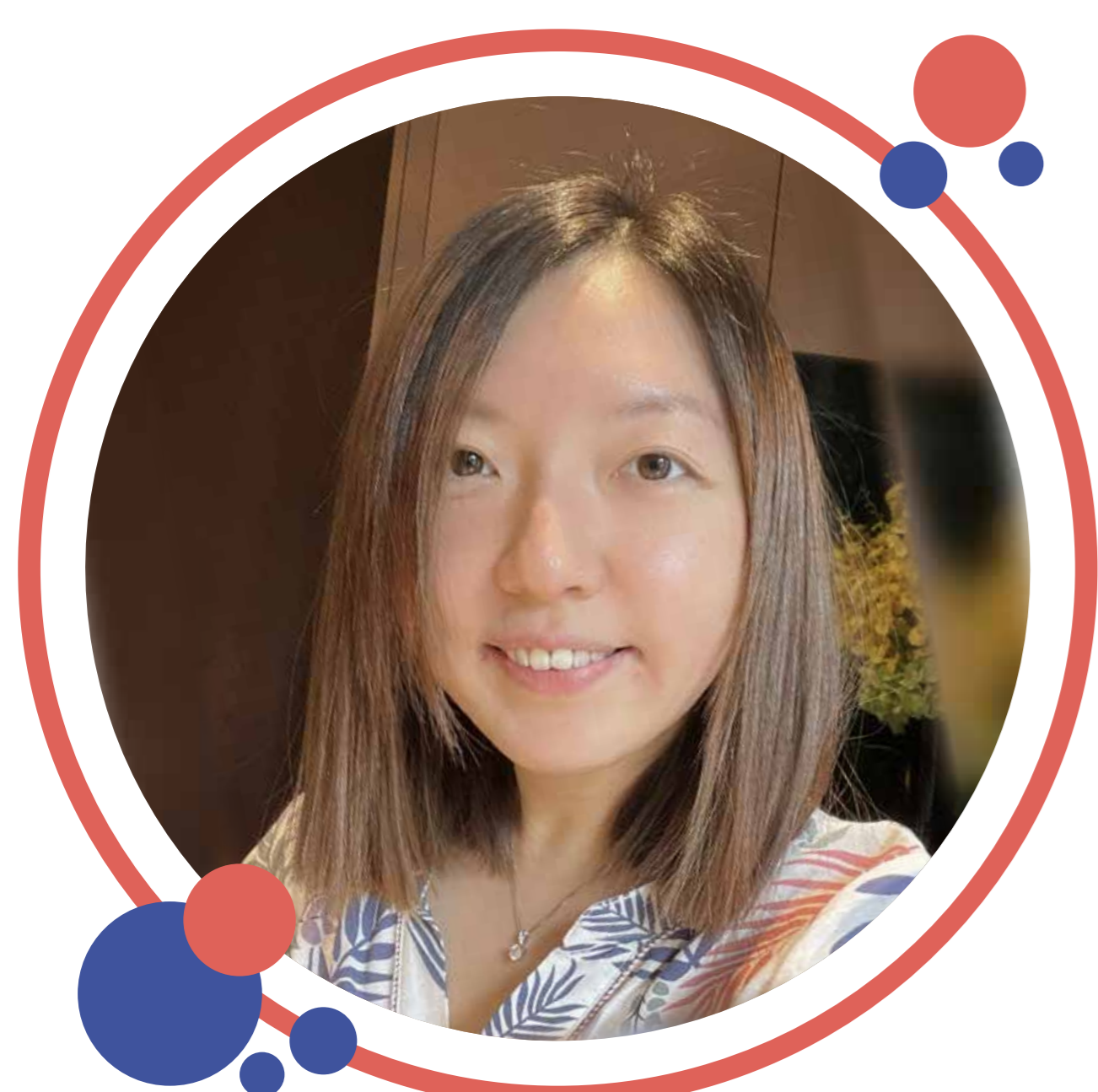
She was the Chairman of the Malacca State Bar Committee from 2012 to 2015 and has been a Bar Council Member since 2012.

She was appointed as the Treasurer of the Malaysian Bar for the terms 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. Following this, she served as the Secretary of the Malaysian Bar for the terms 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

In her active engagement with the Bar Council, she held positions as the Chairperson of the Bar Council Ad Hoc Committee on Conditional Fee Rules (Re Non-Personal Injuries), and as the Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council Committee to Reform the Legal Sector (LPA Amendment), the Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee, and the Bar Council International Professional Services Committee.

She was also a member of the following Bar Council committees: Corporate and Commercial Law Committee, Finance Committee, and Women's Rights Committee.

She is the current Chairperson of the Bar Council Committee on AMLA, the Bar Council International Affairs Committee, and the Bar Council LAWASIA Conference 2024 Organising Committee, which oversees the 37th LAWASIA Conference at Hilton Kuala Lumpur from 13 to 15 Oct 2024, in Malaysia.



## **Venus Cheung**

**Deputy Principal Government Counsel**

**Legal Enhancement and Development Office, Department of Justice, HKSAR Government**

Venus Cheung serves as the Deputy Principal Government Counsel of the Legal Enhancement and Development Office (LEAD Office) of the Department of Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

As a core member of the LEAD Office, Venus is responsible for providing strategic support to the Secretary for Justice (SJ) and the Deputy SJ in the formulation and implementation of the Department's policy initiatives, particularly in the area of legal and dispute resolution services.

Prior to her current role, Venus headed the Arbitration Team which led to the legislative amendments allowing outcome related fees for arbitration in Hong Kong. She has also worked in the Civil Division. Amongst others, she was instrumental in the key stages of the development of mediation in Hong Kong, including the enactment of the Mediation Ordinance, the establishment of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited, as well as organising the inaugural Hong Kong Mediation Week.

# MODERATOR AND PANELISTS

(LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)



## Alexander Tang

**Barrister**  
**Des Voeux Chambers**

Alexander is qualified in Hong Kong and New York, and started off his career as a corporate finance solicitor with Allen & Overy and Latham & Watkins. In 2011, he switched to the Bar and joined Des Voeux Chambers, a leading commercial set in Hong Kong.

Since then, he has frequently appeared before all levels of Courts in Hong Kong and also in multiple arbitrations, focusing in particular on board fights, private equity disputes, commercial litigation, insolvency, jurisdictional disputes, and probate matters.

In recent years, he has also sat as a deputy judge and also as an arbitrator in HKIAC arbitrations. Alexander is also a Council Member of the Hong Kong Bar Association.



## Elaine Lo, MH

**Managing Partner**  
**Jingtian & Gongcheng LLP**

Elaine Lo is the Senior Managing Partner of Jingtian & Gongcheng LLP. She previously served as the Managing Partner and Asia Chair of Mayer Brown JSM from 2008 to 2016. Elaine is a corporate lawyer who focuses on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, structuring joint ventures, infrastructure project financing and corporate restructuring. Elaine works across multiple industry sectors in China, including advertising, energy, financial services, logistics and distribution, manufacturing, retail, telecommunications, and utilities. She has extensive experience in acting for government authorities, project sponsors, lenders and equity participants in project finance deals. She advises banks and financial institutions on M&A, asset and project finance.

Elaine currently serves as independent non-executive director on the Board of China Pacific Insurance (Group) Co., Ltd., and also as non-official non-executive director on the Board of Urban Renewal Authority.

Elaine was named “Managing Partner of the Year” by Asian Legal Business Awards in 2008, 2009 and 2015.

Elaine is admitted to practise in Hong Kong, England, Australia and Singapore, and is also a China Appointed Attesting Officer.



## Janice Chew

**Partner**  
**JC Legal**

Janice is a dual-qualified lawyer, with 17 years of practicing experience in Malaysia and Hong Kong. Janice is the Partner of JC Legal, a full-service law firm in Hong Kong, and leads the broad practice of the firm in cross-border commercial law, dispute resolution and regulatory compliance. Having spent over a decade in Hong Kong, and years of experience in managing PRC clients, Janice is a veteran in acknowledging the cultural difference, working style, market demographic etc, between Hong Kong, the GBA, and her hometown, Malaysia. Having built several ventures herself, Janice knows exactly the advantages and pain points to do business in these 3 regions, both from an entrepreneur's perspective and a legal perspective.



## **Jern-Fei Ng, KC**

**King's Counsel (England and Wales)**

**Arbitrator (Temple Chambers, HKSAR)**

**Advocate (Duxton Hill Chambers, Singapore)**

**Foreign Lawyer (Lim Chee Wee Partnership, Malaysia)**

Ng Jern-Fei, KC specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration, with 20 years' experience appearing before courts and tribunals and sitting as arbitrator in different jurisdictions. He has acted as counsel in some 350 cases and as arbitrator in some 30 cases (as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator).

Jern-Fei has been described as a “legal hotshot” by Singapore's Straits Times and as a “top lawyer” in an article published in the South China Morning Post. Jern-Fei acts for a number of Asian governments and for many of China's State-owned enterprises and Malaysia's government-linked corporations in arbitrations across different jurisdictions. In August 2022, Jern-Fei was awarded the Singapore Academy of Law's Merit Award by the Honourable Chief Justice of Singapore. In January 2023, Jern-Fei was appointed by the Chief Justice of Singapore to sit on the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee (co-chaired by a Singapore High Court judge and a Singapore Senior Counsel).

Jern-Fei is described in the legal directories as “an absolute superstar of the Bar”, “simply the best”, “one of the biggest names for Asia-related arbitration” and an “absolutely brilliant advocate!” “Highly skilled strategist and terrific advocate” with “first-class advocacy skills” that is both “smooth and persuasive”; “one of the most talented counsel I have worked with on issues of strategy, where he is always several steps ahead of the current state of proceedings”. He is “a very talented silk” who has an ability to “present practical legal solutions that not only win you the battles, but also the war.” “Extremely intelligent and tactically astute, he is one of a kind and is highly sought after.”



## **Joanne Lau**

**Secretary-General**

**Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre**

Joanne is the Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. As HKIAC's principal officer, she leads the Secretariat and is responsible for the overall management of the centre, including overseeing its international dispute resolution services and operations across its Hong Kong, Shanghai and Seoul offices. She also works closely with the HKIAC Council and committees in the development and implementation of HKIAC's strategies and initiatives.

Prior to joining the HKIAC, Joanne was a Partner at Allen & Overy, specialising in international arbitration. As counsel, she represented clients in both international commercial arbitrations and investment treaty arbitrations in a wide variety of cases, across multiple sectors, jurisdictions and arbitral rules. She also regularly advised on arbitration-related court matters and sat as arbitrator.

Joanne is a past co-Chair of the HK45 Committee. She has been recognised in leading legal directories, including Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal.



## **Michael Lok**

**Barrister**

**Des Voeux Chambers**

Michael Lok is a barrister at Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong, specialising in commercial litigation/arbitration and public/administrative proceedings. Michael regularly acts for major financial institutions as well as different governmental departments.

Michael has previously been appointed as a Master of the District Court and sits as an international arbitrator. Michael has acquired the Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination qualification and is a Registered Foreign Lawyer of the Singapore International Commercial Court, a Registered Legal Practitioner of the Dubai International Financial Centre Court, as well as granted rights of audience in the Astana International Financial Centre Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Michael is an overseas associate member of South Square Chambers, London.