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16:00 - 20:30

Park Hyatt Saigon

HONG KONG: THE COMMON LAW GATEWAY FOR VIETNAMESE BUSINESSES TO CHINA AND BEYOND

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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 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in September 2024, aiming to strengthen collaboration between Hong Kong and Vietnam on business in general and in the field of legal and dispute resolution.

A Forum will be staged on 24 September 2024 (Tuesday) at Park Hyatt Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The Forum 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 Forum, a Networking dinner 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!

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION



PROGRAMME

16:00
16:15

OPENING SESSION

H.E. Paul T K Lam, SBS, SC, JP

Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of The People's Republic of China

Mr. Vo Tan Thanh

Vice President, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Truong Trong Nghia

Vice Chairman, Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association

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17:15

PANEL DISCUSSION: HONG KONG - THE COMMON LAW GATEWAY FOR VIETNAMESE BUSINESSES TO CHINA AND BEYOND

■ MODERATOR

Mr. Yi-Shun Teoh

Partner, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain

■ SPEAKERS

Mr. Derek Chan, SC

Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association

Mr. Roden Tong

President, Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Nick Chan, BBS, MH, JP

Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre Hong Kong
Deputy to the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China

Ms. Queenie Lau, SC

Senior Counsel, Temple Chambers



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PANEL DISCUSSION: HONG KONG'S ONE-STOP LEGAL AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

■ MODERATOR

Mr. Sebastian Hughes
Barrister, Prince's Chambers

■ SPEAKERS

Mr. Robin Egerton
Barrister, Parkside Chambers

Prof. TK lu, MH
Founder/Director, Asia Conflict Resolution Institute

Dr. Thomas So, JP
Chairman, eBRAM

Mr. Li Xiong Feng
Deputy Secretary General, South China International Arbitration Centre Hong Kong

18:30
18:45

KEYNOTE SPEECH

H.E. Paul T K Lam, SBS, SC, JP
Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China

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20:30

NETWORKING DINNER



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**

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

Before joining the Government, Mr Lam 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.

Mr Lam 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.



Mr Vo Tan Thanh

Vice President, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr Vo Tan Thanh has been the Vice President of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) since April 2015. He is in charge of the Central and Southern Regions including the Branches of VCCI in Da Nang City, Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho City and Vung Tau Province.

Mr Thanh began his career at IMEXCO (General Import Export and Investment Corporation in Ho Chi Minh City) from 1983 to 1991. After joining VCCI in 1992, Mr. Vo Tan Thanh has held several important positions and contributed significantly to the development of the organization and the business community.

From 1995 to 1998, Mr Thanh was the Deputy Director of the International Relations Department at VCCI Ho Chi Minh City Branch (VCCI-HCM). He was the Director of the Bureau for Employers' Activities at VCCI-HCM from 1998 to 2002. From 2003 to August 2005, he served as the Deputy General Director of VCCI-HCM. He became General Director of VCCI-HCM since August 2005 to May 2022 and held many important positions in the VCCI Executive Board since October 2008. He held the position of Deputy Secretary General of VCCI from October 2008 and from April 2015 to present, he has held the position of Vice President of VCCI.

Mr Vo Tan Thanh graduated from the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in January 2003 and from the University of Foreign Trade in Hanoi in May 1982. He is proficient in Vietnamese and Japanese.



Mr Truong Trong Nghia

Vice President of Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association and VIAC Arbitrator

Professional Practice Experience

Mr Truong Trong Nghia is one of the co-chairs of disputes resolution practice at YKVN and is well-recognized as one of Vietnam's most experienced lawyers with over 40 years of legal practice and arbitration experience. Mr Nghia graduated as LL.B. from Leipzig University in 1980 and started his legal profession in 1981 at the State Economic Arbitration of Vietnam and presided over 400 economic cases. He also practiced law as one of government-appointed people's counsels before the legal practice was permitted as a profession in Vietnam. In 1998, Mr Nghia collaborated with YKVN as of counsel, and in 2008, he resigned from public service and became a full-time partner co-heading YKVN LCC's disputes resolution practice. He is a member of VIAC Panel of Arbitrators, member of Vietnam Mediation Center (VMC), member of SIAC Panel of Arbitrators, and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). He has been included in the ALB Asia' Top 15 Litigators for 2022, ALBJ A List for 2022, ALB Southeast Asia's Top 15 Litigators for 2023 and in the Legal 500 Arbitration Power List in 2022 and 2023.

As co-chair of litigation and arbitration practice at YKVN, Mr. Nghia has advised clients in domestic as well as international litigation and cross-border arbitration. He also regularly advises domestic and foreign companies on corporate, trade, construction, foreign investment, PPP, and M&A matters.

Civic Leadership Activities

Mr Nghia has been participating in the leadership of Vietnam's legal professions. He was serving as the Vice President of the Vietnam Bar Federation (VBF) since its inaugural term 2009 - 2014, re-elected as Member of Standing Committee of VBF in its second term 2014 - 2019 and in the third term 2019 - 2024. He also serves as Vice President of the Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association for the third term since 2009 until now. He was also Vice Presidents of Vietnam Society of International Law (VSIL) founded in July 2016 in its first term (2016 - 2021).

MODERATORS AND PANELISTS

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)



Mr Derek Chan, SC
Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association

Derek obtained his law and commerce degree (majoring in accounting) in New Zealand. He was awarded the Bar Scholarship by the Hong Kong Bar Association in 2003 and was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 2004. He took silk in 2018.

Derek's practice focus is on commercial crime, corruption, criminal cases initiated by various regulators and misconduct in the securities market resulting in tribunal proceedings or criminal prosecutions initiated by the Securities and Futures Commission. He regularly appears as counsel in high profile criminal cases, including the corruption trial of the ex-Chief Executive of the HKSAR. He also regularly appears for and against the Securities and Futures Commission on matters concerning market manipulation, insider dealing and other securities related market misconduct.

Derek has also developed a significant appellate practice, appearing regularly in criminal appeals both in the Court of Appeal and in the Court of Final Appeal. He also appeared as amicus curiae in the Court of Final Appeal in HKSAR v Ho Yau Yin (2010) 13 HKCFAR 217 and HKSAR v CHENG Wing Kin (2020) 23 HKCFAR 83, in the Court of Appeal in SJ v Fung Chi Hoi [2019] 4 HKLRD 188, and in the Court of First Instance in Ng Shek Wai v The Medical Council of Hong Kong [2015] 2 HKLRD 121.

Derek has served as a Deputy High Court Judge in 2020 and 2021. Derek is currently the vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association.

Derek is now serving as a Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for a term of three years, commencing from 1 May 2022.



Mr Nick Chan, BBS, MH, JP
Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre

Mr. Nick Chan, a Justice of the Peace, is the Director who leads the operations of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre. Established by operation of international law, the Centre operates under the auspices of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), an international law organization with 48 countries as member states. With arbitration rules and mediation rules that help to facilitate confidential cost-effective disputes resolution and economic advancements, the Centre has recently added over 100 arbitrators with a combined experience of over 3000 years to its Panel of Arbitrators, and the Centre will soon be inviting applicants to join its Panel of Mediators. The Centre offers parties the option to resolve disputes anytime and anywhere with its state-of-the-art Online Disputes Resolution Platform. Parties to disputes submitted to the Centre has the special ability to seek interim measure relief from courts in Mainland China to preserve evidence and assets. Mr. Chan frequently teaches law, AI and innovation at world leading universities. Mr. Chan serves as Chairman of the Hong Kong Government's \$2 billion Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and as Honorary Legal Advisor of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries. He holds various board memberships at sports associations and serves the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China. Mr. Chan is an experienced lawyer with computer science background and regional responsibilities as Partner of a leading international law firm Squire Patton Boggs with 40 offices in 4 continents. Mr. Chan is an elected and serving lawmaker and policy-setter.



Mr Robin Egerton
Barrister, Parkside Chambers

Robin was admitted as a solicitor in England and Hong Kong in 1984 and he was called to the Hong Kong Bar in August 2004.

He is a former Chairman of the Law Society Family Law Committee, the Family Mediation Committee and the Hong Kong Family Law Association.

He sits as an Ad Hoc Family Court Judge. He is a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and an accredited Mediator. He currently sits on the Hong Kong Bar Council, the Hong Kong Bar Family Law Committee, the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Family Law Association and the Legal Aid Services Council.



Mr Sebastian Hughes
Barrister, Prince's Chambers

Sebastian has a broad civil litigation, arbitration and mediation practice, including intellectual property, commercial, cryptocurrency, white collar fraud, insolvency, company, employment, matrimonial finance, and costs/taxation matters.

Sebastian is a Fellow of CIArb and a WIPO Approved Neutral. He is an Arbitrator and Mediator with WIPO, HKIAC (Panel of Arbitrators for Intellectual Property Disputes; Panel of Emergency Arbitrators; List of Arbitrators), SCIA, SHAC and AIAC. Sebastian is a Domain Name Panelist with WIPO, FORUM, HKIAC, ADNDRC and AIAC.

Sebastian was admitted to practice as a solicitor in Victoria, Australia in 1998 and in Hong Kong in 2003. Prior to being called to the bar, he was a partner in an international law firm.



Prof. TK Iu, MH
Founder/Director, Asia Conflict Resolution Institute

TK is an Accredited Mediator (General/Family) and Accredited Family Mediation Supervisor with Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited. He is also a Certified Mediator of Singapore International Mediation Institute and a panel mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Centre.

Since 2012, TK has been advising the Department of Justice (HKSAR) on mediation matters.

In 2017, TK was awarded a Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of mediation.

TK is listed by Doyle's Guide 2021 to 2024 as a leading family mediator in Hong Kong. WhosWhoLegal (2015 to 2024) named TK as a world leading practitioner in the field of commercial mediation.

TK is an adjunct professor of the (1) Department of Law, University of Hong Kong; and (2) School of Law of City University of Hong Kong. He is also the first Hong Kong-based Visiting Professor of the University of Law, United Kingdom.

TK is a co-author of (1) Hong Kong Mediation Manual (3rd Edition); (2) The Annotated Ordinances of Hong Kong: Mediation Ordinance (Cap.620) (2022 Reissue); and (3) Asia Mediation Handbook. He is a regular blog writer of Kluwer Mediation Blog.

TK is the first mediator involved in the Mediator-Assisted Case Settlement Conference of the District Court in June 2024. He was twice appointed as a Temporary Deputy Registrar in 2018 by the Hong Kong Judiciary.



Ms Queenie Lau, SC
Senior Counsel, Temple Chambers

Queenie Lau SC is a barrister at Temple Chambers, Hong Kong. She commenced practice in 2008, and was appointed Senior Counsel this year.

Queenie has a broad, predominantly, civil practice. She is active in the Courts and in arbitrations as an advocate. She also sits as a deputy judge from time to time, and regularly sits as an arbitrator as well as acts as mediator.

Queenie became a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2009, and then a Fellow in 2017. She also became a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators in 2016. In 2018, Queenie became a member of the HKIAC's List of Arbitrators.

Queenie qualified as a CEDR accredited mediator in March 2009 and as an accredited mediator on the HKIAC's Panel of General Mediators in November 2009. She has conducted over 100 mediations (using English, Cantonese and/or Putonghua).



Mr Li Xiong Feng
Deputy Secretary General, South China International Arbitration
Centre Hong Kong

Mr. LI Xiongfeng joined Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (a.k.a. South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, "SCIA") as its Secretary of the Council in 2017 with the main responsibility of assisting members of Council to perform their statutory duties under the Ordinance on the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, China's first regional legislation on arbitration institution. Since 2019, he has been involved in the setting up of South China International Arbitration Center (HK) ("SCIAHK") and in charge of the Secretariat. He is a member of the drafting group of the SCIAHK Arbitration Rules which are UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (2013) based institutional arbitration rules, and has handled numerous administered commercial arbitration and mediation cases, including those administered by institutions abroad and at home.

Mr. Li obtained his bachelor's degree and master's degrees in Mainland China and Singapore. He was a qualified Chinese lawyer and foreign legal counsel in Singapore, before he joined arbitration institutions.



Dr Thomas So, JP
Chairman, eBRAM

Dr Thomas So is a partner of Grandall Zimmern Law Firm with experience in advising on shareholders and equity-related disputes, property-related, libel and mediarelated litigation work, as well as litigation and arbitration in the PRC. Dr So was a founder member of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre (eBRAM) and has been appointed Chairman since 2020. Dr So is the past president of The Law Society of Hong Kong and a member of multiple arbitration and mediation committees in Asia, committed to promoting and improving the standard of legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong.

In January 2018, Dr So was appointed as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He was commissioned as a mediator of Guangdong Court for Cross-border Commercial Dispute Resolution in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by The High People's Court of Guangdong Province for 3 years. He obtained his Doctor of Laws from Tsing Hua University and has been frequently invited to be the lecturer by various universities in the Mainland.



Mr Yi-Shun Teoh

Partner, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain

Yi-Shun Teoh is a partner in the Commercial Disputes team at RPC in Hong Kong. His practice focuses on international arbitration and commercial litigation. Yi-Shun represents private equity firms, financial institutions, insurers, technology, construction, hospitality, major corporates and high net worth individual clients in complex Hong Kong court litigation proceedings and international arbitrations under the leading institutional rules (including ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC and UNCITRAL) seated in Hong Kong, Singapore, London, Beijing, Shenzhen and Jakarta. He has acted in some of the most high-profile and landmark set aside / enforcement cases in the Hong Kong courts over the past decade. Yi-Shun is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and a member of the Arbitration Committees of the Law Society of Hong Kong and ICC Hong Kong. He is a Solicitor Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience in civil proceedings before the Hong Kong High Court and Court of Final Appeal and triple-qualified in Hong Kong, England and Wales and New South Wales (Australia). Yi-Shun read law at the University of Sydney and clerked for Justice Richard Edmonds of the Federal Court of Australia.



Mr Roden Tong

President, Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr Roden Tong was in private practice specialising in litigation and dispute resolution before moving to in-house role in 2007. Mr Tong is currently the Chief Executive of Berkley Insurance Company. He leads the Hong Kong operations of Berkley Insurance Asia (a Berkley Company), with a strong focus on Financial Lines and Specialty insurance. Mr Tong has deep expertise in handling complex claims across Asia, including Lehman related investment mis-selling cases, US securities class actions against Hong Kong and PRC companies, US SEC investigations and large-scale fidelity claims. His clients include multinational corporations, listed companies, banks, and other financial institutions. Mr Tong was admitted in Hong Kong.

In addition to his role as the Chief Executive of Berkley Insurance Company, Mr Tong holds prominent positions within the legal and community spheres. He has served on various Law Society committees and working groups for nearly 20 years. In 2016, he was elected to the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong, in 2021, he was elected as Vice-President, and in 2024, he was elected as President. Furthermore, he is a member of the Junior Police Call Central Advisory Board and an Executive Committee Member of Customs YES, a youth uniformed group operated by the Customs and Excise Department, where he actively promotes legal education for youth.