

Report of the Special Committee on Bar Scholarship

1. This is the 13th year of the Bar Scholarship Scheme since its introduction in 1998.
2. This year, 11 applications were received. As in the previous years, the Committee was very much impressed by the quality of the applicants. Five applicants were invited for an interview. After careful consideration, the Committee awarded the Scholarship to Bonnie Cheng, Deanna Law and Ken Lee.
3. The three awards made this year bring the total number of awards to 34, out of a total of 150 applications, since the introduction of the Scholarship.
4. Out of the 34 Bar Scholars, 28 have entered into, and remained in, full practice, all from prominent sets of chambers and having successful practices. Three had entered into, but have since left, practice at the Bar, one joining the Judiciary, one joining the academia, and one becoming an in-house counsel. This year's three Bar Scholars are all, as the date of this report, serving pupillage.
5. In addition to developing their practice at the Bar, many Bar Scholars have participated in the work of the Bar Council and/or the various special committees under it. As their seniority grows, they will be expected to take up more responsibilities.
6. The Committee is also pleased to report that many of the Bar Scholars have honoured their moral obligation to donate back to the Scholarship Fund.
7. This year saw the retirement of the former Chief Justice, Mr Andrew K.N. Li, from the chairmanship of the Committee, and he is replaced by the Hon. Mr Justice Ma as chairman. Mr Li has been a staunch supporter of the Bar Scholarship Scheme since its introduction, and without his unfailing support and wise guidance, the Bar Scholarship would not have enjoyed the prestige and status that it has today. The Committee wishes to express its deepest gratitude to Mr Li for all that he had done for the Bar Scholarship Scheme.
8. Ronny Wong, SC, also stepped down as a member of the Committee during the year, and the Committee would also like to thank him for his contributions over the years. He is replaced by Godfrey Lam, SC.
9. Member of the Special Committee on Bar Scholarship are:

The Hon Mr Justice Ma, CJ (Chairman)
The Hon Mr Justice Au
Gary Plowman, SC
Paul Shieh, SC
Godfrey Lam, SC
Stewart Wong

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Secretary to the Special Committee on Bar Scholarship
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