

**PRESS CONFERENCE FOR
THE HONG KONG LEGAL WALK 2022**

The Hong Kong Bar Association is pleased to officially announce the inaugural Hong Kong Legal Walk 2022, and will hold a press conference for such purpose with details as follows:

Date : 18 October 2021, Monday
Venue : Cliftons, 5/F United Centre, Admiralty, Hong Kong
Time : 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For many years lawyers in London have taken part in a sponsored charity walk through central London known as the London Legal Walk. The last time the London Legal Walk was held before the Covid epidemic it raised almost 900,000 pounds for charity. The walk is traditionally a fairly short and easy walk which does not require a high level of fitness, so as to encourage participation.

In 2020 a legal publisher, Mr Jonathan Bell, approached the Hong Kong Bar Association with a proposal to organize a legal charity walk in Hong Kong, similar to the London Legal Walk. At its meeting on 20 December 2020 the Bar Council agreed to support a Hong Kong Legal Walk modelled on the London Legal Walk.

An organizing committee including barristers and solicitors has been making preparations for the Walk since early 2021. It was originally hoped to hold the Walk in late 2021 but because of Covid 19 restrictions it has been necessary to postpone it to 2022.

It has now been agreed that, subject to the Covid situation, the first Hong Kong Legal Walk will take place in March 2022. The course of the Walk will be from Taikoo Shing to Central, and the Walk will be in support of four charities: the **Hong Kong Cancer Fund**; the **Changing Young Lives Foundation**; the **Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims**; and **HELP for Domestic Workers**. The aim of the Walk is to raise money for good causes by means of an enjoyable day out, and at the same time to enhance the image of the profession by reminding the community that lawyers care about the less fortunate.

The Bar Chairman, Mr Paul Harris SC, will deliver a welcome speech at the Press Conference. Mr Jonathan Bell, Mr Azan Marwah (the member of the Bar Council responsible for matters relating to the Walk) and Ms Angel Wong (the Bar representative on the organizing committee) will hold the press conference and address relevant enquiries concerning the Walk.

Due to the prevailing Covid 19 restrictions, social distancing will be maintained. The maximum capacity of the venue for the press conference is 50 persons, and the Press will be admitted to the venue on a first-come-first-served basis.

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