

## **Report on Standing Committee on Bar Website 2018**

### **Work done by the Website Committee**

The Bar website performs satisfactorily. Update of the website can be done in-house by the secretariat staff without the help of an I.T. technician.

The online Bar List is updated daily. Some enhancements are now being made to the Bar's membership system so as to improve the performance and stability of the online Bar List.

Members and pupils are now making good use of the website to register for ALE courses, seminars, talks, visits and events organized by the Bar, and apply for YB subsidies and renewal of professional indemnity insurance.

A video and audio player has been added in the password-protected Members' Area. Thanks to members who worked as volunteers to record the memorable moments such as the dragon boat races, and the singing contests.

It is encouraging for us to see the increasingly wide adoption of the Bar website among members:

- (i) As of today, over 1,280 user accounts have been set up versus 1,080 user accounts in 2017. We also see more and more senior members registering their user accounts. The Bar is moving in the right direction, going green and paper-less.
- (ii) Most talks/courses were registered online. On average, over 100 registrations were received for each ALE talk/course. For some courses, seats were all taken up online within 24 hours. The online registration system not only eases the workload of the Secretariat, but also provides more effective services to members. Place allocation is more transparent, which is important when there are subsidies or when the responses are too overwhelming.

### **Going Forward**

While online registration system works efficiently, we have received requests from members, who were not able to get their seats online, to record the lectures. With the built-in video and audio player, the Committee is studying the feasibility of establishing a "Resources Centre" as an archive of recordings of lectures, course materials and handouts for members' reference.

On the other hand, the simplified Chinese version of the website has been built and contents of it are now being proofread. It is estimated that the simplified Chinese version can be officially launched in the first quarter of 2019.

### **Membership:**

Martin Wong (Chairman)  
Isaac Chan (Vice Chairman)  
Deanna Law  
Ivan Lee

The Committee is committed to provide members with more efficient services by using I.T. The Bar website will continue to be the platform for communication between the Bar and its members.

Last but not the least; I would like to thank all members of the Committee and the secretariat staff for their unfailing support.

Martin Wong  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Bar Website

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