

Report on Standing Committee on International Practice 2019 (“SCIPrac”)

The 2019 activities of members of the International Practice Committee included:

- Attending the AJLS Panel of the Legislative Council on behalf of the Bar to support a consultation process regarding the possible adoption of the Convention on the International Sale of Goods.
- Promoting Hong Kong’s legal services (including the Bar’s services) internationally, including exploring opportunities for Hong Kong Bar members to speak at international conferences and participating in international conferences.
- Working with the Chairman/other members of the Bar Council and with the Law Society of Hong Kong to organize and present a joint breakfast on Hong Kong’s Legal System and One Country Two Systems at the IBA Annual Conference in Seoul in September 2019.
- Participating in the development of the eBRAM International Arbitration & Mediation Online Dispute Resolution Centre in Hong Kong.
- Reviewing the implementation of Chapter 13 of the Bar Code to date and possible further areas for revision.
- Regarding the Belt & Road:
 - Participating in delegations of professional and business organizations led by the Secretary of Commerce to various destinations in Asia, the Middle East and Europe.
 - Discussing the opportunities for the Bar arising from the Belt & Road Initiative and providing comments to the Bar Council’s representatives.
- Meeting, as requested by the Bar Chairman, with international delegations and representatives of international bodies.
- Preparing a budget for the work of the International Practice Committee

The members of the International Practice Committee in 2019 were Kim Rooney (Chair), Douglas Clark (Vice Chair), Hectar Pun SC, James McGowan, Richard Zimmern, Colin Wright, Thomas Lee, Isaac Chan, Benny Lo, Alan Lo, Hugh Kam, David Fong, Wanki Park (Moses), Victoria Yue (*ceased practice, till 5/2019*), Adela Mao, Justin Paul Ismail and Christopher To.

May I thank Committee members very much for their work during 2019, and also thank Ms. Amy Lee of the HKBA Secretariat for her great assistance to the Committee.

Kim M Rooney
Chair
Standing Committee on International Practice
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