

Report of the Standing Committee on Patrick Yu Memorial Scholarship 2019

1. The Committee was set up this year to manage the Patrick Yu Memorial Fund in memory of the late Mr Patrick Yu Shuk Siu who passed away in January this year. The Committee is chaired by the Honourable Madam Justice Kwan, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal, who was a pupil of Mr Yu. Members include the Honourable Mr Justice Patrick Chan, Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, and Mr Mok Yeuk-chi, both pupils of Mr Yu; Ms Dominica Yang, daughter of Mr Yu; Mr Tony Li and myself.
2. The Scholarship Fund aims at encouraging junior members of the Bar of high calibre to practise in criminal work or to join criminal practice, which was one of the main areas of practice of Mr Yu. Tentatively the Fund seeks to link up the awardee of the Scholarship with a senior counsel or counsel assigned in legally-aided cases to appear as junior in a criminal trial or appeal, funded by a daily honorarium from the Fund, in the hope that the Legal Aid Department may instruct the awardee directly in future cases.
3. Draft Rules of the Scholarship have been approved by the Bar Council and are pending approval by the Inland Revenue Department to confirm its charitable status. It is hoped that the Scholarship will be in full operation in March 2020.

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