

Report of the Special Committee on Overseas Admission

1. In 2011, there were altogether 48 proposed applications for admissions of overseas counsel on an ad hoc basis in Hong Kong as opposed to 35 applications in 2010. Among the 48 applications, there were 4 applications in criminal cases.
2. This year, the Special Committee gave its consent to 40 applications and opposed 8 applications.
3. The total number of applications allowed is 41, 3 of which are criminal cases.
4. This year, there was also an application for the admission of an overseas junior counsel on an ad hoc basis but this application was refused by the Bar Council.
5. We would like to express our gratitude to each member of this Special Committee for their valuable time and efforts spent in considering the applications. Very often, the applications were rather voluminous and required urgent attention.
6. Special thanks are also due to those members of the Bar Association who had devoted their time to represent the Bar Council on a pro bono basis to oppose applications before the Court.
7. Membership of Special Committees are:
(Civil) – Kumar Ramanathan SC (Chairman), Andrew Liao SC, Gladys Li SC, Philip Dykes SC, Robert Whitehead SC, Teresa Cheng SC, Clifford Smith SC, Rimsky Yuen SC, Anderson Chow SC, Winnie Tam SC, Russell Coleman SC, Stewart Wong SC, Benjamin Chain, Priscilla Wong, PY Lo and Hectar Pun.

(Criminal) – Michael Blanchflower SC (Chairman), Gary Plowman SC, Wong Man-Kit SC, Peter Duncan SC, Alexander King SC, Joseph Tse SC, Selwyn Yu SC, Richard Wong and Osmond Lam.

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