

Report of the Committee Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights 2024

On 28 February 2024, the Bar Association published its comments on “Safeguarding National Security: Basic Law Article 23 Legislation” through the public consultation exercise conducted by the Hong Kong Government. The commentary provided was based on extensive research of overseas jurisdictions and covered all 9 areas in which public consultation was sought. Our committee assisted the Bar Association in the research and drafting process, and I would like to thank all members who selflessly contributed their time for this important piece of work.

We have also been active in providing talks to our members in areas of topical interest, having organized an ALE talk on the issue of “Judicial Review in Refugee Cases”. It was an incredible success, and on behalf of the committee, I thank Tim Parker, Denise Souza, Isabel Tam and Joshua Baker for agreeing to speak on that occasion. We will be arranging further talks in the near future.

We have also reached out to the Duty Lawyer Council about the prospects of holding a CAT training course and will provide updates once we have more information.

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