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HKSAR 25th Anniversary Legal Conference on Basic Law

本固枝榮

Stability to Prosperity

27 May 2022 | 09:00 - 17:45 (GMT +8)

Year 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the implementation of the Basic Law. The Department of Justice (the “DoJ”) would host a Legal Conference on Basic Law – Stability to Prosperity on 27 May 2022 (Friday) and announce the publication of its debut Basic Law sourcebook “Basic Law: Selected Drafting Materials and Significant Cases” at the Legal Conference.

The Legal Conference aims to highlight that the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China (the “Constitution”) is the genesis of the Basic Law, and “one country” is the foundation of “two systems”. The HKSAR can only capitalize on its unique position under “two systems”, utilize strengths, and contribute to our country if an accurate understanding of the relationship between the Constitution and the Basic Law is cultivated and a proper sense of national identity is nurtured.



- CPD points: 7 points
- Simultaneous interpretation in English, Cantonese and Putonghua will be provided.
- Free Registration
<https://www.bl25aconference.com/onlineregistration>
- Enquiries
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TIME (GMT +8)	PROGRAMME
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	<p>Opening Ceremony cum Photo-taking Session</p> <p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, The Chief Executive of the HKSAR of the PRC • Mr Wang Ling-gui, Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council • Mr Chen Dong, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR <p>Guests at Photo-taking Session (including):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Liu Guang-yuan, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR • Mr Li Jiang-zhou, Deputy Head of the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR • Major General Mr Wang Zhao-bing, Deputy Political Commissar of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison (to be confirmed)
09:30 - 10:15	<p>Keynote Speech: “One Country, Two Systems” Policy: Development and Way Forward</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shen Chun-yao, Chairperson of the Basic Law Committee of the HKSAR of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress <p>This Keynote Speech will elucidate the essence of “one country, two systems” being a well-considered and long-term policy of our country, instead of a band-aid measure. The Basic Law is a national law institutionalizing “one country, two systems”.</p> <p>The speaker will examine the background, genesis and concept of “one country, two systems”, its role in national development, and review the contributions brought by “one country, two systems” to the development of our country and the HKSAR in the past 25 years. The speaker will share with the audience the Central Authorities’ vision, inspiration and ambition in the implementation of “one country, two systems”, how Hong Kong’s different system can contribute to future national development, and complement the strengths of the Mainland, and how the HKSAR and the Mainland can strive a new height together in the years to come.</p>

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10:15 - 11:00	<p>Keynote Dialogue: Staying Abreast of Times – 25 years’ Implementation of the Basic Law</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Ms Teresa Cheng Yeuk-wah, GBM, GBS, SC, JP, The Secretary for Justice • The Hon Ms Maria Tam Wai-chu, GBM, GBS, CBE, JP, Vice-chairperson of the Basic Law Committee of the HKSAR of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress <p>The panelists will embark on a keynote dialogue on the theme of the Legal Conference “Stability to Prosperity”. The panelists will discuss how the HKSAR has transformed from chaos to order, and progressed from order to prosperity by nurturing an accurate understanding of the fundamental principle of “one country, two systems” as well as the obligation to safeguard the HKSAR’s constitutional order set up jointly by the Constitution and the Basic Law. Only when the roots are deep, can the branches flourish. The panelists will also announce the official publication of the DoJ’s sourcebook, “Basic Law: Selected Drafting Materials and Significant Cases” and discuss the intent and purposes of the sourcebook.</p>
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 11:45	<p>Thematic Speech: Interpretation of the Basic Law</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Mr Henry Denis Litton, GBM, JP, Former Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal
11:45 - 13:00	<p>Keynote Speech cum Panel Discussion: Joint Force of the Enactment of the National Security Law and Improvement of the Electoral System – Consolidating the Basics</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Zhu Guo-bin, Professor, School of Law of City University of Hong Kong <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Deng Zhong-hua, Former Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, President of the Chinese Association of Hong Kong & Macao Studies

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	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Mr Tam Yiu-chung, GBM, GBS, JP, Member of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress • The Hon Ms Maggie Chan Man-ki, MH, JP, Deputy to the National People’s Congress • Prof Wong Yuk-shan, SBS, BBS, JP, Member of the Basic Law Committee of the HKSAR of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress • The Hon Mr Tang Ping-keung, PDSM, JP, The Secretary for Security <p>The panelists will discuss how the joint force of the enactment of the National Security Law and the improvement of Hong Kong’s electoral system can implement the principle of “patriots administering Hong Kong”, improve the mechanism of safeguarding national security under the Basic Law, and strengthen the premise of “one country” with a view to ensuring the continued success of “one country, two systems”.</p>
13:00 - 14:15	Luncheon
14:15 - 15:15	<p>Panel Discussion: Hong Kong’s Blooming Capitalist System – Chapter V of the Basic Law</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anthony Neoh, SC, JP, Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Mrs Laura Cha Shih May-lung, GBM, GBS, JP, Chairperson of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited • Mr Norman Chan Tak-lam, GBS, Former Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority • Mr Ashok S. Kothari, Managing Director and Senior Partner of Asia Pacific Capital (HK) Limited • Mr Zhang Jian-ping, Director General of the Center for Regional Economic Cooperation of Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce <p>The panelists will share their insights on how the HKSAR thrives as an international financial centre as well as a business and trade centre under Article 5 and Chapter V of the Basic Law. The panelists will also discuss Hong Kong’s success as a top IPO centre and the largest offshore Renminbi centre and how Hong Kong’s unique position contributes to the national economic development and internationalization of Renminbi.</p>

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15:30 - 16:30	<p>Panel Discussion: Why is the Common Law So Important to Hong Kong’s Free Economy?</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof the Hon Mr Arthur Li Kwok-cheung, GBM, GBS, JP, Member of the Basic Law Committee of the HKSAR of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Mr Justice Patrick Chan Siu-oi, GBM, Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal • Prof Albert Chen Hung-ye, GBS, JP, Member of the Basic Law Committee of the HKSAR of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress • Dr Thomas So Shiu-tsung, JP, Former President of the Law Society of Hong Kong • Mr Johnny Mok Shiu-luen, SC, BBS, Member of the Basic Law Committee of the HKSAR of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress <p>Hong Kong continues to practise common law under the “one country, two systems” principle. While following case precedents, the common law is flexible and can adapt to evolving circumstances through judge-made law. In addition, the independence of the judiciary is constitutionally guaranteed under the Basic Law. The common law strengthens and enhances Hong Kong’s status as an international financial centre as well as an international legal and dispute resolution services hub. The panelists will examine the development of common law in Hong Kong under the Basic Law. Why the common law is the bedrock of Hong Kong’s success as a leading commercial and financial centre? The panelists will also discuss Hong Kong’s way of life maintained under Articles 5, 8 and 81 of the Basic Law, including the continued development of the common law, legal system and judicial system.</p>

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16:30 - 17:45	<p data-bbox="379 338 632 412">Media interview: Walk the Talk</p> <p data-bbox="379 445 539 477">Moderator:</p> <ul data-bbox="379 501 1485 575" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="379 501 1485 575">• Dr the Hon Mr Allan Zeman, GBM, GBS, JP, Chairperson of Lan Kwai Fong Group <p data-bbox="379 607 485 638">Guests:</p> <ul data-bbox="379 663 1485 943" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="379 663 1302 694">• Mr Hans Michael Jebsen, BBS, Chairperson of Jebsen Group<li data-bbox="379 719 1485 792">• Mr Eric Ma Siu-cheung, GBS, JP, Chief Executive Officer of NWS Holdings Limited<li data-bbox="379 817 1485 891">• Dr the Hon Mr Simon Lee Ho-ey, MH, JP, Chief Strategy Officer (Greater Bay Area) of China Resources Group<li data-bbox="379 916 1485 947">• Mr Toni Younes, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Paul Lafayet <p data-bbox="379 972 1485 1149">The panelists will explore why Hong Kong has continued to attract investors from all over the world to do business in Hong Kong and make Hong Kong their home. Various provisions of the Basic Law provide constitutional safeguards to Hong Kong's free economy, including Article 108 (low tax policy), Article 109 (appropriate economic and legal environment), Article 112 (free flow of capital), Article 115 (free trade), Article 8 (common law) and Article 85 (judicial independence).</p>