

Ref. No.: 2015/214

26 October 2015

MEMORANDUM TO ALL MEMBERS

Public Consultation on Legal Education and Training

The Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training (SCLET), an independent statutory organisation established under S74A of the *Legal Practitioners Ordinance* (Cap. 159), is now conducting a comprehensive review on Hong Kong's legal education and training, in pursuance of enhancing the professional standard and quality of legal practitioners and meeting challenges and needs of Hong Kong society for legal services. The consultation will end on 14 November 2015. For the full version of the consultation document, members may refer to the following website: <http://www.sclet.gov.hk/eng/pdf/cone.pdf>

Among the various subject matters, SCLET invites responses and comments on the following aspects which are relevant to the industry as users of legal services:

1. The needs of Hong Kong society regarding legal services at present and in the near future;
2. The new demands on legal services in Hong Kong in the view of
 - (a) the Government's policy to develop Hong Kong as an international legal services and dispute resolution centre in Asia Pacific;
 - (b) the globalisation of the legal services sector;
 - (c) the development of CEPA and the opening up of Mainland market for legal work which is Mainland-related;
 - (d) any emerging problems involving human rights and legal issues relating to the environment, privacy, immigration and other discrete or emerging fields of law; and
 - (e) other new demands on legal services which have not yet identified

Please let us know your views:

Members who have any views on the consultation are invited to inform us by 6 November 2015 (Fax No: 2721 3494 or email jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk). For enquiries, please contact Jeffreys Tsang at 2732 3197.

Policy, Research & Communications Division