

**The Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 29 October 2015**

President's Report 2014 / 2015

This 2015 AGM sees the conclusion of my two year term as your President.

Throughout the year your Council has kept its focus on advancing the interests of intellectual property practitioners and intellectual property rights owners and acting as a forum to keep the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department ("IPD") and other bodies informed of the views of trade mark practitioners.

ITMP Website

I am very pleased to announce that we have had a re-vamping and updating of our website, the first since it was launched some fifteen year ago. The new site is now ready and should be going live in the next few weeks. It has a much more modern look and feel, but as always we are dependent on our members for content ideas and contributions, so please do send in your comments and thoughts.

Committees

We have six focused Committees set up to address specific areas of the IP practice and this year a seventh to review and relaunch our ITMP website:

1. **Copyright** – Steven Birt, Charmaine Koo, Barry Yen
2. **Trade Marks** – Peggy Cheung, Sandra Gibbons, Theresa Mak
3. **Patents and Designs** – Barry Yen, Justin Davidson, Jeffrey McLean
4. **Seminar Committee** – Winnie Yue, Charmaine Koo
5. **Newsletter Committee** – Davina Lee, Serena Lim
6. **Social Functions** – Nick Horvath, Andrea Fong, Barry Yen
7. **ITMP Website** – Justin Davidson, Barry Yen, Jeffrey McLean

I wish to thank all Council Members and Co-Op Member for all their hard work and contributions, with special thanks to our office bearers, our Vice President,

Davina Lee, Secretary Serena Lim, Membership Secretary Benjamin Choi and Treasurer Cynthia Houg.

The Institute is a joint effort of all Council Members and all of you, without which we would not be here today, and would not have been able to do what we have done.

I wish in particular to express our sincere appreciation to:

- the website team for the new look and re-launch of our ITMP website;
- the Patent Committee Members and our Co-Op Member Jeffrey McLean for their contributions to the working group on patent agency regulation and the proposed focus groups on the new patent bill that is being introduced to LegCo on 11 November 2015;
- the Seminar Committee for their efforts in organizing our lunch time seminars;
- the Newsletter Committee's help in preparing our newsletters.

Bi-Annual Meetings with the IPD

The Council Members met with the IPD twice in the last year.

Bi-Annual Meetings were held on 22 April 2015 and 26 October 2015, to discuss policies and working issues.

Some notable issues raised include:

1. Costs in non-use cancellations filed against expired registrations;
2. Engagement of law costs draftsmen;
3. Delays in recording of assignments.

Please refer to our Newsletters for details.

Prizes

The HKITMP continues to sponsor an IP Prize scholarship for the respective graduate program at the Chinese University.

The Chinese University Faculty of Law nominated Ms. Lydia Leung for Intellectual Property in the academic year 2014/15.

We have the pleasure of having the company of Ms. Leung tonight and there will be an award presentation after our AGM.

Invitations

Members were invited to a number of events and seminars organized by various IP bodies during the past year. Below are some of the events and outside seminars attended by representatives of the HKITMP:

1. Business of IP Asia Forum 2014 on 4/5 December 2014.
2. Signing of MOU with KIPO on 29 January 2015.
3. Mainland, HK and Macau IP Symposium on 28 April 2015.
4. IPD Focus User Group Meeting on 15 May 2015.
5. IPD Mediation Workshop on 23 May 2015.
6. IIPCC Hong Kong Chapter Launch on 4 June 2015.
7. Guangdong / HK Seminar on IP and Development of SMEs on 5 June 2015.
8. IPD Public Lecture by Professor David Llewelyn on 12 June 2015.
9. IPD Public Lecture by His Honour Judge Richard Hacon of IPEC Court on 14 August 2015

We will continue to support the Business of IP Asia Forum this year through our association as a supporting organization.

HKITMP Lunch Seminars

We continued to run our popular lunch time seminar series:

1. Douglas Clark on New Developments in IP Litigation in China on 30 January 2015.
2. Jong Lee on Tangible and Intangible Markets: Monetizing Ideas in Asia on 31 March 2015.
3. Ms Winne Tam SC on Recent jurisprudence on confusion and deception in trade mark infringement and passing-off on 17 June 2015.

These seminars are free for ITMP members, with a small charge if wishing to collect CPD points, and you are encouraged to attend if possible.

Our next lunchtime seminar will be from Phillips Wang on 24 November 2015.

Social Event

We had a very enjoyable and different social event this year.

We held a summer Graffiti Art evening on 7 July 2015 at the Pantone Graffiti Workshop on a Kowloon rooftop.

Special thanks to Winnie Yue who helped to organize this great event.

Suggestions for future social events are very much welcomed.

Membership

We now have 132 members of the Institute. We have admitted seven new members in the past 12 months:

Name	Firm	Type of Membership	Join Date
Katherine Lai	Marks & Clerk	Ordinary	27 July 2015
Yannie Chan	inCompass IP International	Ordinary	27 July 2015
Alan Chiu	Hogan Lovells	Ordinary	Awaiting subs
Eugene Low	Hogan Lovells	Ordinary	Awaiting subs
Amy Chung	Deacons	Ordinary	27 July 2015
Marcia Lee	Baker & McKenzie	Ordinary	11 September 2015
Rhonda Wah	AWA Asia Limited	Ordinary	6 October 2015

Council Meetings

Council Members continue to meet monthly, barring clashes with major holidays, or conferences. In the past year, we had nine meetings on the following Wednesdays:-

1st – 17 November 2014

2nd – 17 December 2014

3rd – 28 January 2015

4th – 25 February 2015

5th – 18 March 2015

6th – 15 April 2015

7th – 20 May 2015

8th – 24 June 2015

9th – 29 July 2015

10th – 2 September 2015

11th – 30 September 2015

I wish to thank all the participating firms for generously hosting these Council Meetings.

Council Members

We have had 17 members serving on Council during the past 12 months:

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| 1. Justin Davidson | - | President |
| 2. Davina Lee | - | Vice President |
| 3. Cynthia Houg | - | Treasurer |
| 4. Serena Lim | - | Secretary |
| 5. Benjamin Choi | - | Membership Secretary |
| 6. Patsy Lau | | |
| 7. Barry Yen | | |
| 8. Steven Birt | | |
| 9. Peggy Cheung | | |
| 10. Nicolas Bodnar-Horvath | | |
| 11. Charmaine Koo | | |
| 12. Ruby Chan | | |
| 13. Helen Tang | | |
| 14. Theresa Mak | | |
| 15. Winnie Yue | | |
| 16. Sandra Gibbons | | |
| 17. Andrea Fong | | |

We have also had the pleasure to have Jeffrey McLean as our Co-Op Affiliate Member again this year.

Each year, half of the Council Members will retire for re-election. This year, the Council Members who retire are:

1. Davina Lee
2. Benjamin Choi
3. Charmaine Koo
4. Ruby Chan
5. Theresa Mak
6. Serena Lim
7. Andrea Fong
8. Winnie Yue.

I am pleased to report that all of them are standing for re-election.

Summary

The above is my report on some of the works undertaken this year by the Council members, for which I thank them. I also thank you all for your support of the Institute.



Justin Davidson
President
29 October 2015