

**The Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 28 September 2016**

**President's Report 2015/2016**

Welcome to the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners. I would like to thank members of the Council who have made this evening's event possible, namely Nick Horvath and Serena Lim for preparation of the agenda and meeting papers and Cynthia Houg for preparing the Institute's accounts. Additional thanks are due to Nick for making all the arrangements for this evening's dinner. I would also like to thank all members for attending the meeting this evening and those who have sent their apologies.

I am pleased to deliver this report on my first year as President of the Institute.

**HKITMP Website**

I am glad to report that the new HKITMP website went live in March this year and I would like to thank Jeffrey McLean and Barry Yen for making this possible.

**Committees**

This year there have been 8 committees including a new arbitration committee. Membership of those committees comprises:-

Trade Marks Committee – Peggy Cheung, Sandra Gibbons, Patsy Lau

Patents and Designs Committee – Justin Davidson, Jeffrey McLean

Copyright Committee – Barry Yen, Charmaine Koo, Winnie Yue

Seminar Committee - Charmaine Koo, Winnie Yue, Justin Davidson

Social Events Committee – Nick Horvath, Andrea Fong, Barry Yen

Arbitration Committee – Winnie Yue, Charmaine Koo, Barry Yen, Justin Davidson

Website Committee – Jeffrey McLean, Barry Yen

Newsletter Committee – Ruby Chan, Justin Davidson

I would like to thank all Committee members and our Co-Op Affiliate Member for all their time and hard work, in particular: -

- The Arbitration Committee for their work on the Government's Consultation with IP Stakeholders on the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2016.
- The Seminar Committee for their work in coming up with and organising our lunchtime seminars
- The website committee for the relaunch of the site

**Bi-Annual Meetings with the IPD**

There has been one Bi-Annual Meeting this year which took place on 28 April 2016. Another is expected to be held next month.

Some of the matters discussed with the IPD included:-

- Language of proceedings
- Letters of consent
- Computation of deadlines

### **Invitations**

Over the course of the year, members received invitations to attend or participate in a number of seminars and events. Some of the events attended by members of the Institute include:-

1. 2 Dec 2015 Advanced Professional Intellectual Property Update
2. 17 March 2016 "The Madrid Protocol - an Overview of the Mexican Experience"
3. 25 April 2016 World IP Day Celebration Luncheon
4. 11 May 2016 IP Mediation Seminar "Assessing the Suitability of Evaluative Mediation to Resolve IP Disputes"
5. 17 June 2016 Guangdong/Hong Kong Seminar on Intellectual Property and Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (Shenzhen) 2016
6. 22 August 2016 IP Forum on the Latest Developments in the UK and HK
7. 22 August 2016 Meeting with CIPA/ITMA Representatives
8. 6 September 2016 - Breakfast Meeting with IP Bodies at the IPD

Taking place on 1-2 December 2016 the Institute will once again be a supporting organisation for the annual Business of IP Asia Forum.

### **HKITMP Lunchtime Seminars**

Four very well attended lunchtime seminars have been held this year:-

24 November 2015 - "Practice in Trade Marks Registry (Contentious Proceedings)" by Philips Wong

14 January 2016 - "Robyn Rihanna Fenty v Arcadia t/a Topshop case and celebrity image rights" by Martin Howe QC

6 June 2016 on the topic of "Arbitrating IP Disputes" by Benny Lo

14 September 2016 "Recent jurisprudence on shadow companies, cross-border goodwill and reputation, and use of signs on the internet" by Sebastian Hughes

Suggestions from members for speakers or topics of interest are always welcome.

### **Social Events**

Our social events for this year kicked off with memorable Spring Dinner on 16 March 2016 at Cafe Malacca followed by an action packed bubble soccer tournament on 15 June 2016. Special thanks to Serena Lim and Patsy Lau for helping to organise these events.

### **Newsletters**

Our latest newsletter was issued at the end of last year and the next edition is currently being finalised. I am grateful to Ruby Chan and Justin Davidson for the time and effort that they have put into producing the newsletter.

### **Membership**

Our membership currently stands at 104 which is a decrease from the 111 fully paid members we had for 2015 and I hope that we can improve on this figure in the coming year.

Since the last AGM on 29 October 2015 we have welcomed the following members to the Institute:

Fong Pui Kwong  
Theresa Luk Ching Ping  
Nina Fitzgerald

### **Council Meetings**

For the year 2015-2016 the following Council meetings have taken place:-

1. 29 October 2015
2. December 2015
3. January 2016
4. February 2016
5. March 2016
6. 20 April 2016
7. 20 July 2016
8. 17 August 2016

I would like to thank all the firms who have generously hosted the meetings over the past year.

### **Council Members**

I would like to thank all Council members and office bearers Vice President - Benjamin Choi, Treasurer - Cynthia Houg, Secretary - Serena Lim and Membership Secretary - Theresa Mak for all their contributions throughout the year. For the year 2015-2016 the following members have served on the Council:-

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

Jeffrey McLean has continued to serve as Co-Op Affiliate Member for another year.

The council members retiring this year are:-

1. Barry Yen
2. Nick Bodnar-Horvath
3. Cynthia Houg
4. Steven Birt
5. Patsy Lau
6. Sandra Gibbons
7. Helen Tang
8. Justin Davidson

All retiring council members are standing for re-election with the exception of Sandra Gibbons and I am pleased to report that Katherine Lai has been nominated for election to fill the vacancy.

### **Summary**

That concludes my report and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

**Davina Lee**  
**President**  
**The Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners**