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## HCCH Asia Pacific Week | 2023

**Access to Justice and Sustainable Development:  
The Impact of the HCCH in an Inter-Connected World**

**11-14 September 2023**

**Venue:** Philip K.H. Wong Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Law, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, The University of Hong Kong

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## Day One | Monday 11 September 2023

13:00 Registration

### Opening

14:00 Welcome Remarks

**Mr John Lee Ka-Chiu**, *Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China*

**Ministerial-Level Official**, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Online, TBC)*

**Commissioner**, *Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong SAR (TBC)*

**Mr Paul Lam Ting-Kwok**, *Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China*

**Prof Xiang Zhang**, *President and Vice Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China*

**Dr Christophe Bernasconi**, *Secretary General of the HCCH*

14:50 Group Photo

### Session 1 | The HCCH: Benefits of Membership & Key Conventions

15:00 Introductory Presentation: An Overview of the HCCH

**Dr Christophe Bernasconi**, Secretary General of the HCCH

15:15 Keynote Speech: Private International Law and the Rule of Law

**Chief Justice Andrew Cheung**, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

15:30 Regional Perspectives

[HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ROAP:](#)

**Prof Yun Zhao**, Representative of the HCCH ROAP / Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

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**Dr James Ding**, Chair, APEC Economic Committee / Law Officer (International Law), Department of Justice of the Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

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**Mr Dennis Cai**, Deputy Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre

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**Ms Melissa Pang**, President, LawAsia

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**Dr Jin Sun**, Director General of the IMOed Preparatory Office

16:10 Q&A

16:30 *Break*

**Session 2 | To Be Confirmed (Joint Statement)**

17:00 TBC (Discussion and Adoption of the Joint Statement)

18:15 *Welcome Reception (By Invitation Only)*

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## Day Two | Tuesday 12 September 2023 – A Day of Celebration: The 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HCCH and the Entry into Force of the 2019 Judgments Convention

08:30 Registration

### Session 3 | 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HCCH (Part One)

09:30 Opening: The 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HCCH

**Dr Christophe Bernasconi**, Secretary General of the HCCH

**Deputy Director General**, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (TBC)

10:00 Keynote Speech: The Role of Private International Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Prof Jin Huang**, President, Chinese Society of Private International Law

10:15 Panel: Challenges and Opportunities for Private International Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Prof Junhyok Jang**, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea

**Prof Alan Gibb**, Professional Consultant, Associate Professor of Practice in Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (TBC)

10:45 Q&A

11:00 *Break*

### Session 4 | 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HCCH (Part Two)

11:30 Panel: Regional Perspectives of the Impact of the HCCH

**Prof Tao Du**, Dean, School of International Law, East China University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China

**Prof Patthara Limsira**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand

12:00 Panel: Looking Forward to the Next 130 Years: Challenges and Opportunities for the HCCH

**Hon Justice Xiaoli Gao**, Chief Judge of the Fourth Civil Division, Supreme People's Court, People's Republic of China

**Ms Delphia Lim**, Director, International Division, Ministry of Law, Singapore

12:40 Q&A

13:00 *Lunch*

### Session 5 | Entry into Force of the 2019 Judgments Convention (Part One)

14:30 Keynote Speech: The 2019 Judgments Convention – A Gamechanger in Transnational Litigation

**Hon Justice David Goddard** (Online), Judge, High Court and Court of Appeal, New Zealand

14:50 Introduction to the 2019 Judgments Convention: History, Text, and Impact

**Prof Yuko Nishitani**, Kyoto University, Japan

15:10 Panel: Joining the 2019 Judgments Convention: Experiences of Contracting Parties

**Prof Fernando Dias Simoes**, Associate Professor of Law at Lusíada University of Porto and Portucalense University, Porto, Portugal

**Dr Jacek Kozikowski**, Partner, Kochanski & Partners, Poland

15:40 Q&A

16:00 *Break*

## **Session 6 | Entry into Force of the 2019 Judgments Convention (Part Two)**

16:30 Benefits and Challenges of the Judgments Convention

**Prof Zhengxin Huo**, Professor of Law, School of International Law at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), People's Republic of China

16:50 Panel: Regional Perspectives

**Ms Peggy Au Yeung**, Principal Government Counsel, Department of Justice of the Government, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

**Judge Soojin Cho**, Judge, Seoul Western District Court, Republic of Korea

17:30 Looking Forward: The Jurisdiction Project

**Prof Keisuke Takeshita**, Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

17:50 Q&A

18:15 *Dinner (By Invitation Only)*

## Day Three | Wednesday 13 September 2023

08:30 Registration

### Transnational Litigation and Legal Cooperation

#### Session 7 | 2005 Choice of Court Convention

09:30 Introductory Presentation

**Prof Jianwen Luo**, Professor, School of Law, Sun Yat-sen University, People's Republic of China

09:50 Regional Perspectives

**Prof Gyooho Lee** (Online), Professor, School of Law, Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea

**Prof Afifah Kusumadara**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Brawijaya University, Indonesia

10:10 Q&A

#### Session 8 | 1961 Apostille Convention

10:30 Introductory Presentation

**Mr Simon Kwang**, Registrar, High Court of the Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

10:50 Regional Perspectives

**Ms Dyan Kristine Miranda-Pastrana**, Director, Office of Consular Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines

**Mr Paul Neo**, Chief Operations Officer & Chief Financial Officer, Singapore Academy of Law, Singapore

11:10 Q&A

11:30 *Break*

#### Session 9 | 1965 Service Convention & 1970 Evidence Convention

12:00 Introductory Presentation

**Mr Brody Warren** (Online), Assistant Director, Private International & Commercial Law Section, Attorney-General's Department, Australia

12:20 Regional Perspectives

**Hon Raul B. Villanueva**, Court Administrator, Supreme Court of the Philippines

**Ms Pham Ho Huong**, Department of International Law, Ministry of Justice, Vietnam

12:40 Q&A

13:00 *Lunch*

## International Commercial, Digital and Financial Law

### Session 10 | Normative Work in International Commercial, Digital and Financial Law

14:30 Normative Work at the HCCH: The Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) Project, HCCH-UNIDROIT Digital Assets and Tokens (DAT) Joint Project, Digital Economy Project, and Insolvency Project

**Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar**, Deputy Secretary General of the HCCH

15:00 Regional Perspectives

**Prof Jingxia Shi**, Professor, School of Law, Renmin University of China (RUC)

**Prof Emily Lee**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

15:20 Q&A

### Session 11 | 2015 Choice of Law Principles

15:40 Introductory Presentation

**Prof Guangjian Tu**, Professor, Faculty of Law, the University of Macau, Macau SAR of the People's Republic of China

16:00 Regional Perspectives

**Prof Nobumichi Teramura**, Assistant Professor, the Institute of Asian Studies, University of Brunei Darussalam

**Prof Priskila Pratita Penasthika**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia

16:20 Q&A

16:40 *Break*

### Session 12 | 2006 Securities Convention & 1985 Trusts Convention

17:10 Introductory Presentation

**Prof Yongping Xiao**, Director of International Law Institute, Wuhan University, People's Republic of China

17:30 Regional Perspectives

**Prof Dicky Tsang**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

**Prof Adeline Chong**, Associate Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University, Singapore

17:50 Q&A

18:15 *Dinner (By Invitation Only)*

## Day Four | Thursday 14 September 2023

08:30 Registration

### International Family and Child Protection Law

#### Session 13 | 1993 Adoption Convention

09:30 Introductory Presentation

**Hon Justice Bebe Chu**, Judge, Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

09:50 Regional Perspectives

**Prof Elizabeth H. Aguing-Pangalangan**, Professor, College of Law of the University of the Philippines and Director, Institute of Human Rights, Law Center of the University of the Philippines

**Ms Iris Liu**, Director of Programme, Adoption Programme, Cross-boundary and Inter-country Social Service, International Social Service Hong Kong Branch

10:10 Q&A

#### Session 14 | 1980 Child Abduction Convention & 1996 Child Protection Convention

10:30 Introductory Presentation

**Hon Justice Victoria Bennett**, Judge, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

10:50 Regional Perspectives

**Hon Justice Amy C. Lazaro-Javier**, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines

**Mr Stephen Yau GBS, JP** Chief Executive, International Social Service Hong Kong Branch

**Ms Yet Ngo Foo**, Y.N. Foo & Partners, Malaysia

11:20 Q&A

11:40 *Break*

#### Session 15 | 2000 Protection of Adults Convention & 2007 Child Support Convention

12:10 Introductory Presentation

**Hon Chief Justice John Pascoe AC CVO**, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, former Deputy Chancellor of the University of New South Wales

12:30 Regional Perspectives

**Hon Angelene Mary W. Quimpo-Sale**, Associate Justice of Court of Appeals of the Philippines

**Mr Enzo Chow**, Barrister of the Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of



China

12:50 Q&A

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## Closing

13:10 Closing Remarks

**Mr Horace Cheung Kwok-kwan**, Deputy Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China

**Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar**, Deputy Secretary General of the HCCH

13:30 *Closing Lunch (By Invitation Only)*

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