

Mr Larry KWOK Lam-Kwong, SBS, JP

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Mr Larry KWOK Lam-Kwong completed his secondary and tertiary education in Australia where his family ties can be traced back to his grandfather almost a century ago. As inspired by an Australian judge, Mr Kwok believed in the rules of economics, accounting and laws for the sound operation of any modern society. He hence pursued a 5-year combined law degree programme at the University of Sydney, Australia. He graduated with a double bachelor's degree in accounting / economics in 1979, a bachelor's degree in laws in 1981 and later a master's degree in laws in 1986 specialising in international business law and international taxation law. He was then qualified both as an accountant and a lawyer. As a life-long learner, he made use of his sabbatical leave to attain the Advanced Management Programme diploma from Harvard Business School. Armed with an excellent set of legal, accounting, economics and business management knowledge and skills, Mr Kwok has been serving in the legal profession for nearly 40 years. He founded Kwok & Yih, one of the first few Hong Kong Chinese corporate law firms focusing on corporate finance work, in 1994 and relaunched it under the name Kwok Yih & Chan in 2014. His distinguished practice has earned him high reputation over the years.

Mr Kwok's career model bears eloquent witness to dynamic abilities and drives of the Hong Kong professionals to internationalise their operations and capture business opportunities stemming from China's modernisation. It is this kind of ability that spearheads the dynamic growth of Hong Kong in its recent history. Over the years, Mr Kwok gained a broad mix of experience from working as an accountant in Ernst & Young, an international accounting firm in Australia to becoming a lawyer at Baker McKenzie, the largest international law firm in the world upon his return to Hong Kong in the mid-80s. He later became the first Chinese partner at a top-10 London law firm, Simmons & Simmons. Mr Kwok founded his brand in 1994 and led Kwok & Yih to further internationalise its operations by joining Andersen Legal's international network as a co-operating firm in Hong Kong and Mainland China in 2001. He became the Managing Partner of Andersen Legal in Hong Kong and Mainland China. Mr Kwok's practice covers corporate finance, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, corporate insolvency and restructuring and regulatory investigation work, and he advises on complex transactions at both domestic and international levels.

Riding on the globalisation trend, Mr Kwok strived to grow his legal business to new heights by some transformative actions. He merged his firm with the leading Australian international law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques in 2004. He further engineered the merger of Mallesons Stephen Jaques with the leading PRC law firm King & Wood to form King & Wood Mallesons in 2012 where he was appointed Managing Partner, Asia Strategy & Markets. It is worth noting that at that time, the merger of these two giant law firms helped not only the PRC law firm King & Wood to internationalise its business operations, but, more importantly, to undertake the many outbound investments from China, and to gain access to valuable mineral and energy resources from Down Under.

His outstanding practice has been repeatedly recognised throughout the years by the legal profession. Mr Kwok was rated as a leading lawyer in Capital Markets / Corporate / M&A practice by various international legal publications, such as *Chambers Asia*, *The Asia Pacific Legal 500*, *PLC Which Lawyer?* and *The Legal Who's Who in Hong Kong*. He was recognised by *Asian Legal Business* in 2001/2002 and 2004 as among the 100 hottest lawyers in China.

In addition to practising law, Mr Kwok has a remarkable record of leadership and experience in public service. He has served on numerous Government boards and committees. To note a few, he was appointed Convenor of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Chairman of the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Appeal Board of the Criminal & Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Boards and Vice-Chairman of the Consumer Council. As Vice-Chairman of the Consumer Council, he was a strong advocate for the protection of ordinary people's rights as consumers against corporate trade malpractices and big corporate interests. Mr Kwok was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong government in 2008 for his contribution to the promotion of consumer rights. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee. During his term, the Committee urged the police to step up enforcement actions against rampant illegal parking, supported the Government's proposal to increase illegal parking penalties; proposed measures to ease traffic congestion; monitored the increase of fares of all public transport to safeguard the interests of the travelling public; and drove the initiative to install the first intelligent traffic lights in Hong Kong on the dam section of the Tai Tam Reservoir as a pilot project to ease traffic standstill. In recognition of his distinguished and long public and community services particularly his valuable contributions to the transport field as Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee since 2012, he was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2017. In 2014, Mr Kwok took up the chairmanship of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC). During his term as Chairman, the IPCC has made strides in governance and management so as to enhance the protection of citizen's rights against abuse of police power. The tangible results are manifested in diligently ensuring an independent, fair and unbiased collection of evidence in connection with the investigation of complaints against the police; streamlining the complaint vetting process so as to shorten by nearly 1 month, i.e., 1/3 of the review time; driving improvement changes in police procedures and practices in their dealings with citizens; and clearing all accumulated backlog complex cases in previous years.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of his professional achievements and his significant contributions to Hong Kong society and beyond, may I present to you Mr Larry KWOK Lam-Kwong for conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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郭琳廣先生, SBS, JP

郭琳廣先生於香港出生和成長，在澳洲完成中學和專上教育。早在一個世紀前，郭先生的祖父已在澳洲生活。年少時他受到一位澳洲法官的啟發，深信經濟、會計和法治可以確保現代社會的健全運作，因此，他在悉尼大學修讀為期五年的雙學位法律學士課程。1979年他獲得會計/經濟雙學士學位，再於1981年獲得法學學士學位。及後他修讀法學碩士課程，主修國際商業法和國際稅務法，於1986年獲取法學碩士學位。他同時具有會計師和律師資格。郭先生奉行終身學習，利用退修假期，修讀了哈佛商學院的高級管理課程文憑。郭先生同時擁有卓越的法律、經濟和商業管理知識及技能，在法律界服務已接近40年。他於1994年創立郭葉律師事務所，為全港少數最先專注於企業融資事務的華人企業法律律師事務所之一，並於2014年重新成立郭葉陳律師事務所。多年來他傑出的專業表現讓他譽滿業界。

郭先生的事業發展模式，有力地印證了一件事情，就是魄力充沛的香港專業人士，準確地把握中國現代化所帶來的商機，將業務擴展至國際層面。正是這種韌力帶動了香港近年蓬勃的發展。多年來，郭先生累積了廣泛而多元的工作經驗。由在澳洲的安永國際會計師事務所(Ernst & Young)任職會計師至80年代中回港成為全球最大規模的國際律師事務所貝克·麥堅時(Baker McKenzie)的一名律師。之後，郭先生成為倫敦十大律師事務所的西盟斯(Simmons & Simmons)的首位華人合夥人。1994年他創立自己的律師事務所，並帶領郭葉律師事務所進一步走向國際。他於2001年加入安達信國際律師事務所(Andersen Legal)的國際網絡，成為香港及中國內地的合作事務所。此後，他成為了安達信國際律師事務所大中華區首席合夥人。郭律師的專業範疇包括企業融資、資本市場、收購與合併、公司重組、監管調查。他亦為香港和國際的複雜交易提供諮詢。

在全球化的趨勢下，郭先生為他的律師事務所作出變革，令他的法律業務再創高峰。2004年，他的律師事務所與澳洲最顯赫的律師事務所萬盛國際律師事務所(Mallesons Stephen Jaques)合併。2012年，他推動萬盛國際律師事務所與中國內地的金杜律師事務所(King & Wood)合併，成為了King & Wood Mallesons，而郭先生更獲委任為執行管理合夥人(亞洲策略及市場)。兩大律師事務所的合併，不單幫助中國的金杜律師事務所業務走向國際，更重要的是可以承接中國多項對外投資的法律事務，以及有機會參與澳洲重要礦產資源和能源業務。

多年來郭先生的傑出表現一直為法律界所津津樂道。他獲多份國際法律刊物評定為在資本市場/公司法/收購合併業務方面的傑出律師，這包括《錢伯斯亞洲》(Chambers Asia)、《亞太法律500強》(The Asia Pacific Legal 500)、《PLC選擇律師?》(PLC Which Lawyer?)及《優秀律師名錄—香港》(The Legal Who's Who in Hong Kong)。於2001/2002年及2004年，他更被《亞洲法律業務》(Asian Legal Business)列為中國(包括香港)最有影響力的100名律師之一。

郭先生曾擔任多個政府諮詢機構及委員會的委員，在公共服務方面同樣有豐富的經驗及傑出的成就。他曾獲委任為港交所紀律上訴委員會召集人、交通意外傷亡援助諮詢委員會主席、暴力及執法傷亡賠償委員會上訴委員會主席、消費者委員會副主席等多項公職。作為消費者委員會副主席，郭先生大力倡導保護市民的消費者權益，使其免受企業不當行為和大企業利益所侵害。2008年，郭先生獲香港特別行政區政府頒授銅紫荊星章，表揚他對於推廣消費者權益所作出的貢獻。他剛剛卸任交通諮詢委員會主席，於在任期間，帶領委員會敦促警方對違例泊車加強執法，並積極支持政府調高違例泊車罰款；建議舒緩交通擠塞的措施；監察公共交通的票價加幅以維護市民大眾的權益；此外，更推動於大潭水塘的水壩段安裝香港第一組智能交通燈，以解決該路段交通癱瘓情況，亦為將來香港交通燈智能化的試驗項目。特區政府於2017年頒授銀紫荊星章予郭先生，以表彰他長期以來在公共和社區服務方面的傑出貢獻，尤其是自2012年起，他擔任交通諮詢委員會主席，在交通領域上作出重要的建樹。2014年，郭先生成為獨立監察警方處理投訴委員會主席，在他擔任主席期間，監警會在管治和管理方面大有提升，從而加強保障市民大眾的權利，免受濫用警權的影響。具體成果體現於：致力確保獨立、公正和不偏不倚地搜集與調查有關投訴警察的證據；簡化投訴個案的審查過程，使審查時間縮短三分之一，即近一個月；推動警方改善可能會引起市民投訴的工作程序和守則，以及清理前幾年一直積壓下來的複雜及嚴重投訴案件。

主席先生，為表揚郭琳廣先生的專業成就，以及對香港社會和其他方面的重大貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予郭琳廣先生。

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