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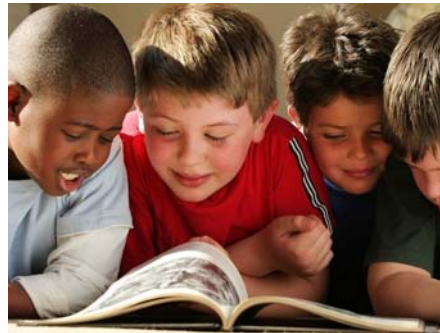
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## Children's Issues Forum: The Resolution of Disputes Relating to Children in Hong Kong

Thursday and Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

This two day multi-disciplinary international conference brings together members of the local and overseas judiciary, legal profession, government officials, health care professionals, mediators, counselors, Social Welfare Department and community organisations to consider important issues relating to the welfare, well-being and safety of Hong Kong children in the context of family disputes. The main focus of the Children's Issues Forum is on minimizing the adversarial impact of family proceedings so as to promote the best interests and well-being of Hong Kong children. The Forum will consider the development in Hong Kong of a Children's Dispute Resolution procedure and a Children's Commission. The Forum will highlight ways to facilitate greater co-operation between those involved in the dispute resolution process and improve the process of implementing arrangements for Hong Kong children which ensure their welfare, well-being and safety.

### LEARN FROM OUR DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF PARTICIPANTS / GUESTS:

- The Right Honourable Lord Justice Mathew Thorpe, Head of International Family Justice for England and Wales (UK)
- The Honourable Chief Justice Diana Bryant, Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia
- The Honourable Judge Paul von Dadelszen, Deputy Principal Family Court Judge (New Zealand)
- The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Cheung JA, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of High Court, HKSAR
- The Honourable Mr. Justice Hartmann JA, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, HKSAR
- Her Honour Judge Bebe Chu, Judge in Charge, Family Court, Hong Kong
- Her Honour Judge Sharon Melloy, Family Court, Hong Kong
- Ms. Suzanne Kingston, Partner at Dawsons LLP (England)
- Dr Susan Mistler, Clinical Psychologist
- Dr Lynette Levy, Clinical Psychologist
- Mrs. Priscilla Lui, Director, Against Child Abuse
- Ms. Winnie Chow, Solicitor and Committee Member of the Hong Kong Family Law Association
- Ms. Sharon Ser, Solicitor and HKFLA Committee Member
- Ms. Sherman Cheung, Assistant Official Solicitor, Official Solicitor's Office, Hong Kong
- Ms. Justice Huang Rui, Chief Judge of the Civil Division I, Qingxiu District People's Court of Nanning, Guangxi, China
- Mr. Peter Barnes, Solicitor and Committee Member of the Hong Kong Family Law Association
- Ms. Corinne Remedios, HK Committee on Children's Rights
- Miss S.K. Lee, Deputy Principal Government Counsel, Department of Justice (International Law Division) Hong Kong
- Ms. Frances Irving, Barrister and HKFLA Committee Member
- Mr. Robin Egerton, Mediator, Barrister and HKFLA Committee Member
- Ms. Sylvia Siu, Mediator and Council Member of Hong Kong Mediation Centre
- Ms. Linda Heathfield, Solicitor and HKFLA Committee Member
- Ms. Katherine Lynch, Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong
- Ms. Kelley Loper, Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong
- Ms. Vivian Lam, Senior Social Work Officer of Family & Child Protective Services Unit, HKSAR Social Welfare Department