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# **Mediation Conference 2022**

**Mediate First: Harmony from Now to Beyond** 

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Date: 6 May 2022 (Friday) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (S Series)** 

**Mode: Hybrid** 

(The Conference will be conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation in Cantonese and Putonghua)

5.5 CPD points have been awarded by the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited, the Hong Kong Mediation Centre, the Mainland - Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center and the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre.

| Time        | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| MORNING     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 9:00 - 9:10 | Opening Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|             | Ms Teresa Cheng, GBM, GBS, SC, JP Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 9:10 - 9:30 | Keynote Speech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|             | Professor Liu Jingdong Director of International Economic Law Department, the Institute of International Law of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Vice-Chairman of Commercial Mediation Center of China Chamber Of International Commerce; Member of the China International Commercial Court Expert Committee, the Supreme People's Court of China |  |

| 9:30 - 11:00  | Panel Session 1: Cross-boundary Family Disputes: the Potential of Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Family Mediated Settlement Agreements in GBA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|               | Family disputes involve emotions and personal relationships; mediation, rather than litigation, may come to help to resolve the disputes amicably. This panel will discuss the mechanism under the new Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Ordinance and in the light thereof, explore how a reciprocal recognition and enforcement mechanism for family mediated settlement agreements may come into place in the Greater Bay Area. |
|               | Moderator:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|               | Mr Norris Yang                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|               | Senior Consultant and Founder, Yang Chan & Jamison LLP, Hong Kong (associated with Deloitte Legal); Chairman, Communications and Publicity Committee, Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited; Chairman, International Negotiation Mediation Society Macau; Executive Director, ADR International Limited                                                                                                                                                                      |
|               | Speakers:  Mr Eugene Yim Barrister, Bernacchi Chambers  Ms Sherlynn Chan Partner, Messrs. Deacons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|               | Senior Partner, Unitop Law Firm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:15 - 11:30 | Morning Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| 11:30 - 12:30 | Panel Session 2: Mediating Disputes during Covid-19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                       |
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|               | Covid-19 may seem to have slowed down our life. However, dispute do not stop because of Covid-19. Under this new norm, novel dispute of different kinds and values arise on a daily basis. This panel wi explore why mediation is the best way to solve Covid-19 related dispute from high value disputes under the CEPA mediation mechanism to lowe value disputes that could fit into the specific dispute resolution scheme offered by FDRC and eBRAM. |  |                                                                                                       |
|               | Moderator:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                       |
|               | Mr Adrian Lai Deputy Secretary-General, Asian Academy of International Law                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                       |
|               | Mr Ronald Sum Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution (Asia), Addleshaw Goddard (Hong Kong) LLP; Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong Mr Dieter Yih, JP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                       |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | Chairman of the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre<br>Partner, Messrs Kwok Yih & Chan                |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | Ms Pui-Ki Emmanuelle Ta Chief Executive Officer, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre |
| 12:30 - 12:40 | Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                       |
|               | AFTERNOON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                       |
| 14:30 - 16:30 | Panel Session 3: Metaverse: Happily Ever After or a Dangerou Start?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                       |
|               | Welcome to the Metaverse, where an adventure awaits! In here, you wi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                       |

be surrounded by cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens (NFTs), blockchains, initial coin offerings (ICOs) and all sorts of novelties. For your safety and utmost security for this journey, do pay attention to our

panel where we will illustrate the possible legal issues behind and what may cause disputes to arise and how mediation may be the most suited means for resolving such disputes. Buckle up and we wish you all an enjoyable journey.

# **Keynote Speech**

# Mr Yat Siu

Co-founder & Chairman, Animoca Brands; Founder & CEO, Outblaze

#### **Panel Discussion**

#### **Moderator:**

### Mr Nick Chan, MH, JP

Partner, Squire Patton Boggs; Chairman, Hong Kong and Mainland Legal Professional Association

## **Speakers:**

# Mr Basil Hwang

Managing Partner of Messrs Hauzen LLP

### **Professor Steven Gallagher**

Professional Consultant and Professor of Practice in Law, CUHK LAW

### Mr Evan Auyang

Group President, Animoca Brands

### Mr Henry Yu

Principal Partner, Messrs. L&Y Law Office, in association with Henry Yu & Associates; Member, Innotech Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong

#### Mr Peter Bullock

Partner, King & Wood Mallesons; Accredited Mediator, HKIAC

### 16:30 - 16:50

| 16:50 - 17:00 | Closing Remarks                                                                                  |
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|               | Ms Christina Cheung, JP Law Officer (Civil Law), Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government |

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