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Dear Members of the HKIAC Users' Council / Hong Kong Mediation Council,

Evening Seminar on “The New Face of Hong Kong Mediation in International Comparison” by Professor Nadja Alexander, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong and Ms. Sou Chiam, Secretary to the Secretary for Justice’s Working Group on Mediation on Tuesday, 9 February 2010 at 6:30pm at HKIAC, 38/F., Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong

Topic Outline

Mediation is on the international agenda and it is making headlines in many countries. In this evening seminar, Professor Alexander will draw on selections from her latest book, *International and Comparative Mediation*, to highlight current trends in the practice and regulation of mediation and share her views on comparing the mediation landscape in Hong Kong with that of other common law countries such as England, Australia and the US and civil law nations such as Germany and France as well as Austria - the country with the first comprehensive mediation law. Given Hong Kong's potential as an international hub for mediation, Professor Alexander will also comment on international efforts such as the EU Directive on Mediation and the UNCITRAL Model Law on Conciliation and the implications of these instruments for Hong Kong mediation practice.

Ms. Chiam will speak on the Report of the Secretary for Justice’s Working Group on Mediation (“the Report”) and its recommendations to promote a greater use of mediation in Hong Kong. The Report will be made available for those who are interested in participating in the public consultation on the Report. It is envisaged that after public consultation and further deliberations, decisions will be made on the way forward to facilitate the more effective application of mediation in both commercial disputes and at the community level.

Reply Requested:

Please return the reply slip below in advance to the Hong Kong Mediation Council – Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre if you are able to attend the seminar. Light refreshments will be served. Seats are limited. The seminar is free of charge for members of HKIAC Users' Council / Hong Kong Mediation Council. We hope to see you at the seminar.

Yours sincerely,

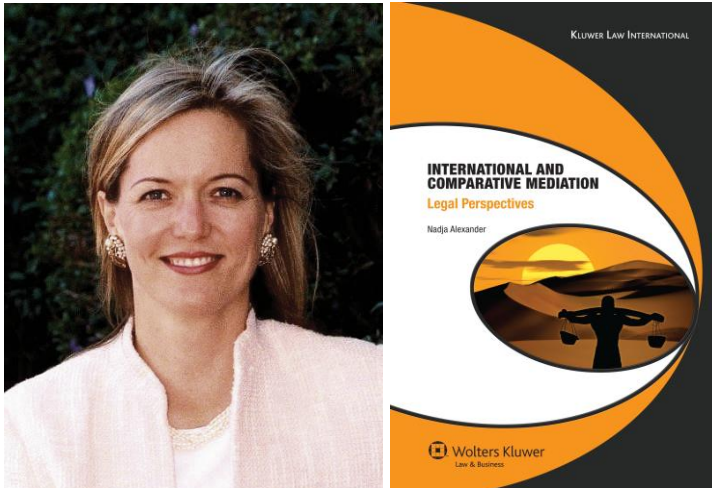
Gary Soo
Secretary-General

Reply Slip

Evening Talk – **“Mediation: The New Face of Hong Kong Mediation in International Comparison”** commencing at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9 February 2010 at Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. Admission is Free. Please fax to 2524 2171.

I/My firm, being a **member** of the HKIAC Users' Council / Hong Kong Mediation Council,
_____ will attend the event.

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____



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Nadja Alexander is Professor of Law at City University Hong Kong, Adjunct Professor of Law at Murdoch University in Australia, and Honorary Research Fellow at University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. She has extensive experience as a mediation practitioner, trainer, author and consultant in Australia, Europe, the United States, South Africa and the Asia/Pacific region. Her books on negotiation and mediation are published internationally and her work has appeared in the English, German and Russian languages.

Professor Alexander is a multi award winning teacher (1994, 1995, 1996 *Queensland* and 1997 *Australia*) and has been named one of Australia's top five law academics by Business Woman Magazine.

Her mediation practice extends to commercial, organisational and intercultural disputes and a range of legal-political issues. Professor Alexander is engaged in the design of mediation policy and legislation in various countries and is a member of the Standards Commission of the International Mediation Institute, the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council in Australia (NADRAC), the ADR Committee of the Law Council of Australia, the Mediation Jury in Germany and the Expert Advisory Committee on Mediation to the German Federal Government. In 2009 and 2010 she is part of an international consortium developing an ADR Global Product. Her conflict resolution work with communities in post-conflict regions continues to be the most challenging and inspiring part of her job. She can be contacted at nadjaalexander@mac.com.



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Sou is an experienced lawyer who is also an accredited mediator in New Zealand and Australia. As the Head of the Human Rights Policy Unit and Legal Team at the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, she implemented the change in the handling of human rights complaints to a faster and more effective mediation model. She returned to Hong Kong in 2008 and was a Lecturer at the Chinese University of Hong Kong teaching Administrative Law and Mediation (as part of Alternative Dispute Resolution). In 2009, she participated in the University of Hong Kong SPACE Mediator Training course and Project Concord's Handling Sexual Offences by Mediation training. She visited England to explore the use of mediation in Civil Justice Reforms, complaints to the Financial Services Ombudsman, community and commercial disputes and also legal aid funding for mediation. As the Secretary to the Working Group on Mediation chaired by the Secretary for Justice, she worked on the Report of the Working Group and its recommendations to promote a greater use of mediation in Hong Kong.

She qualified as a barrister in Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. She was a director of the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development and represented New Zealand at the Beijing + 5 Women's Conference at the United Nations in New York and the APEC Women Leaders Conference. She is involved in human rights capacity building, education and policy work in the Asia Pacific region including Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Samoa. She has extensive financial services experience especially in the legal and compliance aspects of provision of financial products.

She was Senior Crown Counsel in the Commercial Crimes Unit of the Attorney General's Chambers in Hong Kong and prosecuted white collar crimes and corruption cases. She represented the Hong Kong Government at the Privy Council. In 2009, she presented a paper on Insider Dealing in Hong Kong at the International Economic Crimes Symposium at the University of Cambridge.