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Re: Invitation to participate in the 2nd ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition - Hong Kong – 15th to 19th December 2019

The ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition (the “ICC Mediation Competition”) is widely recognised as the world’s leading mediation competition.

Following the resounding success of the annual ICC Mediation Competition in Paris (now in its 14th year) the ICC Hong Kong International Chamber of Commerce - Hong Kong (“ICC-HK”) decided to bring a round of this competition to Hong Kong in 2018, co-organising it with the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Building on a successful Competition last year, ICC-HK will hold the 2nd ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition - Hong Kong (the “ICC Mediation Competition - Hong Kong”) from 15th -19th December 2019.

Mediation of disputes is a major trend around the world, recently reinforced by the new Singapore Mediation Convention. Parties are keen on resolving their disputes in a professional and amicable setting. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the “Hong Kong SAR Government) is committed to promoting and developing the wider use of mediation to resolve disputes in Hong Kong. It is also committed to enhancing Hong Kong’s position as a leading centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region and as a centre for resolution of disputes arising from the Belt and Road Initiative. Teams from outside Hong Kong will have exposure to and experience first-hand Hong Kong’s dynamic legal and dispute resolution environment.

ICC-HK considers that holding the ICC Mediation Competition - Hong Kong will be of significant benefit to the Hong Kong mediation sector, to local university students as well as to international students in the Asia- Pacific Region and beyond. The focus of the ICC Mediation Competition-Hong Kong is on mediation advocacy; all teams will be given the opportunity in preliminary rounds to appear no less than three times in front of experienced Hong Kong and international mediators.

For the second year in a row, the Hong Kong SAR Government through the Department of Justice (the “Department of Justice”) has generously contributed to make the ICC





Mediation Competition in Hong Kong happen, and has agreed to be a co-organiser of the 2nd ICC Mediation Competition - Hong Kong.

Up to 24 teams from universities in Hong Kong, the Asia-Pacific Region and beyond, including countries along the Belt and Road, are expected to compete. The winning team will win a cash prize to help fund a trip to compete in Paris in the 15th ICC Mediation Competition in February 2020.

Over the four days of the 2nd ICC Mediation Competition-Hong Kong, university students will be judged and guided by professional mediators under rules based on the ICC mediation rules, competing for the top place in this prestigious competition. The mediation sessions will be held in various professional venues in the central business district of Hong Kong. The semi-finals will take place at the new West Kowloon Mediation Centre, whilst the final will be hosted by the Department of Justice at Justice Place.

The competition is open to university students¹. Undergraduate and post-graduate students (excluding post graduate doctorate students) registered in a university during the academic period during which the Competition is held are eligible to participate. Teams may comprise of between 2 - 4 people.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to practice their skills in mediation advocacy and hone their techniques with professional guidance. As well as a chance for students to enhance their skills, this is also a perfect opportunity to meet and engage with top professionals and mediators, as well as fellow students from around the world.

If more than 24 teams apply this year, the ICC Hong Kong Mediation - Hong Kong Steering Committee will then select teams to ensure that there is a regional mix of teams and aim to expand the competition in following years.

We look forward to welcoming your school to this exciting competition in Hong Kong.

¹ Please refer to the latest ICC Mediation Competition - Hong Kong Competition Rules. Students who are entitled to practise law in any jurisdiction as set out in Rule 5(2) are NOT eligible to compete.

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For more information on the 2nd ICC Mediation Competition-Hong Kong, its registration process and registration fees, please either email us at iccmmediationcompkh@gmail.com or browse our website at www.iccmmediationcomp.hk.

Kind Regards,

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On behalf of the ICC Mediation Competition - Hong Kong Steering Committee