

Unpacking Hong Kong's National Security Law

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The promulgation of The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong SAR (HKNSL) on 30 June 2020 has no doubt given rise to discussion, debate and concern not only within the legal community but also the general public of the city and beyond.

The webinar attempts to unpack the HKNSL from four perspectives and highlight the issues for open discussion. Our distinguished speakers: Ms Teresa Cheng GBS SC JP, together with Mr Justice Henry Denis Litton GBM JP, Professor Chen Duanhong and Mr Martin Rogers will share their insights on (a) the overall structure of the HKNSL; (b) rule of law and HKNSL; (c) constitutional relationship between the Basic Law and HKNSL; and (d) the comparative study of the HKNSL and laws of other jurisdictions. In addition, practical issues and concerns will be discussed at the webinar. The Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law, Dr Anthony Francis Neoh QC SC JP, and the Vice Chairman of the China Development Research Foundation, Mr Lu Mai, will moderate the webinar.

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Mr LU Mai

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With extensive experience in rural reform in China, Mr Lu Mai led the China Development Research Foundation since 1998. He was the coordinator of the China Human Development Report 2005, which won widespread acclaim and received the United Nations Development Programme's 2007 Human Development Award for Excellence in Policy Analysis and Influence. From 2002 to 2004, He was the only Chinese national in the World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalization established by the International Labour Organization.



Dr Anthony Francis NEOH QC SC JP

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Dr Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji.

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Professor CHEN Duanhong

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Professor Chen earned his LL.M. from the China University of Political Science and Law, J.D. from the China Academy of Social Sciences and did his post-doctoral study at the University of London. He is one of China's leading scholars in the fields of administrative law and constitutional law.



Ms Teresa CHENG GBS SC JP

*Secretary for Justice
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Ms Cheng, SC, was a Senior Counsel in private practice before joining the Government. She is also a chartered engineer, chartered arbitrator and accredited mediator. Apart from being a Past Chairperson of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, she is also a Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration and Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.



Mr Justice Henry Denis LITTON GBM JP

*Former Permanent Judge
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Mr Justice Litton became a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal from 1997 to 2000 and a Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal in 2000 and he was appointed an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn in 1999. The learned Judge was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2000 and appointed Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Law at The University of Hong Kong in 2014.



Mr Martin ROGERS

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Mr Rogers is a partner in Davis Polk's Litigation Department, based in Hong Kong. He is regarded as one of Asia's leading litigation and financial services regulatory lawyers, with nearly 30 years' experience in Asia. His practice includes complex litigation, dispute resolution, regulatory, white collar crime and fintech/regtech matters, with extensive experience advising leading corporates, the financial services industry and government bodies.

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