



## Seminar: Does an apology matter? – Enactment of Apology Legislation and Mediation 道歉有用嗎? - 道歉法制定與調解

Organized by CPD & Membership Committee (CPDMC)

### Duration

1.5 hours

### Date and Time

2 Nov 2016 (Wed), 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Registration Time

6:00 p.m.

### Medium

Cantonese

### Venue

Lecture Room A,  
The Joint Professional Centre Limited,  
Unit 1, G/F, The Center,  
99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong  
(Sheung Wan MTR Station – Exit E1)

香港中環皇后大道中 99 號

中環中心地下 1 室

專業聯合中心有限公司 演講廳 A

(上環港鐵站 E1 出口)

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### Target Audience

Panel Members / Associate Members /  
Non-members

### Seminar Fee

Panel Members: HK\$100

Associate Members: HK\$150

Non-members: HK\$200

### Contents

After implementation of the Civil Justice Reform in 2009, mediation has been highly encouraged to settle cases in a costs efficient manner. While most commercial mediation cases focus on monetary settlement, for personal injury or negligence cases, victims and their families would expect receiving an apology to relieve their soreness. In a dispute following a mishap, a party causing injury may also wish to convey his apology or condolence to the injured person for the loss and suffering sustained, even he genuinely believed that he has done nothing wrong. However, it appears there is a common concern that an apology may be used as evidence of an admission of fault or liability.

To address the above concern, in the report published by the Working Group on Mediation of the Department of Justice in 2010, it was recommended that the question of whether there should be an apology ordinance in Hong Kong be considered. In 2012, the Secretary for Justice established the Steering Committee on Mediation. The working group of the Steering Committee published the 1st and 2nd rounds of consultation since 2015.

This seminar will focus on the relationship between mediation and apology, as well as to consider the apology law in some overseas legislation. Further, we will have an in-depth discussion on the draft apology legislation bill in Hong Kong.

### Guest Speaker

#### Mrs. Cecilia Wong Ng Kit-wah

Mrs. Cecilia Wong is an experienced accredited general mediator, family mediator and family mediation supervisor, and she has conducted hundreds of mediations in various types of dispute, including commercial disputes, personal injuries and negligence cases, construction and building management disputes, family cases, financial disputes and intellectual property disputes, etc. Recently, she was appointed as a mediator of the Qianhai Court, Shenzhen, PRC. Moreover, she is an active speaker, lecturer, trainer and assessor at various seminars, conferences, courses and assessments on mediation and ADR. Some of the recent international conferences at which she spoke include “Choose mediation to resolve commercial disputes” at APEC Workshop, Lima, Peru, 26 Feb 2016; “Commercial Mediation Practice” at the 3rd Shanghai-Hong Kong Commercial Mediation Conference, 17-18 March 2016; and “Hong Kong – the international dispute resolution centre in Asia Pacific” at the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum Russia on 18 May 2016. In addition, she is also very involved in promoting the development of mediation in Hong Kong and has served on various mediation working parties and committees. Presently, she is the Chairlady of the Mediation Committee and the Mediation Admission Committee of the Law Society, a Member on the Chief Justice’s Working Party on Mediation and a member of Secretary for Justice’s Steering Committee on Mediation, etc.

## Registration Method

Please submit (i) the completed enrolment form via the following Google Link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/HwGhjbd2ZQoPhxz13>

on or before **21 October 2016**; and

(ii) Seminar fee to Secretariat of Hong Kong Mediation Centre in person or by email or mail on or before **24 October 2016**

## Payment Method

### Cheque

Cheque should be made payable to “Hong Kong Mediation Centre Limited”

### Bank Transfer

Please transfer your seminar fee to HSBC (Account No: 162-242226-001; Account Name: Hong Kong Mediation Centre Limited)

Please write your full name, membership number and seminar name on the back of your cheque or bank slip.

## Confirmation

Confirmation will be notified by email upon successful registration on or before **25 October 2016**

## Enquires

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## Host

### Mr. Alfred Chan

Vice-President of Hong Kong Mediation Centre

Chairperson of CPD & Membership Committee

## Remarks

- A. *Places will be allocated on first-come-first-served basis counting according to payment date.*
- B. *Registration must be made by returning the completed registration form via google link on or before 21 October 2016 and sending the crossed-cheque or copy of the bank-in slip to HKMC on or before 24 October 2016. Confirmation will be notified by email upon successful registration on or before 25 October 2016.*
- C. *If you do not receive any email confirmation from the Secretariat on or before 25 October 2016, your name will be on the waiting list. Your submitted cheque will be voided subsequently by the Secretariat if you have not been assigned a place in the captioned event. If your application fee was made by bank transfer, a cheque will be issued to you as the refund of the payment.*
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- F. *HKMC reserves the right to accept/reject the registration.*
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