



## Seminar on the Keys to a Successful Mediation

### 成功調解之秘訣

Organized by CPD & Member Services Committee (CPDMSC)

#### ➤ **Contents**

*"An ounce of mediation is worth a pound of arbitration and a ton of litigation!"* Joseph Grynbaum

The popularity of mediation as a means of ADR has grown significantly over the last few decades. This is partly because mediation is quick and generally more cost-effective compared to other existing forms of dispute resolution methods such as litigation and arbitration. In mediation, the parties are encouraged to think openly and creatively, to get to the root of the problems and to explore a wide range of possible solutions. The flexibility in the remedies offered allows the parties to go beyond purely legal arguments and solutions afforded in court, and towards the possibility of cognitive and emotional resolution.

Success in mediation will depend upon a multitude of factors, including the attributes of a mediator and his/her skills in controlling the process. In this seminar, the speaker will discuss the critical success factors as well as the roles of the mediator, parties, lawyer and expert in an effective mediation. The speaker will also discuss some obstacles to successful mediation and provide some practical tips on how to avoid them as well as some do's and don't's in mediation.

#### ➤ **CPD Points Granted:**

HKMC: 2 points; HKMAAL: 2 points;

#### ➤ **Guest Speaker**

##### **Professor Christopher To**

**Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council**  
**BEng (Hons); LLB (Hons) in Law; LLM (Commercial Law);**  
**MA (Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution); PCLL;**  
**DEng (Engineering)**

Professor Christopher To is an independent mediator and arbitrator who is on the panels of various leading global alternative dispute resolution bodies. He has arbitrated more than hundred international cases involving both ad hoc and institutional arbitrations; and has mediated many international and domestic cases involving Finance, Construction, Intellectual Properties, Information Technology, Commodities, Property and Land, Company Formation and Structure, Probate, Employment, Aviation, Insolvency, Environmental Law, Banking, Personal Injuries, Trade and Mining and Natural Resources.

Professor To is an accredited mediator, chartered arbitrator, chartered engineer and chartered information technology professional. He holds Adjunct Professorships of Law and Engineering from a variety of academic institutions and he lectures regularly at the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Professor To has written substantially on the subject of international arbitration and mediation; in particular, he has written the leading handbook, Arbitration Law in Hong Kong, published by Lexis Nexis Butterworths as well as

the leading textbook on Mediation, *Mediation in Hong Kong: Law and Practice*, published by Kluwer Law.

Professor To was previously the Secretary General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and is a member of various learned societies and actively participates at various activities of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association and the Hong Kong Corporate Counsel Association. He is also the Honorary Consultant of Hong Kong Mediation Centre. In 2001 Christopher was the youngest Director to be awarded Director of the Year Award in Hong Kong and in 2007 the World Economic Forum named him as a Young Global Leader.

## ➤ **Host**

### **Mr. Alfred Chan**

Vice-President of Hong Kong Mediation Centre

Co Chairperson of CPD and Member Services Committee

Co Chairperson of Disciplinary Committee

<b>Date and Time:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Tuesday), 7:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Registration Time:</b>	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<p><b>Preston Training Centre</b>  <b>Rm 408 - 409, 4/F, Fortress Tower,</b>  <b>250 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong</b>  <b>(Fortress Hill MTR Station – Exit B)</b></p> <p>普敦培訓中心          香港北角英皇道 250 號          北角城中心 408-9 室          (炮台山港鐵站 B 出口)</p> <p><b>Please find the attached map for your reference.</b></p>
<b>Target Audience:</b>	Panel Members / Associate Members / Non-members
<b>Language:</b>	Cantonese
<b>Fee:</b>	Panel Members: HK\$150 Associate Members: HK\$200 Non-members: HK\$250
<b>Payment Method:</b>	1) Crossed-cheque: Payable to “Hong Kong Mediation Centre Limited” and send it to “21/F., Success Commercial Building, 245-251 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong”. Please write down your Full Name and Membership Number at the back of the cheque; OR 2) Bank transfer: Please provide Bank-in Slip and state your Full Name and Membership Number. Bank Name: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) Bank Account Name: Hong Kong Mediation Centre Limited Bank Account Number: 162-242226-001
<b>Registration Period:</b>	<b>on or before 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>
<b>Enquires:</b>	Please contact <b>Ms. Kayley Wong</b> Tel: 3620 3076 Email: <a href="mailto:membership@mediationcentre.org.hk">membership@mediationcentre.org.hk</a>

## ➤ Registration Method

Please complete the registration form via the link below:

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### *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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and sending the crossed-cheque or copy of the bank-in slip to HKMC on or before 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Confirmation will be notified by email upon successful registration on or before 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015.*
- C. *If you do not receive any email confirmation from the Secretariat on or before 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 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.*
- D. *Participant must sign in and sign out. CPD Certificate will be issued at the end of the event. **Participants who are late for more than 20 minutes or leave earlier will not be qualified for the completion of HKMC's CPD Points and NO Certificate will be issued.***
- E. *If you are not able to attend the captioned event after the receipt of the confirmation email, you are required to inform the Secretariat as soon as you are aware of unavailability on / before the event date **by email**. **No refund will be made after confirmation.***
- F. *HKMC reserves the right to accept/reject the registration.*
- G. *If typhoon signal no.8 or black rainstorm warning signal is hoisted and not lowered by 4pm, the event will be postponed or cancelled. Rescheduled date/time/venue will be announced in due course.*
- H. *The event is subject to change at any time without liability.*