

Dear Members,

It is the beginning of the holiday season which marks the end of an eventful year. We would like to thank all of our members and colleagues from Hong Kong Mediation Centre who have been active this year with the launch of new trainings, seminars, task forces and project activities to bring forward our goals.

We would like to share a good news with you; On 7 December 2013, we have signed the alliance agreement with another 10 Arbitration and Mediation Organizations in Hong Kong and the Mainland to form the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Commercial Mediation Alliance in Shenzhen Qianhai. The Alliance is going to serve as a platform to facilitate development of the cross-border mediation services. As one of the Founder Members of the Alliance, we will take an active role to provide mediation services and to assist in resolving the disputes among the parties in Hong Kong, Mainland and Macau.

In 2014 we look forward to continuing our own improvement efforts, as we continue to improve our existing programs and prepare to launch new initiatives, to be announced in early 2014.

On behalf of our Council members and Secretariat, I would like to extend our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous and happy new year. We thank you for your continued patronage and look forward working with all our members, supporting organizations and partners in 2014!

We wish you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Francis Law President of HKMC X'mas in 2013