



Dear members,

It is an honor to be writing to you today as President of the HKMC. First and the foremost, I would like to congratulate the Council on a successful Annual General Meeting on 1st November of 2013. I would also like to thank our Immediate Past President Mr. Jango Chan. Indeed, the Council has passed unanimously for a vote of thanks in appreciation to Jango's leadership last year and for his guidance and friendship throughout the year.

The mission of the HKMC is to promote, develop and institutionalise mediation as a way of life. Though comprising professionals from various business sectors and industries, we all share the common goal of promoting mediation as a means of resolving disputes. With all your tremendous efforts, we have developed a professional pictogram of providing community mediation services and promotion of mediation to the public. Being the reputable organization focuses purely on mediation, we have cultivated substantive knowledge and experience in all scopes of mediation including commercial and community. We enter our 15th year as the largest and most influential non-profit mediation institution with charitable status in Hong Kong. We have been advocated in promoting bilingual mediation and training to meet the real demand of the public. I hope we can continue this proud tradition of working for the harmony and betterment of Hong Kong for the 2nd 15 years.

The achievement of HKMC is based on meeting our members' desires in serving the Hong Kong with our professionalism. We are committed to serve our members well and to continue to offer an extensive range of activities that provide benefits for all our members and to the betterment of the mediation services in all scopes. In helping members open new opportunities, we fully understand that the competitive edge of HKMC lies in its fundamental strength of expertise in mediation, professional training and education, promotion of mediation to different segment of the society and other facilities. We must also keep abreast of changes and change ourselves. We should proactively advocate changes that would be good for Hong Kong and make Hong Kong a better place of living with harmony and internal vision.



Our goals for this year include four key areas of focus. These focus areas, in no particular order, include the following: (1) Promoting mediation at the community level to facilitate the more effective and extensive application of mediation (2) Enhancing the support to the Community and broadening the service through pro-bono mediation service schemes (3) Enhancement in the professional development of mediators and (4) Exploring opportunities in the Mainland.

Finally, the 3rd Asian Mediation Association Conference will be held from 3 to 4 April 2014, adopting the theme “**Mediation: New Era - Legal Framework and Social Change**”. Mr. Rimsky YUEN Kwok-keung, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice has accepted our invitation to be the the keynote speaker. You will find more conference details from the conference website which will be launched in the first month of 2014. I am sure participants will find the seminar both resourceful and inspiring. We look forward to meeting you there and then.

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