

**Legal Aid Services Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday, 5 July 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Prof. William LEUNG, SBS, JP	Chairman
Mr Nicholas CHAN, MH, JP	Member
Ms Karen LAM	“
Mrs Ayesha LAU, BBS, JP	“
Ms Serena LAU, JP	“
Ms Rosita LEE	“
Mr Timothy PARKER	“
Mr Thomas KWONG, JP	Director of Legal Aid
Mr Patrick WONG	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Chris CHONG, JP	Deputy Director of Legal Aid (Policy & Administration)
Mr Henry CHAN	EO/LASC

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Mr Randy SHEK	Member
Miss Iris WAN	“



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(I) INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed Members and Mr Chris CHONG of the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to the meeting.

(II) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2021

2. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

(IV) PAPERS FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT

(A) Legal Aid Department's replies to written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2021-2022 – Paper No. LASC I/P 13/21

4.1 The Chairman said that there had been six questions from the Finance Committee of Legislative Council concerning the work of LAD when examining the draft estimates of expenditure for 2021-2022. He invited Members to note LAD's replies to the questions.

4.2 Members had no particular comments and took note of the replies.

(F) Monthly Statement of Income and Expenditure of LASC for the Months of March and April 2021 - Paper No. LASC I/P 17/21

8.1 The Chairman said that the expenditure of the Council was controlled within budget.

8.2 Members noted the two monthly statements.

(VI) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LAD's 50th Anniversary cum Opening Ceremony

11.18 The Chairman said that he originally intended to inform Members at the scheduled meeting in early June that in celebration of the LAD's 50th Anniversary, an opening ceremony would be officiated by the CE, the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, the CS, DLA and the Chairman on 2 June 2021. The ceremony was successfully

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organised by LAD, and the speeches of DLA and the Chairman at the ceremony were provided for Members' information.

11.19 DLA supplemented that the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) had broadcast a series of episodes in relation to legal aid to show how LAD had assisted the underprivileged to gain access to justice. The TV series, called "a gateway to justice", attempted to tell stories about LAD's history, development, and its diversified services for the Hong Kong society through real life legally aided cases. It had been broadcast since 20 June on every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on RTHK 31. Besides, he also brought each of the Members for their reference and retention a commemorative publication of the LAD's 50th anniversary.

Congratulations to Members Awarded with Honours 2021

11.22 On behalf of the Council, the Chairman congratulated Mrs Ayesha LAU for her being awarded with Bronze Bauhinia Star and Mr Nicholas CHAN for being appointed Justice of the Peace.

(VII) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 3 August 2021.

LASC Secretariat
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