

Existing and planned measures on the promotion of racial equality

Legal Aid Services Council

The Legal Aid Services Council (LASC) actively contributes to upholding and enhancing the rule of law by striving to ensure access to justice and equality before the law of people of limited means. LASC also implemented an assistance scheme for the provision of a certificate by counsel to assist persons who lack means to seek a review of legal aid refusal in respect of his/her appeal to the Court of Final Appeal.

Existing Measures

- LASC provides enquiry services to the public in Chinese and/ or English. The information on LASC's website is also in both Chinese and English.
- Notice and application form of the assistance scheme administered by LASC are in both Chinese and English.
- Translation for the notice and application form of the assistance scheme in ten languages, namely Bengali, Hindi, Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese is available.
- Upon request, interpretation service in eight languages, namely Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese will be provided over telephone through the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents, where appropriate and practicable.

Assessment of Future Work

- LASC reviews its services from time to time and makes improvement where necessary.

Additional Measures to be Taken

- LASC will continue to provide telephone interpretation service in the above mentioned eight languages for public enquiry or on the matters in

relation to the assistance scheme, where appropriate and practicable.

- LASC will continue to arrange staff to attend training courses on racial equality to enhance staff awareness and the handling of enquiries from people of diverse race.

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