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**Public Dispute Resolution  
in Hong Kong:  
A Practitioner's Note  
Mr. JAT Sew-Tong, SC, JP**

Thursday, 18 April 2013

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Large Moot Court, 2/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower  
Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

Public disputes are disputes involving many different interests arising from deep seated conflicts over values and beliefs on issues which have long term impact on the whole society. Methods to resolve public disputes are not the same as private disputes. Mr. Jat Sew-Tong will share his experiences in public dispute resolution in his work as the Chairman of the Minimum Wage Commission and the Independent Police Complaints Council.

**Mr. Jat Sew-Tong, SC, JP** was born in Hong Kong in 1965. He received primary and secondary education locally before pursuing his tertiary studies in the United Kingdom. He graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1987 with an LLB (Hons) degree, and obtained the Bachelor of Civil Law degree from the University of Oxford in 1989. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales (Gray's Inn) in 1988 and the Hong Kong Bar in 1989. He has been in private practice as a barrister in Hong Kong since 1990. In 2002, he was appointed Senior Counsel at the age of 36. He has been appointed Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for a period in 2004, and Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2006. In addition to his private practice, he is active in public service and has served on a number of appeal boards and statutory bodies. He has been Chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Council since June 2008 and led the transition of the IPCC from a government organisation to an independent statutory body. In March 2011 he was appointed the first Chairman of the Minimum Wage Commission, the main function of which is to recommend to the Chief Executive in Council the prescribed minimum hourly wage rate. He has recently been re-appointed Chairman of the MWC as from March 2013.

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