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VICE CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AGM

1. I thank everyone for his or her contribution to the work of the HKMLA over the last year. I would especially like to thank Mr Justice Anthony Chan for his on-going interest in and support for the Association. The Judge sadly could not make our dinner this year due to an accident.
2. I thank Mr Edward Alder, our Secretary, who steps down at this meeting for the time and effort that he has put into HKMLA's business, and his secretary Meeta for her great assistance during the year.
3. Thanks also to Donald Sham of RSRB who is taking over as Secretary. We are pleased to have a Secretary from RSRB, one of Hong Kong's well-established shipping practices, for the first time. We hope that the tradition of circulating this role among the various maritime law practices will continue.
4. One of Donald's first jobs will be to identify his successor for 2 to 3 years time. More seriously, we hope that during this next tenure we can undertake refreshing the HKMLA website which is now rather old fashioned.
5. Last year, we combined our AGM and Summer Dinner for the first time, moving away from the formal AGM at the Hong Kong Club. This was held at the LRC and was a great success. The Admiralty Judge attended and said a few words, following past tradition. We hope to continue the tradition of rotating this event around the various leisure clubs of which Hong Kong is fortunate to have many.
6. HKMLA took part in a very successful Mock Arbitration on 23 November 2018 for Hong Kong Maritime Week at the DoJ conference facility with the Secretary for Justice. This was co-organised with several of our fellow legal or arbitration bodies, CIETAC, CIArb, and HKMAG. Our Secretary Edward Alder was one of the mock arbitrators.
7. This event was is back by popular demand and will take place on 22 November 2019, once again at the DoJ facility. Please watch out for the flyer in our emails.
8. We had more of our popular Speaker Lunches, maintaining the new format of a longer presentation with a CPD point:
 - (1) Robert Bright QC spoke on Contracts, Lies and Illegality on 23 October 2018.

- (2) Patrick Cowley (KPMG) and Prof Mikis Tsimplis (City U) spoke on on 24 January 2019.
 - (3) Stephen Hofmeyr QC spoke at a combined HKMLA and HILA lunch to a record number of around 45 attendees on 3 July 2019 on 'Legal Issues around FSPOs'. At the same lunch, Nick Pirie representing the Hong Kong Bar Association spoke about a Compulsory Marine Insurance Proposal.
9. Behind the scenes, we have completed work on formalities with HSBC and the Police for the Societies Ordinance requirements. Thanks to Edward Alder's secretary Meeta for her tireless work on that.
 10. We have lent our name as 'supporting organisation' to a number of events including:
 - (1) 2018 Lloyd's List Asia Pacific Awards
 - (2) Asian Maritime and Logistics Conference on 20-21 November 2018
 - (3) HKI Arb talk by Lord Phillips on 19 December 2018
 - (4) Hong Kong Shipowners Association seminar on 22 March 2018 on the latest developments on PRC Maritime Law and The Revision of the Chinese Maritime Code by Professor Chu Beiping, Dean of Law School of Dalian Maritime University on 22 March 2019
 11. On the CMI front, it has been a relatively quiet year. Dr ZHAO Liang attended CMI London as an HKMLA representative in November 2018. We continue our role as the Hong Kong conduit for circulating information about CMI events and projects to the Hong Kong maritime law community via our 380-strong up-to-date mailing list.
 12. We continue to operate a joint membership scheme for steeply discounted online access to Lloyd's Reports and Informa text books. All members are welcome to join this.
 13. In conclusion, I should highlight Hong Kong Maritime Week, including AMLC, which will take place this year from 18 to 22 November. Numerous exciting events have been scheduled with interesting speakers from Hong Kong and abroad lined up to share their views on a wide range of aspects of the shipping industry.

Jon Zinke

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