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Press Release

Stephenson Harwood & Lo, expertise in the formation of IMCs

Following the passing of The Education (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 by the Legislative Council which became effective on 1 January 2005, all aided schools in Hong Kong are required to establish an Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) within 5 years, aimed to promote a participatory, transparent and accountable school governance structure in the interests of students and school development. Schools which establish an IMC will receive at least a HK\$700,000 subsidy from the government.

Stephenson Harwood & Lo (SHL) has experience to help schools to establish IMCs successfully, including the drafting of the IMC constitution, tax exemption application and transfer of school assets. Daniel Wan, solicitor commented: "We not only share our firm's experience in helping schools to establish IMCs, we have also demonstrated solutions to problems that arise in dealing with school assets and how to accommodate the rights and liabilities of existing managers during the establishment process."

Since the IMC is still new to the market, "We have built up considerable expertise in the formation of IMCs and advising schools on the steps to take to successfully adopt the new legislation: more particularly, we are very aware of, and sensitive to, not only the legal issues, but also the history of this legislation and the serious concerns surrounding its implementation." Malcolm Kemp, partner added.

Managing Partner, John Gale, commented; "We are delighted to help schools who may no be familiar with the legal procedures "

Stephenson Harwood & Lo will organise a seminar on 16 March 2006 covering the Establishment of School IMC. The seminar aims at providing a background understanding of establishing school IMC from a legal perspective. Key representatives from all Aided Schools are welcome to attend. The seminar will be conducted in Cantonese.

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Note for editors:

Stephenson Harwood & Lo is a leading Hong Kong law firm established in 1979. Stephenson Harwood & Lo is structured as a joint venture between Stephenson Harwood, a major international law firm, and Lo & Lo, a well-established Hong Kong law firm. As such, Stephenson Harwood & Lo is part of the international network of Stephenson Harwood, with offices in Guangzhou, London, Singapore, Paris, Piraeus, and associated offices in Shanghai, Kuwait, Greece, Republic of South Africa and Bucharest.

We have around 100 staff, including 38 lawyers, most with many years of experience in the Asia Pacific region. Stephenson Harwood & Lo is experienced in a broad range of practice areas. The firm's particular strengths are found in the following areas: corporate/commercial, China FDI, banking and finance, financial services, litigation, shipping, intellectual property, property.

羅夏律師樓，設立法團校董會(IMC)之專業意見

[教育條例(修訂)2004]經立法會通過并于2005年1月1日生效，此後，所有的香港資助學校均被要求于5年內成立[IMC]，旨在為學生及學校的發展而促成一個具參與性的、透明的及負責任的學校管理架構。成立IMC的學校將可獲得至少港幣70萬元的政府津貼。

羅夏信律師樓(SHL)具有幫助學校成功設立IMC的經驗，包括草擬IMC章程、免稅申請及學校資產轉讓。律師Daniel Wan認為：“我們不僅僅是分享幫助學校設立IMC的經驗，我們亦已闡明了解決出現在處理學校資產時的問題的方案以及在設立過程中如何協調現存管理者的權利和義務。”

因IMC在市場上仍屬新鮮事物，“在組建IMC和建議學校採取措施以成功採納新法例的方面，我們已累積了相當多的專業經驗：更為特別的是，我們所深知而且敏感的不僅是法律的問題，而且還是該法律制定的歷史和圍繞其執行的嚴肅的利害關係。”合夥人Malcolm Kemp補充到。

主理合夥人John Gale說：“我們很高興幫助那些可能對法律程序并不熟悉的學校。”

羅夏信律師樓將於2006年3月16日組織一場關於設立學校IMC的研討會。此次研討會的目的是從法律觀點提供設立學校IMC的背景認識。歡迎所有受助學校的主要代表出席。此次研討會將以廣東話進行。

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羅夏信律師樓是一所領先的香港律師事務所，于1979年由一所大型的國際性律師事務所——夏信律師樓以及一所穩健的香港律師事務所——羅文錦律師事務所合資組建而成。同樣地，羅夏信律師樓是夏信律師樓國際網絡的一部分，而夏信律師樓在香港、倫敦、新加坡、巴黎、比雷埃夫斯均設有辦事處，且在上海、科威特、希臘、南非共和國及布加勒斯特亦設有聯營辦事處。

我們擁有近100名員工，包括38名律師，當中大部分是在亞太地區有多年經驗的律師。羅夏信律師樓在廣泛的實踐領域中有豐富的經驗，尤其擅長于公司/商業、中國直接投資、銀行與融資、金融服務、訴訟、船務、知識產權及房地產等項目。