



Frank Y.K. Poon

Mr Frank Poon joined the Hong Kong Government in 1978 after obtaining an honours degree in public administration from the University of Ottawa, Canada. He has since served in various posts in the Government. In 1991, he joined the Department of Justice (then Legal Department) as a Crown Counsel after qualifying as a solicitor in England and Hong Kong. He obtained an LL.M degree from the University of Hong Kong in 1995.

While in the Department of Justice, Mr Poon served in various posts in the Civil Division, International Law Division and Legal Policy Division. He was appointed as the Solicitor General of Hong Kong from August 2010 to September 2015. His major areas of interest include public law, private and public international law, air law and international trade law.

Among other duties, Mr Poon was responsible for implementing legislative reform of arbitration law in Hong Kong. His other responsibilities included promoting the rule of law in Hong Kong, advising the Government on constitutional law such as the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and human rights law. He also oversaw cooperation on legal matters between Hong Kong and the Mainland of China.

Mr Poon has participated in the negotiation of a number of international agreements as a representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Government. Since 1998, he participated in a number of meetings of the Hague Conference on Private International Law as a member of the Chinese delegation. He was also closely involved in Hong Kong's efforts to enter into legal cooperation arrangements with other jurisdictions in the Greater China region.

Mr Poon retired from Government service in September 2015. He began hearing appeals from asylum claimants from November 2016 as a member of the Torture Claims Appeal Board of Hong Kong. He will serve as the representative of the Asia Pacific Regional Office of the Hague Conference on Private International from August 2017.