

基本法第二十三條公眾意見匯編研究組

RESEARCH TEAM ON THE COMPENDIUM OF SUBMISSIONS ON ARTICLE 23 OF THE BASIC LAW

Terms of Reference

1. Title

- 1.1. The title of the research team herewith constituted shall be “Research Team on the Compendium of Submissions on Article 23 of the Basic Law” or “基本法第二十三條公眾意見匯編研究組” in Chinese. The research team is hereinafter referred to as “the Team” in this document.

2. Objectives

- 2.1. The Team was set up on 25 February 2003 by a group of independent academics on a voluntary basis to study the public’s submissions in response to HKSARG’s consultative document “Proposals to Implement Article 23 of the Basic Law” issued on 24 September 2002.
- 2.2. The Team was aware that HKSARG has already published a “Compendium of Submissions” on 28 January 2003, but was of the opinion that such submissions should be re-analyzed in an objective and scientific way, in order to bring out public opinion more comprehensively.
- 2.3. In conducting such a study, the Team hoped to demonstrate a scientific method to analyze public submissions in response to government consultative documents, should such consultative exercises be conducted again by the government in future.

3. Membership

- 3.1. The Team comprises five members who have volunteered themselves to form the Team, and are taken as self-appointed members of the team:
- Dr Jennifer CHAN, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, HKU
 - Dr CHAN Kin-Man, Department of Sociology, CUHK
 - Dr Sammy CHIU, Department of Social Work, HKBU
 - Dr Boris Sai-Tsang CHOY, HKU SPACE Community College
 - Dr MA Ngok, Division of Social Science, UST

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- 3.2. Dr Jennifer Chan was elected as Chairman of the Team, and Dr Boris Choy the Deputy Chairman. Dr Robert Chung was appointed by the Team as its Honourary Secretary.
- 3.3. All Team members, and the Honourary Secretary, serve in their personal capacity. They do not represent any organization, including the universities they are working in. They may or may not share a common stand on specific issues related to Article 23 of the Basic Law. The only material fact is that all of them are committed to analyze the public's submissions objectively and scientifically.
- 3.4. The Team shall appoint as it thinks fit any number of research assistants, coders, technicians, administrators, and so on, who shall be paid directly by the "Article 23 Concern Group", in order to accomplish the study. The Concern Group shall also pay for all the running costs of the study.
- 3.5. Notwithstanding the provision mentioned in Para 3.4, the Team acts independently of the Concern Group, and is not affected by the Concern Group's position on Article 23 of the Basic Law.
- 3.6. The Team shall appoint as they think fit any number of Honourary Advisors to comment on the Team's operation and the methodology of the study.

Confirmed on 4 March 2003