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Subject Review of the Patent System in Hong Kong Consultation Paper

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Dear Sirs,

I opine that:

1. The OGP system has a better ability to keep inventors and investors in Hong Kong. We need it.
2. The demands for an OGP system are massy. Not only the local, but also the overseas inventors require such demands.
3. Hong Kong is part of China. To start, the substantive examination system can be outsourced to the PRC IPO.
4. To avoid frustration, the current "Re-registration" system should be maintained. The patents granted by the US should also be recognized.
5. The Short-term patent has its existing value. It fits for SMEs or most of them.
6. We should keep the Short-term patent. Any change thereto will just be one step to the OGP system. I don't think change is required. As expressed, I opt for the OGP system.
7. Hong Kong needs a regulatory regime for professionals providing patent agency services. It is a shame that no regime now exists. Irrespective of implementation of the OGP system, Hong Kong needs a regulatory regime. In Singapore, the subject regulatory regime is governed by the IPO.
8. It is necessary that providers of patent agency services require qualifications and continuous education. Use of titles, if identifying service quality, requires control.
9. More than 60% of the patents are firstly granted overseas. To protect the reputation of Hong Kong, I believe regulation applies to all types of patent agency services. In particular, adoption of one's name and address as the agent for service is inclusive.

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