Facts & Figures on Hong Kong Legal Profession

1.	Hong Kong Solicitors	i								
	Members of the Law S	ociety								11,388
	Members with Practisi	_						9,	,948	
	(a) Members in Pri						7,480			
	1	le Proprie		"SP")		28 (69	•			
	1	tners ("P	,		2,4		•			
	1	nsultants) rs ("AS")	1,4) 3,1		•			
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	(b) Members with but not in Priva		_	tificates,			2,468			
	Non-Practising Solici	tor Mem	ıbers					1.	,440	
2.	Members Working in Departments / NGOs						nt			2,139
3.	Trainee Solicitors					A Procedure and the second				1,265
4.	Associate Members	- foreign	ı lawy	ers optii	ng for asso	ciate me	mbership			1,170
		41	•	•	Ü		•			17
		- others								
5.	Student Members	- otners	·····							324
5. 6.			rs							324 920
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	Student Members		<u>%</u>	No. of SP/P	No. of C No.	o. of AS	No. of Solicitor	%	No. of Foreign Lawyer	
	Student Members	Solicitor			No. of C No. 284	o. of AS		% 12		920
	Student Members Hong Kong Firms of	Solicitor No. of Firm	<u>%</u>	SP/P			Solicitor		Foreign Lawyer	920
	Student Members Hong Kong Firms of Sole-proprietor firm	Solicitor No. of Firm	% 47 42	SP/P			Solicitor		Foreign Lawyer	920
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9.	Representative Offices of Hong Kong Solicitors Firms in the Mainland				
	Beijing 23				
	Chengdu 1				
	Chongqing 1				
	Foshan 1				
	Fuzhou 1				
	Guangzhou 14				
	Jinan 1				
	Nanjing 1				
	Ningbo, Zhejiang 1				
	Shanghai 23				
	Shenzhen $\frac{6}{73}$				
	75				
	⁺ 41 representative offices were set up after the implementation of CEPA in 2004.				
10.	Hong Kong Solicitors Firms with Mainland Representative Offices registered at the Ministry of Justice as Representative Offices of Law Firms from Foreign Countries	36			
	Beijing 16				
	Shanghai <u>20</u>				
	36				
11.	Mainland Law Firms currently in Hong Kong	29			
	1. China Law Office				
	2. Chen & Co. Law Firm				
	3. Duan & Duan				
	4. Jin Mao P.R.C. Lawyers 5. Grandall Legal Group (Hong Kong)				
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	7. Hylands Law Firm				
	8. Jia Yuan Law Office				
	9. Zhonghao Law Firm (Hong Kong)				
	10. Allbright Law Offices				
	11. Long An Law Firm LLP 12. Sincere Partners & Attorneys				
	13. Guangdong Haipai Law Firm				
	14. Broad & Bright				
	15. Han Kun Law Offices				
	16. Watson & Band				
	17. Llinks Law Offices				
	18. Fujian Jian Da Law Firm (Hong Kong) 19. Tahota (Hong Kong) Law Firm, LLP				
	20. Tian Yuan Law Firm Hong Kong Office				
	21. JunZeJun Law Offices				
	22. Grandway Law Offices				
	23. Haiwen				
	24. DHH Law Firm 25. AnJie Law Firm				
	26. Commerce & Finance Law Offices				
	27. China Commercial (Hong Kong) Law Firm				
	28. LVYUN Law Firm				
	29. Alpha & Leader (HK) Law Firm				

12.	Associations between Foreign Law Firms (excluding Mainland Law Firms) and Hong Kong Firms of Solicitors				
	Foreign Law Firms 1. Thomas, Mayer & Associes 2. Roedl & Partner 3. Sam Zhang & Co. 4. McMillan LLP 5. SG Fafalen & Co.	Hong Kong Firms of Solicitors 1. Lily Fenn & Partners 2. Ho, Wong & Wong, Solicitors & Notaries 3. Melinda Lee & Co. 4. Angela Ho & Associates 5. Huen & Partners			
	 Sangiorgi Vinciguerra Studio Legale LPA-CGR Taylor Wessing Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners Morgan, Lewis & Bockius Seyfarth Shaw Charles Russell Speechlys LLP CMS Hasche Sigle, Hong Kong LLP Asiallians LLP 	6. Hart Giles, Solicitors & Notaries 7. Toullec Solicitors 8. H.M. Chan & Co 9. SM & Co 10. Luk & Partners 11. Wong, Wan & Partners 12. Jonathan Mok Legal 13. Lau, Horton & Wise LLP 14. K.Y. Woo & Co.			
13.	Associations between Mainland Law Fi in Hong Kong	rms and Hong Kong Law Firms currently	25		
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14.	Members of Association of China-Appo		506		
15.	Members of Hong Kong Society of Nota	ries (as of 30 April 2018)	372		
16.	Civil Celebrants of Marriages		2,186		
17.	Reverse Mortgage Counsellors		448		
18.	Solicitor Advocates		65		

19.	Law Society Panel of Mediators	_	General Mediators Family Mediators	190
			ramny friculators	43

Note: The above figures were as at 30 April 2019 unless otherwise stated.

Remarks:

In 2018, 602 Hong Kong residents took the National Legal Qualification Examination and 108 candidates passed the examination. 16 of them took the examination in Hong Kong and the other 92 took the examination in the Mainland. (Source: Department of Justice)

A. Home jurisdictions of registered foreign law firms As at 30 April 2019

	Home Jurisdiction	Number	%
1	Mainland China	29	30.53%
2	USA	15	15.79%
3	British Virgin Islands	6	6.32%
4	Cayman Islands	6	6.32%
5	France	5	5.26%
6	England and Wales	4	4.21%
7	Canada	3	3.16%
8	Germany	3	3.16%
9	Italy	3	3.16%
10	Switzerland	3	3.16%
11	Bermuda	2	2.11%
12	Guernsey	2	2.11%
13	Luxembourg	2	2.11%
14	Republic of Korea	. 2	2.11%
15	Sweden	2	2.11%
16	The Philippines	2	2.11%
17	Australia	1	1.05%
18	Belgium	1	1.05%
19	Ireland	1	1.05%
20	Japan	1	1.05%
21	Macau	1	1.05%
22	Singapore	1	1.05%
		95#	100.00%

- (1) # There are in fact only 87 foreign law firms in Hong Kong as:
 - one foreign law firm has registered to practise both Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands laws;
 - ii. one foreign law firm has registered to practise Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands and Ireland laws;
 - iii. one foreign law firm has registered to practise Cayman Islands, Guernsey and British Virgin Islands laws;
 - iv. one foreign law firm has registered to practise both Bermuda and British Virgin Islands laws;
 - v. two foreign law firms have registered to practise both England and Wales and USA laws.
- (2) There are 39 associations registered between foreign law firms and local firms.

B. Home jurisdictions of registered foreign lawyers in both foreign law firms and local law firms As at 30 April 2019

	Jurisdictions	Number	%
1	USA	610	36.42%
2	England and Wales	348	20.78%
3	Mainland China	243	14.51%
4	Australia	179	10.69%
5	Singapore	57	3.40%
6	British Virgin Islands	38	2.27%
7	Bermuda	31	1.85%
8	France	28	1.67%
9	New Zealand	20	1.19%
10	Canada	18	1.07%
11	Cayman Islands	14	0.84%
12	Germany	10	0.60%
13	Italy	10	0.60%
14	Luxembourg	8	0.48%
15	Malaysia	8	0.48%
16	Ireland	7	0.42%
17	India	5	0.30%
18	Scotland	5	0.30%
19	Switzerland	5	0.30%
20	Belgium	4	0.24%
21	Republic of Korea	4	0.24%
22	Sweden	4	0.24%
23	The Philippines	4	0.24%
24	Japan	3	0.18%
25	The Netherlands	3	0.18%
26	Guernsey	2	0.12%
27	Israel	1	0.06%
28	Macau	1	0.06%
29	Russia	1	0.06%
30	South Africa	1	0.06%
31	Taiwan	1	0.06%
32	Thailand	1	0.06%
33	Vietnam	1	0.06%
		1675	100.00%

Note: As at 30 April 2019, 455 registered foreign lawyers worked in registered foreign law firms and 1.220 registered foreign lawyers worked in local law firms.