

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
A Brief Biography of the Chairman of the Council

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Andrew is the Chairman of the Council of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the supreme governing of the University. He is a Senior Counsel by profession, having practiced at the Hong Kong Bar since 1975. He studied law at the University of Hong Kong and the London School of Economics and Political Sciences. Andrew was appointed Queen's Counsel in Hong Kong in 1989, and had served as Deputy High Court Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in 1990, and Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2000-2002.

Apart from his professional legal practice, Andrew has actively participated in public service on a wide range of matters including intellectual property, education, applied R&D, law reform, consumer protection, aviation. As a member of the Law Reform Commission and its Copyright Sub-Committee, he was closely involved in the reform of the copyright law, leading to the enactment of Hong Kong's first own copyright law in 1997. He was the first Chairman of the Copyright Tribunal, and Convenor of the Hong Kong Bar's Task Force on Intellectual Property. In 2001, Andrew was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government for his contribution to the reform of intellectual property laws. He was Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Review of the Patent System, Chairman of the Steering Committee on Review of Intellectual Property Issues in the Innovation and Technology Sector, Vice-Chairman of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading, and Member of the Economic Development Commission. Presently, he is Chairman of the Archives Law Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission, and Member of the Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration.

Andrew was formally a Non-Official Member of the Executive Council of the HKSAR. For his distinguished public service, he was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2008.

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