## 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

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## **Press Release**

A research team has been formed to re-examine the Compendium of Submissions on Proposals to Implement Article 23 of the Basic Law released by the SAR government.

The research team members feel that the government has not done justice to the public opinion reflected during the consultation about Article 23, and share an academic interest as well as a sense of civic duty in re-analysing the submissions more scientifically and thoroughly. In doing so, the team hopes to set the record straight as to what the true concerns of Hong Kong citizens are and set a benchmark for future analyses of public opinion.

Members of the research team include (1) Dr. Jennifer CHAN, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, HKU (who also chairs the team); (2) Dr. CHAN Kin-Man, Department of Sociology, CUHK; (3) Dr. Sammy CHIU, Department of Social Work, HKBU; (3) Dr. Boris Sai-Tsang CHOY, HKU SPACE Community College (Deputy Chair of the team); Dr. MA Ngok, Division of Social Science, UST.

Members of the team contribute their time voluntarily in personal capacity. They do not represent any organization, including the academic institutions in which they are employed. They work independently and take full responsibility for their own work. The project is considered service to the community for which the members will not receive rewards in monetary terms or in kind. There was no agreed stand among team members on issues about Article 23 of the Basic Law prior to the formation of the team.

The research team may contact other members of the academic community, in solicitation of their professional advice on the coding scheme and the conduct of research, whenever they see fit.

This research is partially funded by the Concern Group on Article 23 of the Basic Law. However, the research team places great emphasis on academic integrity and has complete autonomy in every aspect of the research. Neither the Concern Group nor any other donors would have any say on how the research is to be conducted or on the findings of the research.

A coding scheme has been developed. A project manager is training and supervising a group of research assistants, mostly university students, to perform coding work, data entry and data checking. The coding results will be scrutinized by members of the research team. An interim report is expected in May.

For further information about the research team and its work, please contact Dr. Jennifer Chan at 2857-8316 or Dr. Boris Choy at 2809-9850.

## 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

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## 新聞公佈

一支專事重新審核由特區政府編製的《基本法第二十三條公眾意見匯編》的研究隊伍經 已正式成立,名為「基本法第二十三條公眾意見匯編研究組」。

研究組的使命,是要把市民就基本法第二十三條立法建議所遞交的意見書重新整理,以 科學和更加全面的方法把民意重新顯現,一則還歷史一個公道,二則為未來類似的諮詢 工作定下標準。研究組認為,特區政府沒有公正處理市民就基本法第二十三條立法所表 達的意見。研究組願意義務承擔再次分析有關民意的工作,一盡公民責任,二為學術興 趣。

「基本法第二十三條公眾意見匯編研究組」的成員包括:(1)香港大學統計及精算系陳 素娟博士(主席);(2)香港中文大學社會學系陳健民博士;(3)香港浸會大學社會工 作系趙維生博士;(4)香港大學專業進修學院附屬學院蔡世增博士(副主席);(5)香 港科技大學社會科學部馬嶽博士。

所有研究組的成員都是以個人名義參與是項工作,既屬義務性質,亦不代表任何團體, 包括所屬院校。研究組全面獨立運作,並會為自己的工作負起全部責任。研究組的成員 把是項工作視為一項無償的社會服務,分文不取。成員間亦沒有預先討論各人對基本法 第二十三條立法建議的立場。

研究組可能隨時就重新整理市民意見的方法,及有關的編碼系統,諮詢其他學術界的人 士,集思廣益。

研究組的部份運作經費由「基本法第二十三條關注組」提供,但所有研究及運作一概不 受關注組或其他人士影響。研究組極度強調學者誠信及研究自主。

研究組業制定一個整理有關民意的編碼系統,並由一位專事統籌員負責訓練及督導一群 以大學生骨幹的研究助理,負責編碼及其他數據處理工作。研究組的成員將會詳細分析 編碼的結果,並計劃在五月份提交中期報告。

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