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Vision 30 for Rule of Law International Symposium

26 May 2022
09:00–18:20 (GMT+8)

Despite the presence of the rule of law in different legal systems; practice, or even understanding, of the rule of law may vary among jurisdictions.

With a view to contributing to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular, Goal 16.3 which advocates 'promot[ing] the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensur[ing] equal access to justice for all', the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council, and Asian Academy of International Law join hands to organise the 'Vision 2030 for Rule of Law International Symposium', bringing together prestigious speakers to examine both the shared and distinct understanding and practice of the rule of law under various jurisdictions.

In addition to plenary sessions featuring government dignitaries and world-renowned legal experts, eminent speakers of varied spectra will discuss three seminal issues: (1) the rule of law under international law, (2) fundamental elements of the rule of law, and (3) practice of the rule of law in different cultural contexts. The Symposium will also present the *Vision 2030 Task Force Report*, the fruit of two years' intensive work since the launch of 'Vision 2030 for Rule of Law' in 2020.

Simultaneous interpretation in English, Cantonese and Putonghua will be provided.

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TIME (GMT+8)	PROGRAMME
08:50–09:00	PHOTO-TAKING SESSION (for speakers)
09:00–09:05	WELCOMING REMARKS
	LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor Carrie GBM GBS Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
09:05–09:25	OPENING SPEECH
	LIU Guangyuan Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
09:25–10:10	KEYNOTE SPEECH
	XUE Hanqin Judge, International Court of Justice Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law
10:10–10:30	BREAK
10:30–12:00	PANEL SESSION I: RULE OF LAW UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW
	<p>With the common goal to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, all members of the UN have adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In particular, Goal 16.3 targets to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Anthony NEOH QC SC JP Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law</p> <p>PANELLISTS: Jose Isidro (Lito) N. CAMACHO Council Member, Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council Managing Director and Vice Chairman (Asia Pacific), Credit Suisse AG Former Secretary of Finance and Former Secretary of Energy, Republic of the Philippines</p> <p>HUANG Jin President, Chinese Society of International Law Professor of Law, China University of Political Science and Law</p> <p>QI Tong Professor, Wuhan University, China</p> <p>Lutz-Christian WOLFF Dean of the Faculty of Law and Wei Lun Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</p>
12:00–14:00	LUNCH (for invited guests)

TIME (GMT+8)	PROGRAMME
14:00–14:45	KEYNOTE SPEECH
	<p>Surakiart SATHIRATHAI Chairman, Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council Former Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Thailand Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law</p>
14:45–16:15	PANEL SESSION II: FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THE RULE OF LAW
	<p>The concept of the rule of law can be broadly debated and there exists no single definition of the rule of law. Notwithstanding different societal values and socio-political systems, there exists certain common values of rule of law amongst different societies.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Thomas SO JP Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law</p> <p>PANELLISTS: Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA Secretary General, Japan International Dispute Resolution Centre Professor of Law, Rikkyo University, Japan Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law</p> <p>TIAN He Head, Center for National Index of Rule of Law of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p> <p>ZHAO Yun Representative, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of Hague Conference on Private International Law Professor and Head of Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</p>
16:15–16:30	BREAK
16:30–18:00	PANEL SESSION III: PRACTICE OF THE RULE OF LAW IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL CONTEXTS
	<p>The unique cultures, socio-economic features and legal traditions of different regions or jurisdictions may colour upon the way of how they have been practising the rule of law. This Panel examines how the historical development, cultural diversity and political thoughts of individual countries influenced the practice of the rule of law in different jurisdictions and how these can be measured in a fair and objective manner.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Michael John HARTMANN GBS Former Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law</p> <p>PANELLISTS: ZHANG Yuejiao Professor of Law, Tsinghua University, China Former Chair, Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law</p>

	<p>Yemi CANDIDE-JOHNSON Senior Partner, Strachan Partners Former President, Lagos Court of Arbitration</p> <p>Alireza ESMAEIL ZADEH Consul-General, Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Hong Kong and Macao</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</p>
18:00–18:20	<p>CLOSING REMARKS & LAUNCH OF THE VISION 2030 TASK FORCE REPORT</p> <p>CHENG Yeuk-wah Teresa GBM GBS SC JP Secretary for Justice, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China Chair, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law</p>

SPEAKERS OF HONOUR (Listed in order of appearance)



LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor Carrie GBM GBS

Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Mrs Carrie Lam joined the Administrative Service of the Hong Kong Government in August 1980 and has served the public for more than 36 years in twenty public service positions including Director of Social Welfare, Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands), Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, Secretary for Development and Chief Secretary for Administration. Mrs Lam was elected as the Fifth-Term Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 26 March 2017, and was officially appointed to this position by the Central People's Government on 31 March 2017 to assume office on 1 July 2017.



LIU Guangyuan

Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Mr Liu currently serves as the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Mr Liu joined the MFA in 1986, and served in the Department of African Affairs, Department of Personnel, Department of External Security Affairs, the Chinese Embassy in Ghana, and the Chinese Embassy in Nigeria. Mr Liu also served as the Deputy Consul-General in San Francisco, Minister of the Chinese Embassy in the US, and Ambassador to Kenya and Poland.



XUE Hanqin

Judge, International Court of Justice
Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Judge Xue is Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) (since 2010) and former Vice President (2018–2021). Judge Xue was Vice-President and Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Law (1997–2013), Council Member of the China Law Society (1997–2000), President of the Asian Society of International Law (2009–2011). She was Member of the United Nations International Law Commission (2001–2010) and its Chairman (2010); Associate Member and Member of the Institut de Droit international (since 2005), President of the Institut from 2019–2021; Member of the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law (2010–2016), Member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (since 2014), and Member of the Ethics Commission of International Olympic Committee (since 2017). Before elected to the ICJ, she served as Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (1999–2003) and various other posts as ambassador and permanent representative of China. She has also published numerous books and articles on international law both in Chinese and English.



Surakiart SATHIRATHAI

Chairman, Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council
Former Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Thailand
Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Professor Dr Surakiart Sathirathai is Chairman of the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (APRC), Member of the Board of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) and Member of the Board of 'Leaders for Peace' chaired by Former Prime Minister of France Jean-Pierre Raffarin. He received his Bachelor of Law with Honours from Chulalongkorn University, Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and a Doctorate and Master of Law from the Harvard Law School.

In politics, he served as the Deputy Prime Minister (2005–2006), and Acting Minister of Culture (2006), Minister of Foreign Affairs (2001–2005), Minister of Finance (1995–1996), including Advisor to several Prime Ministers of Thailand.

In International affairs, he co-chaired with Former President Jimmy Carter of the Carter Center Delegation to observe Election in Nepal (2008, 2013 and 2017), He was Chairman of the Advisory Board on the Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, Myanmar.

He is a member of the Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law, appointed by Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR.

In academia, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Law of Chulalongkorn University, Visiting Professor at the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, US, Senior Fellow of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School, President of Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) (2013–2015), and a Distinguished Scholar of Chulalongkorn University for five terms. He is currently a Member of Advisory Council of the AsianSIL, Member of Honorary Council of the Institute for Global Law and Policy of the Harvard Law School, Member of the Asian Advisory Group of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, US, Honorary Advisory Chairman of Rajamangala University of Technology Isan and Adviser of the Joint Meeting of 9 Rajamangala University of Technology Council Chairmen and Presidents, Chairman of the Board of Trustee of CMKL University (Carnegie Mellon and King Mongkut at Ladkrabang Universities) Thailand, and Member of the University Council of Chiangmai University.

In the private sector, he served as Chairman of PTT Exploration and Production Plc. (PTTEP), Executive Chairman of Thai Oil Co., Ltd., Chairman of Securities Exchange Commission of Thailand, as well as board director in a commercial bank and other companies. He is currently Chairman of the Advisory Board of Siam Premier International Law Office Co., Ltd. with an office in Lao PDR, Chairman of PepsiCO Services Asia Limited, Advisory Chairman for Asia and Member of the International Strategic Advisory Board, SICPA S.A. Switzerland, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for South-East Asia for the CEO of Zone Asia, Oceania and Sub-Saharan Africa, (AOA), Nestle S.A. Switzerland, Advisor of Energy Absolute Plc., Advisor of Advance Finance Company Limited.

In public charity, he is Advisory Vice Chairman of the Board and Executive Chairman of The Friends in Need (of 'Pa') Volunteers Foundation, Thai Red Cross chaired by HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha.

In Special Awards, he received Honorary Doctorate Degree in Law, Chulalongkorn University, Honorary Doctorate Degree of Science in Business Economics and Management, King Mongkut Institute of Technology at Ladkrabang, Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, Ramkhamhaeng University, Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science, Mae Fah Luang University, Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Administration, Eastern Asia University, Outstanding Alumni Awards of Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University in 1996 and 2003.

His speeches delivered in Thailand and international fora is available upon request.



CHENG Yeuk-wah Teresa GBM GBS SC JP

Secretary for Justice, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
Chair, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, was appointed Secretary for Justice on 6 January 2018. She was a Senior Counsel in private practice before joining the Government. She is also a chartered engineer and chartered arbitrator. She was frequently engaged as arbitrator or counsel in complex international commercial or investment disputes. Ms Cheng was one of the founders and Chairperson of the Asian Academy of International Law. She is a Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017. She is a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes Panel of Arbitrators, and was a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board. Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and was the Course Director of the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing.

SPEAKERS (Listed in order of appearance)



Anthony NEOH QC SC JP

Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law

Dr Anthony Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. In 1979, he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar after serving for 13 years in the Hong Kong Civil Service. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. He was the chief architect of the legal structure for the listing of Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong. He is former Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1995 to 1998; during this time, he was the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji. Dr Neoh was appointed as Chairman of the Hong Kong Independent Police Complaints Council from June 2018 to May 2021. He was the Convenor of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Expert Group on the Finance Academy and now serves as Member of the HKMA Preparatory Committee for the Finance Academy. He is also the Co-Chairman of 2018 B20 Financing Growth and Infrastructure Task Force, and Co-Chairman of The China Securitization Forum.

**Jose Isidro (Lito) N. CAMACHO**

Council Member, Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council
 Managing Director and Vice Chairman (Asia Pacific), Credit Suisse AG
 Former Secretary of Finance and Former Secretary of Energy, Republic of the Philippines

Mr Camacho joined Credit Suisse after a distinguished career in government and international banking. He served as the Secretary of Finance of the Philippines, where he led the country's economic team and supervised the fiscal and financial sectors, and as the Secretary of Energy, where he was credited with the successful passage of the country's power sector reform legislation. Prior to joining the government, he was Managing Director and Chief Country Officer of Deutsche Bank AG (Philippines) and Managing Director and Partner of the Bankers Trust Company. His other current positions include being the Non-Executive Chairman of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (Philippines), a board member of Sun Life Grepa Financial Inc. (Philippines), Sun Life Malaysia Assurance Bhd (Malaysia) and a Member of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's International Advisory Panel (China).

**HUANG Jin**

President, Chinese Society of International Law
 Professor of Law, China University of Political Science and Law

Professor Huang Jin has got a Doctor of Law degree at Wuhan University and Doctorat honoris causa de l'Université de Montréal, Canada. He serves as Vice President of China Society of Law, Vice Chairman of China Foundation for Human Rights Development, and President of China Society of Private International Law. He is a member of International Commercial Expert Committee of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, a member of Permanent Court of Arbitration, and a titular member, International Academy of Comparative Law. He was Vice President of Wuhan University and President of China University of Political Science and Law.

**QI Tong**

Professor, Wuhan University, China

Dr Qi is a Professor of international economic law and Director of the Centre of Overseas Investment Law at the Law School of Wuhan University, China. His research focuses on international economic law. His selected English publications include *China, the EU and International Investment Law: Reforming Investor-State Dispute Settlement* (eds.) (Routledge, 2020); 'Improving Global Investment Governance: China as a New Variable', *ICSID Review*, (Vol.35, 2020); 'Multilateral Investment Court: The Gap Between the EU and China', *The Chinese Journal of Global Governance* (Vol.4, 2018); 'Is China Ready to Recognize and Enforce International Investment Arbitral Awards?', *China and WTO Review* (Vol.3, 2017), etc.

**Lutz-Christian WOLFF**

Dean of the Faculty of Law and Wei Lun Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Wolff was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in January 2019. Prior to that, he was the Dean of the Graduate School from September 2014 to August 2019. He was a founding member of the Faculty of Law and served in various positions at the University. Professor Wolff specialises in international and Chinese business law, comparative law, and private international law. He studied, worked, and conducted research in a number of jurisdictions, including Mainland China, Taiwan, and US. He is admitted to practice in England and Wales as well as in Germany. He has frequently worked as consultant with multinational companies and law firms on investment projects in the Greater China region.

**Thomas SO JP**

Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre
 Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Dr So is a partner of Grandall Zimmern Law Firm. He advises on shareholders- and equity-related disputes, property-related litigation, libel litigation and media-related litigation work, and litigation and arbitration in Mainland China. He represents financial institutions, property developers and corporations as well as Chinese enterprises on securities- and equity-related disputes. Dr So has acted as Arbitrator and Mediator in shareholders and other disputes and is on a number of panel of arbitrators in Asia. He has also acted as Deputy Judge at the District Court and Temporary Deputy Registrar at the High Court. He is a China-Appointed Attesting Officer (appointed by the Ministry of Justice of China). He was the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong and is a solicitor-advocate with rights to appear in the higher courts in Hong Kong.



Yoshihisa HAYAKAWA

Secretary General, Japan International Dispute Resolution Centre
Professor of Law, Rikkyo University, Japan
Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Professor Hayakawa is Professor of Law at the Rikkyo University, Tokyo. He also teaches and researches in a number of other universities including the Columbia University, Cornell University, Queen Mary of University of London, and Australian National University. In addition, he is Partner at Uryu & Itoga, Tokyo, acting as counsel or arbitrator in many transnational litigation cases and international commercial arbitration cases. Other than that, Professor Hayakawa is a representative of Japan in a number of inter-governmental organisations, including the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, International Organization for Standardization, and Hague Conference on Private International Law. He also serves as Member of the Commission on Arbitration and ADR of International Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Users Council of Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Secretary General of the Japan International Dispute Resolution Centre, etc.



TIAN He

Head, Center for National Index of Rule of Law of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Professor Tian is former Professor of the Graduate School of China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and currently Head of the Center for National Index of Rule of Law and Researcher of the Institute of Law of the CASS, Chief Researcher of the Innovation Project on Rule of Law Indices, and Editor-in-Chief of the Blue Book on the Rule of Law in China amongst various positions. Her research areas cover empirical jurisprudence, rule of law in criminal laws, judicial systems, and Asian law, having participated in international conferences, training and visits at different universities and scientific research institutions in the UK, US, Japan, Finland, etc. She has been recognised as National Advanced Worker, May First Labour Medallist, Outstanding Member of Communist Party of China, etc.



ZHAO Yun

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Professor Zhao is Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Head of Department of Law at The University of Hong Kong; Ph.D. (Erasmus University Rotterdam); LL.M. (Leiden University); LL.M. and LL.B. (China University of Political Science and Law). He is also Chair Professor at Xiamen University. He is currently Standing Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Law, Council Member of the Chinese Law Society, Council Member of Zhuhai International Court of Arbitration, Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators. He is listed as an arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He sits in the editorial teams of several academic journals, including *Hong Kong Law Journal* (as China Law editor) and *Journal of East Asia and International Law* (as Executive Editor). He is winner of Prof Dr I.H.Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award 2006 by International Institute of Space Law in France, the first winner of Isa Diederiks-Verschoor Prize in the Netherlands, and also the first winner of SATA Prize by the Foundation of Development of International Law in Asia (DILA). He has published widely on various topics including dispute resolution and space law in particular. His recent publications include *Dispute Resolution in Electronic Commerce* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2005), *Liberalization of Electronic Commerce and Law* (Peking University Press, 2005), *Space Commercialization and the Development of Space Law* (Intellectual Property Press, 2008), *Mediation Practice and Skills* (Tsinghua University Press, 2011), *National Space Legislation in China: An Overview of the Current Situation and Outlook for the Future* (Brill, 2015), and *Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution in Modern China* (Springer, 2022).



Michael John HARTMANN GBS

Former Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Mr Hartmann was admitted as Attorney, Notary Public and Conveyancer in Zimbabwe in 1971. He joined the Hong Kong Legal Department in 1983 as Crown Counsel. He was appointed Senior Crown Counsel in 1984 and Deputy Principal Crown Counsel in 1989. He joined the Hong Kong Judiciary as District Judge in 1991, and was appointed Judge of the Court of First Instance in 1998. From 2008 to 2012, he served as Justice of Appeal. He became Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal in 2010. Mr Hartmann was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2012.



ZHANG Yuejiao

Professor of Law, Tsinghua University, China
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Member, Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law

Professor Zhang is the first Chinese to be a legal adviser to the World Bank, the first Chinese director of the European Bureau of Asian Development Bank, the first Chinese director of the West African Development Bank, and the first Chinese judge of the World Trade Organization. She has served as one of the seven Members and Chair of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization, the global court of final appeal in international trade in Geneva, Switzerland, between 2007 and 2016. She is Professor at Tsinghua University and Shantou University. Since 16 September 2017, Professor Zhang has been designated by the President of the World Bank to the panel of arbitrators of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Dispute for 6 years.



Yemi CANDIDE-JOHNSON

Senior Partner, Strachan Partners

Former President, Lagos Court of Arbitration

Mr Candide-Johnson is Senior Advocate of Nigeria and Senior Partner at the Strachan Partners. He is continuously engaged as lead counsel in ongoing major and high-profile commercial and public policy disputes across the courts of Nigeria and has been either counsel or arbitrator in several domestic and international commercial arbitrations in the maritime, petroleum banking and construction industries. Mr Candide-Johnson also has remarkable experience in advising on complex commercial transactions as well as advising foreign investors on potential investment in Nigeria. He is former President of the Lagos Court of Arbitration, which is Africa's foremost dispute resolution institution, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company.



Alireza ESMAEIL ZADEH

Consul-General, Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Hong Kong and Macao

Mr Alireza Esmail Zadeh is the Consul-General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Hong Kong and Macao since June 2020. He earned a M.A. in International Relations from the University of Tehran and a B.A. in International Relations from School of International Relations affiliated to Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining the Consulate General, Mr Esmail Zadeh was the Head of the Division of Vetting and Political Appointees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tehran. From 2009 to 2014, he was the Chief of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Tehran Disaster Mitigation Office. Prior to that, he was the Head of the Division of Energy and International Trade Negotiations for several years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, when abroad on mission, he assumed the position of Deputy Ambassador as well as Deputy Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to United Nations office in Nairobi, United Nations Environment Programme, and UN-Habitat. During his career, he has served the international community through being a fellow in the Secretariat of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, advisor to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, and by assumption of posts in bureaus of multilateral conferences including Rapporteur of the 25th Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Cities and Other Human Settlements.