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**Invitation to attend the Global Conference to Celebrate the 125th Anniversary
of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)
18-20 April 2018
“HCCH 125 – Ways Forward:
Challenges and Opportunities in an Increasingly Connected World”**

The Hague Conference on Private International Law, through its Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, has the honour of inviting you to participate in the Global Conference “HCCH 125 – Ways Forward: Challenges and Opportunities in an Increasingly Connected World”, which will take place from 18 to 20 April 2018 in the Large Moot Court Room, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.

The Global Conference, held in conjunction with the HCCH’s 125th Anniversary and with the support of the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong SAR, will provide participants with a unique opportunity to hear from leading subject matter experts, and to discuss with them the opportunities for, and challenges to, private international law and the evolution of the HCCH. We are honoured to have Prof Jurgen Basedow of the Max Planck Institute delivering the keynote speech for the Conference. Lord Collins of Mapesbury will serve as the moderator in one of the sessions.

Having successfully progressed the “unification of the rule of private international law” (Art. 1 Statute of the HCCH)) through Hague Conventions, Protocols, and more recently its first soft-law instrument, for the past 125 years, the HCCH’s Quasiquicentennial provides an excellent opportunity to look into the future of private international law, and its ability to connect the world. The Conference will assemble the world’s leading legal minds in private international law to discuss these and more issues.

In view of the cooperation between your University and HCCH, as well as your great involvement therein, we sincerely invite you to participate the remarkable event. Your participation will greatly enrich the value of the event to both private international law and the HCCH.

The Conference programme (subject to changes) is attached. The Conference will put a strong focus on an open debate and the free exchange of ideas between all participants. “Davos-style” panels will be used to foster maximum interaction facilitated by experienced moderators. The

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conference language will be English. Further information including the registration arrangements can be found on the dedicated conference website www.HCCH125.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference.

Kindest Regards,

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