



## Bar Council business development mission to South Korea and China

4 – 7 April 2016

### Guidance for applicants

#### 1. Application guidance

Thank you for your interest in the Bar Council's business development mission to Seoul and Shanghai, which will take place from 4 – 7 April 2016. If you are interested in participating in the mission and speaking at the seminar, please read the attached guidance notes, complete this application form electronically and return it along with your CV to **Nicole Cottle** at [NCottle@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:NCottle@BarCouncil.org.uk) by **EOB on Wednesday 2 March 2016**.

We will aim to let you know the outcome of your application within two weeks of the deadline date.

#### 2. Background Information

##### 2.1. Aims of the visit

- a) Raise the profile of the Bar and promote barristers' expertise as advocates in international dispute resolution and specialist legal advisors and to raise awareness of the ability of foreign law firms and clients to instruct the Bar directly.
- b) Provide a platform for barristers to network with local lawyers in Seoul and Shanghai, and better understand the local legal markets, both through seminars, receptions and meetings with law firms and other legal organisations.
- c) Build relationships with local bar associations and other legal bodies and explore opportunities for further collaboration between the Bar Council and relevant entities with the Bar (e.g. Specialist Bar Associations).

## 2.2. Provisional Programme Outline

<b>Sunday 3 April</b>		
Delegation arrive in Seoul, South Korea.		
<b>Monday 4 April</b>		
09:00 – 10:30	UKTI Market Briefing	
11:30 – 11:40	Meeting with the Korean Bar Association President Changwoo Ha	
11:30 – 12:40	Introduction to Korean Law and the Korean legal structures (Courts, legal profession, etc.)	Korean Bar Association offices Main conference room
12:40 – 14:00	Lunch	Korean Bar Association offices
14:00 – 15:00	Introduction to Korean Culture and Language	<i>Speaker:</i> Prof. Kee-Chang Kim (confirmed)  KBA Main conference room
15:00 -15:30	Coffee break	
15:00/16:00 – 18:00	Bar Council Seminar	Korean Bar Association office Main conference room
18:00 – 19:30	Networking Reception ( <i>Location TBC – Ambassador’s Residence</i> )	
20:00	Bar Council Korean Exchange Programme - Alumni Network Launch Dinner	
<b>Tuesday 5 April</b>		
09:00 – 10:30	Meeting with Ministry of Justice	<i>(optional for business delegates)</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center (SIDRC) – Roundtable Discussion	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch TBC	
14:00 – 15:00	Meeting with the Supreme Court	<i>(optional for business delegates)</i>

15:00 – 16:00	Tour of the Supreme Court	<i>(optional for business delegates)</i>
17:00	Guest Lecture at SIDRC on ADR topic	Chairman <i>(optional for business delegates)</i>
18:30	Dinner with the Commissioners of SIDRC	
<b>Wednesday 6 April</b>		
09:00 – 10:30	Delegation depart Seoul for Shanghai	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch / UKTI Market Briefing	
14:00 – 18:00	Bar Council Seminar <i>(location to be confirmed)</i>	
18:00	Bar Council Networking Reception <i>(location to be confirmed)</i>	
<b>Thursday 7 April</b>		
09:00 – 10:30	Law firm meeting <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Meeting with the Shanghai Lawyers Association <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch with the Shanghai Lawyers Association <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	Law firm meeting <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
16:30 – 18:00	Law firm meeting <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
19:00	Delegation dinner	

*Please be aware that the programme has not been finalised and is likely to be subject to change. A final programme will be circulated to all participants once it has been confirmed.*

The seminar topics for Seoul and Shanghai are not yet finalised but we are considering broadly the following fields: international litigation, international arbitration, EU competition law. We will consider proposals from applicants based on interests identified in the local legal market.

### 3. Logistics and costs

The Bar Council will ensure the organisation of the seminars and networking programme. The barrister delegates are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation and for bearing all associated costs as well as for obtaining their personal visa.

The Bar Council will suggest flights and select a trade mission hotel. We recommend that delegates stay at the trade mission hotel as this will assist in networking amongst the group and make local travel arrangements easier.

#### Financial support:

Barristers of seven years practice or less may be eligible to apply to the **International professional development grant programme** (more details are available on our website: <http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/supporting-the-bar/international/opportunities/international-legal-and-professional-development-grants-programme/>)

### 4. Application process

When required to select candidates for missions, the Chairman of the International Committee will set up a selection panel consisting of two members of the IC Committee and the member of staff responsible for the organisation of the mission. Alternatively, the Chairman of the IC will invite the IC member responsible for the particular region or jurisdiction or a Vice-Chairman of the IC to set up such a panel. The panel may include the individual setting up the selection panel. The panel will select candidates on the basis of application forms and/ CVs submitted having regard to the Bar Council's selection process and the criteria below. If you would like a copy of the Bar Council's selection policy, please email [NCottle@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:NCottle@BarCouncil.org.uk).

Please note that:

- Decision-making by the selection panel may be entirely paper-based and online.
- Given that there may be several equally well-qualified candidates, selection is entirely at the discretion of the panel, whose decision is final.
- If you wish to speak at a seminar, please indicate which topic you wish to address and what possible sub-topics you would specifically intend to focus on. You may suggest alternative topics to those indicated above and indicate why you consider these to be of interest to the local market.
- To ensure a spread of participants from different chambers, a maximum of two barristers from the same set of chambers will be permitted to join the mission.

## 5. Applicant Criteria for participation

### Essential

- Demonstrated existing international practice (e.g. demonstrated through examples of work, speaking at relevant events or relevant publications) or a credible intention to establish one (demonstrated for example through membership of relevant organisations, such as international lawyers organisations, bilateral law associations or Regional Interest Groups established by the IC or attendance at any relevant conferences).
- Clear objectives for participating in the seminar, compatible with the aims of the visit.
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to and/or speak at the seminar.
- Willingness/ability to contribute towards Bar Council's objective and any other events during the visit.

### Desirable

- Previous overseas experience in the relevant jurisdiction and/or an interest in developing a practise there.
- Other relevant qualifications or memberships (e.g. membership of bar organisations in the region to be visited).
- Willingness to disseminate experience gained on the trip through SBA or Bar Council channels (e.g. give talks at seminars, write article in *Counsel* magazine, etc).

**Please note** that successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-mission briefing and a seminar run through in advance of the mission.

If you have any queries, please contact Jessica Crofts-Lawrence, International Policy Analyst on [JCrofts-Lawrence@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:JCrofts-Lawrence@BarCouncil.org.uk) or on +44 (0) 207 611 1357.