



The British
Chamber of Commerce
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**Resignation by two serving UK judges as non-permanent judges
of the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong**

The British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong has noted the announcement yesterday by Lord Reed and Lord Hodge of their resignations as non-permanent judges of the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong.

We are disappointed by the decision. In meetings with UK Government officials over the last almost two years, and in a recent letter to senior members of the UK Government, we have stated in the clearest terms that the presence of the non-permanent judges on the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong is important to our members and to the wider business community in Hong Kong.

We note that yesterday's decision does not affect the 6 other non-permanent judges from the UK who sit on the Court of Final Appeal and who are not current members of the UK Supreme Court. We very much hope that those judges, together with their counterparts from Australia and Canada, will continue to sit on the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong. Their continued presence would be greatly valued by our business community.

Lord Reed has said in his statement of 30 March 2022, "The courts in Hong Kong continue to be internationally respected for their commitment to the rule of law." We continue to have confidence in the rule of law, and in the independence and expertise of the judiciary, in Hong Kong; and in Hong Kong as a highly attractive place to do business. The business opportunities remain very significant.

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Note to editors:

About the British Chamber of Commerce

The British Chamber of Commerce is one of Hong Kong's largest and most active international business organisations representing a broad span of British, Hong Kong and international companies doing business in, with, or through Hong Kong.

The Chamber's aim is to help our members grow their business, and promote and represent their business interests, by providing representation and advocacy; networking and brand exposure; as well as information and insight.

While a number of our member companies do business with Britain, or have British operations, companies do not have to be British to join the Chamber. We have a large number of Hong Kong, Chinese and international companies within our membership. For more information please visit www.britcham.com

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