

Amendment bill for solicitors

The Attorney-General, Jeremy Mathews, yesterday introduced a Supreme Court (Amendment) Bill to the Legislative Council, which will enable solicitors with 10 years' experience to be eligible for direct appointment to the Supreme Court.

Mathews said appointing solicitors for the task would not be a problem.

He said apart from Mauritius, Hong Kong appeared to be the only common-law jurisdiction that provided no chance for a solicitor to be directly appointed to the High Court.