

**BARRISTER GRAHAM ANTHONY HARRIS SUED FOR \$HK630,000**

Another leading barrister of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) appears to be in a wee spot of trouble.

At least, that is the contention of the Government of the HKSAR – because The Commissioner of Inland Revenue has sued Mr Graham Anthony Harris in respect of purported taxation matters, amounting to about \$HK630,000.

Mr Harris, who was called to The Bar in 1975, more than 27 years ago, has his Chambers in Lippo Centre, Central Hongkong. He lives on the Island of Lantau.

Assuming that the amount of tax, allegedly owed to the HKSAR Government, is for one year, only, then, it would appear that that Government's tax assessment, if correct of course, indicates that Mr Harris must have earned about \$HK4.20 million for the year in question, at least.

This is the first time, according to **TOLFIN** (**TARGET's** Computerised Online Financial Service), that Mr Graham Anthony Harris has been on the receiving end of any legal Action, in any of the Courts of the HKSAR.

Not so for a number of his brethren, however, since **TOLFIN's** records indicate that Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine, for instance, is an old hand at receiving legal claims, lodged in the HKSAR Courts by his landlord, along with The Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine, the 44-year-old son of Mr John Swaine, SC (Senior Counsel), has, thus far, been sued 9 times by his landlord, Baynard Ltd, in respect of alleged unpaid rent on this flat in Hongkong Gold Coast, Castle Peak, New Territories, the HKSAR.

The 9 occasions that Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was sued was during a period of 15 months, dating back to February 2001, with the aggregate amount of money, being claimed, being about \$HK1.39 million.

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue sued this gentleman for an aggregate of about \$HK1.79 million, dating back to 1996.

**For the previous reports on Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine,  
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