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**"Lawyers in the People's Republic of China
Development of Professional Ethics and Responsibility"**

By

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All interested are welcome

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