

National Judicial Examination held in Hong Kong  
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A total of 152 candidates including 13 Taiwan residents take part in the two-day National Judicial Examination held today (September 20) and tomorrow (September 21).

This is the fourth year in which examination centres are set up in Hong Kong for the taking of the examination and the first time Taiwan residents are allowed to take part in this National Examination under new rules introduced by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) in 2008.

The examination, organised by the National Judicial Examination Centre of MoJ, is held simultaneously in different parts of the Mainland.

The examination in Hong Kong is held at Kowloon Technical College and HKEAA's examination centre in Wan Chai.

Officials of the MoJ and the Department of Justice toured the examination centres this morning and were satisfied with the arrangements.

Under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), which came into effect on January 1, 2004, Hong Kong permanent residents with Chinese citizenship are allowed to sit for the National Judicial Examination. Such Hong Kong residents will be granted a restricted right to practise on the Mainland after passing the examination. Taiwan residents are allowed to sit for this examination for the first time and, apart from the Mainland, they can also do so in Hong Kong and Macau.

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