

DPP to lead Legal Study Visit to the Mainland

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Grenville Cross, SC, will lead a delegation from the Department of Justice to visit Beijing, Changchun and Harbin between March 2 to 8.

The visit is hosted by the Ministry of Justice in Beijing as part of a continuing reciprocal Legal Study Visit Programme between the Department of Justice and the Ministry of Justice of the Mainland. Introduced in 1988, the programme aims to promote and strengthen contacts between officials in the Department of Justice and their counterparts in the Mainland.

In addition to meeting senior officials of the Ministry of Justice, Mr Cross looks forward to discussing issues of mutual interest with the Supreme People's Prosecution Service, the Supreme People's Court, the Ministry of Public Security, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, and the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

Mr Cross said, "Visits of this type are of immense value. We will benefit from the opportunity to learn of recent developments in the Mainland, particularly in the area of criminal law where there has been significant progress over the last few years.

"I also look forward to explaining how Hong Kong has developed in recent years, and to providing a greater insight into the workings of our legal system. There can be no doubt that the one country two systems formula is strengthened by first hand contact and dialogue of this type."

The delegation includes Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Arthur Luk Yee-shun, SC, and Deputy Solicitor General, Mr Stephen Wong Kai-yi.

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