The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Mr Grenville Cross, SC, will lead a delegation of prosecutors to visit Shanghai from Tuesday to Friday (March 23 to 26) at the invitation of the Bureau of Justice of Shanghai.

The delegation will call on the Justice Bureau, the People's Procuratorate and the Public Security Bureau of Shanghai. It will also visit the Higher People's Court, the Legislative Affairs Office, the Notary Office and the Faculty of Law of Fudan University.

This is the first time a delegation of prosecutors has visited Shanghai. Mr Cross said the visit was "designed to promote understanding and goodwill with legal officials in Shanghai and to exchange ideas and experiences and to strengthen ties. We also look forward to being briefed on the latest legal developments. Closer links between those involved in legal work in Hong Kong and Shanghai are to be encouraged."

The delegation includes Deputy DPP, Mr Arthur Luk, SC; Senior Assistant DPPs, Ms Louisa Lai and Mr Gavin Shiu; Senior Government Counsel, Mr Alex Lee and Ms Lily Wong; and Government Counsel, Ms Vinci Lam and Ms Peggy Au-Yeung.

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