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Visiting President of the Supreme People's Court, Mr Xiao Yang, met the Secretary for Justice, Ms Elsie Leung, today (November 10) for a useful exchange of views on matters of mutual interest.

Mr Xiao is in Hong Kong at the joint invitation of the Chief Justice and the Secretary for Justice.

Mr Xiao visited the Judiciary yesterday. Later today, he will call on the Chief Executive and will meet members of the legal profession at a reception to be held at Government House.

During his stay in Hong Kong, Mr Xiao will also visit the Bar Association, the Law Society, the Legal Aid Department and the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Mr Xiao's delegation comprises President of Guangdong Provincial Higher People's Court Mr Lu Botao, Senior Judges of the Supreme People's Court Ms Shao Wenhong and Mr Yan Maokun, Director of the Office of the Steering Group on Work relating to Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan of the Supreme People's Court Mr Liu Hehua, Judge of the Supreme People's Court Ms Gao Shawei and Deputy Head of the General Office of the Supreme People's Court Mr He Jing.

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