

SJ: Prosecutions against corruption are made impartially

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, assured the public that all prosecutions against bribery acts will be done impartially irrespective of the identity, background and social status of the people involved.

Speaking at the "Seminar on the Development and Management of Anti-corruption Systems in Hong Kong and Mainland China" held by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) today (February 28), Mr Yuen said that the Government has zero tolerance for corruption activities. The Department of Justice has attached great importance to anti-corruption legislation and prosecution work.

"In the report published in 2012 by the global coalition against corruption, Transparency International, Hong Kong was ranked 14th among more than 170 countries and places. The report shows that Hong Kong is still one of the most corruption-free cities," Mr Yuen added.

Mr Yuen also called for concerted efforts to fight against corruption to maintain Hong Kong's clean reputation. Mr Yuen appealed for closer exchanges and co-operation with the Mainland to fight against cross-boundary crimes to ensure a clean community so as to benefit the nation and the public.

The full text of Mr Yuen's speech is available at the Department of Justice's website: www.doj.gov.hk.

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