

Secretary for Justice attends 3rd Shanghai-Hong Kong  
Commercial Mediation Forum in Shanghai (with photos)

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The Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, today  
(March 17) continued his visit in Shanghai.

At the 3rd Shanghai-Hong Kong Commercial Mediation Forum  
this morning, Mr Yuen delivered a keynote speech on the theme  
"The Past and Future Development of Mediation: The Hong Kong  
Experience". He shared with participants the reasons for  
promoting mediation in Hong Kong, the challenges involved and  
the future developments.

Mr Yuen said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative  
Region Government is committed to promoting Hong Kong as a  
centre for international legal and dispute resolution  
services in the Asia-Pacific region. He said he believed that  
mediation organisations in Shanghai and Hong Kong would be  
able to seize the opportunities by providing more  
professional and specialised services, combining the  
strengths of the two places, and seizing the opportunities  
arising from national and global developments.

Jointly organised by the Shanghai Commercial Mediation  
Center, the Joint Mediation Helpline Office and the Hong Kong  
Mediation Council, the forum provides a platform for  
mediation organisations in Shanghai and Hong Kong to explore  
different models of commercial mediation and to exchange  
views and information on the latest developments of mediation  
services in the two places.

Before attending the forum, Mr Yuen met with the Vice  
Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative  
Conference Shanghai Committee, Mr Xu Yibo, to exchange views  
on the latest developments and co-operation between Shanghai  
and Hong Kong.

He met with the Deputy Director of the Shanghai Municipal

Bureau of Justice, Mr Wang Xie, in the afternoon to discuss matters of mutual interest including legal co-operation between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Mr Yuen will return to Hong Kong tonight.

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