

HKSAR Government and AAIL sign MoU on Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund (with photos)

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL), Dr Anthony Neoh, SC, on the administration of the Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund today (May 20).

The Hong Kong Legal Cloud is an advanced and user-friendly online facility situated in Hong Kong to provide safe, secure and affordable data storage services for the local legal and dispute resolution communities, with a view to enhancing the capability of the profession to harness modern technology in the provision of relevant services. The AAIL will, on a pro bono basis, administer the Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund (around \$15.7 million) for subsidising eligible local legal and dispute resolution professionals to subscribe for the Hong Kong Legal Cloud services provided by the non-profit making non-governmental organisation(s), which will be selected by the Department of Justice after the close of submission on June 1, 2021. The Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund will, in turn, be used to finance the setup cost and initial operational and promotion costs through disbursement of subscription fees to the selected provider(s), for up to three years.

Ms Cheng expressed her appreciation to the AAIL for its assistance and close partnership on this latest lawtech initiative.

For more details on the Hong Kong Legal Cloud, please visit the department's webpage at www.doj.gov.hk/en/community_engagement/announcements/hk_legal_cloud.html.

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