

Seminar on Family Mediation 2022 held today (with photos)

The Seminar on Family Mediation 2022 jointly organised by the Department of Justice and the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society was held today (May 3) to promote the wider use of mediation in resolving family disputes.

In the Seminar, Principal Family Court Judge, His Honour Judge C K Chan, discussed the new Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Ordinance (Cap. 639) from the Judiciary's perspective, noting the importance of bilateral recognition and enforcement of judgments in view of the large number of cross-boundary marriages and related issues. It was then followed by a sharing session by Hong Kong legal practitioners and mediators, Mr Vod Chan and Ms Stephanie Cheung, in which they shared their views on various issues in family mediation, and highlighted some of the salient matters which required more attention in the drafting of mediated settlement agreements in family settings. In particular, they shared how children issues such as child access, and financial issues such as spousal maintenance and third parties' interests, are to be addressed when drafting a mediated settlement agreement, with illustration by real cases.

The Seminar was well received by over 400 participants from different sectors, including social workers and legal practitioners, in Hong Kong and the Mainland.

For more information of the Seminar, please visit the [dedicated homepage](#).

Ends/Tuesday, May 3, 2022