

Submissions from NGOs invited for study and further work relating to reviewing practice of rule of law in region and beyond

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The Department of Justice (DoJ) today (May 26) invited non-profit making non-governmental organisations (NGOs) based in Hong Kong to make submissions to take forward the study and further work relating to reviewing the practice of rule of law in the region and beyond through public-private partnership.

The DoJ launched the Vision 2030 for Rule of Law initiative in 2020 to promote the proper understanding and recognition of the rule of law, thereby contributing to sustainable development of inclusive and fair societies at both the domestic and international levels. To advance the work for effective implementation of the initiative, the Task Force on Vision 2030 for Rule of Law comprising internationally renowned experts and academics was established to advise the Government on its proposal to achieve the intended policy objective.

Under the guidance of the Task Force, the DoJ launched a rule of law database, which sets out a proposed methodology for reviewing the practice of rule of law based on objective data and information, in November 2021. The Task Force advised that it is necessary to take into account the uniqueness of different jurisdictions' rule of law practices such as their cultural, geographical, socio-political, economic and legal tradition, and hence further development and refinement to the database would be necessary. Further explanation and illustration of the methodology are set out in the Vision 2030 Task Force Report launched today during the Vision 2030 for Rule of Law International Symposium. In addition, the Task Force also supported various regional and international capacity building activities taken forward by the DoJ.

To continue taking forward the study and further work in relation to the above through public-private partnership, independent NGOs based in Hong Kong with relevant background and expertise in the promotion and study of reviewing the practice of rule of law in Hong Kong and in the region and beyond are invited to make a submission to the DoJ. The DoJ will use its best endeavours to provide the necessary support for the study and work by the selected entity.

Interested entities should make a submission (including all necessary supporting information and documents demonstrating inter alia, their relevant experience and expertise, and the level of commitment and appreciation of the above initiatives as

well as the business plan required to take forward the relevant study and work) on or before June 16, 2022, to the Inclusive Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Office, Department of Justice, 7/F, Main Wing, Justice Place, 18 Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong, for consideration. The DoJ may also request supplementary information as necessary. For more details, please visit the [DoJ's website](#).

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