New round of application exercise for institutions to qualify under arrangement on interim measures in aid of arbitral proceedings by courts of Mainland and HKSAR commences

A spokesman for the Department of Justice (DoJ) said that a new round of application exercise for arbitration and dispute resolution institutions to qualify under Article 2(1) of the Arrangement Concerning Mutual Assistance in Court-ordered Interim Measures in Aid of Arbitral Proceedings by the Courts of the Mainland and of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Arrangement) was launched today (December 20). The details of the application procedures are set out on the <u>webpage</u> <u>of the DoJ</u>.

Under the Arrangement signed between the DoJ and the Supreme People's Court in April 2019, parties to arbitral proceedings seated in Hong Kong and administered by eligible arbitral institutions which have been designated would be able to apply to the relevant Mainland courts for interim measures. Those interested to be the designated institutions or permanent offices under the Arrangement may submit an application to the DoJ.

All applications and supporting documents shall be in writing and submitted to the DoJ on or before January 20, 2023, by post or email as follows:

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