

Department of Justice releases "Prosecutions Hong Kong 2021"

The Prosecutions Division of the Department of Justice (DoJ) today (December 29) published online ["Prosecutions Hong Kong 2021"](#), which reviews the DoJ's prosecution work for the year 2021.

One of the fundamental principles of the criminal justice system in Hong Kong is to ensure a fair trial and uphold due administration of justice. In ensuring the integrity of the criminal justice system in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, prosecutors of the DoJ have always applied the highest professional standards in handling criminal cases and discharging their prosecutorial duties without fear or favour.

In the Director's Overview, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Maggie Yang, emphasised that all prosecutorial decisions are made on evidence and public interest considerations. Factors such as personal opinion and political stance have absolutely no part to play. She pointed out that the work of prosecutors excludes notions of "winning or losing". The purpose of bringing a prosecution is not to secure a conviction, but to present evidence in a fair and impartial manner to assist the court or jury in reaching a just result.

Apart from a detailed account of the key cases handled by each sub-division of the Prosecutions Division, this latest review also provides information on various outreach and training activities organised by the Division throughout the year.

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