

Two working groups under Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education established

The Working Group on Course Design and Teaching Materials (Working Group on Course Design) and the Working Group on Coordination and Liaison (Working Group on Coordination) under the Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education of the Department of Justice (DoJ) were officially established on March 29 and today (April 6) respectively.

At the first meeting of the Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, and vice-chaired by the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, held in February, it was agreed that the two working groups should be set up under the Steering Committee to follow up on the work of the "Rule of Law Education Train-the-Trainers Programme".

The Working Group on Course Design is chaired by Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal Mr Justice Patrick Chan, while the Working Group on Coordination is chaired by Legislative Council Member Ms Carmen Kan. They are both members of the Steering Committee. The working groups comprise Steering Committee members as well as other stakeholders. The memberships of the two working groups are set out in the appendix.

The main scope of work of the Working Group on Course Design is to guide, co-ordinate and examine the structure and key contents of the training course, the design and preparation of the relevant teaching materials under the Programme, and to report to the Steering Committee on its work progress.

The main scope of work of the Working Group on Coordination is to co-ordinate the implementation of the Programme, including the invitation of speakers, the recruitment of students, the promotion and publicity of the Programme, the direction and co-ordination of the strategy for further promoting the rule of law in the community, and to report to the Steering Committee on its work progress.

The first meeting of the Working Group on Course Design was held on March 29. The Working Group on Coordination will seek to convene its first meeting as soon as possible so as to take forward the relevant work on the implementation of the Programme.

The establishment of the Steering Committee and the launch of the Programme are among the key policy initiatives of the DoJ in the 2022 Policy Address. The Programme aims to train people in various sectors of the community and enhance their capability of and effectiveness in passing on correct messages of the rule of law to others through their diversified community works and different roles in society, thereby achieving the objective of promoting rule of law education on all fronts.

Attachment

Appendix: Membership Lists

Ends/Thursday, April 6, 2023a