

Third GBA Legal Professional Examination to be held on May 27

The 2023 GBA Legal Professional Examination (2023 GBA Examination) will be held on May 27. The payment system for the 2023 GBA Examination was launched today (May 8). For more details, please visit: www.moj.gov.cn/pub/sfbgw/gwxw/xwyw/202305/t20230506_478241.html (in Chinese only).

Legal practitioners who have previously enrolled in the 2023 GBA Examination and completed the pre-examination legal training should pay the relevant examination fees as early as possible through the website of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) on or before May 12.

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said, "The GBA examination has already been successfully held twice. As more Hong Kong legal practitioners are qualified to practise in the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA, they can capitalise on their dual qualification to provide cross-jurisdictional legal services to clients in the GBA. This effectively facilitates Hong Kong practitioners in assisting in the development of the GBA as well as their integration into the national development.

"The pilot scheme of the GBA examination, which lasts for three years, will end this year. The Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is supportive of the GBA examination being conducted regularly and will strive to collaborate with the MoJ and the Department of Justice of Guangdong Province in taking forward the relevant work."

As at the end of April this year, around 200 Hong Kong legal practitioners have obtained the Lawyer's License (Guangdong-Hong Kong Macao Greater Bay Area) and can provide legal services in the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA on specified civil and commercial matters to which the Mainland laws apply. The Department of Justice of Guangdong Province and the Bureaux of Justice of the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA have promulgated various policies and measures which provide facilitation and support to Hong Kong and Macao lawyers for practising in the nine Mainland municipalities.

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