

Online seminar co-organised by AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre and eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre held today (with photo)

The Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam have facilitated the organisation of an online seminar co-organised by the AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre and the eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre today (June 27).

This is the first event promoting the talent and professional exchanges between Hong Kong and Brunei Darussalam since the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the DoJ and the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam on May 4 this year. The MoC aims to strengthen communication, collaboration and co-operation between the two jurisdictions on issues relating to dispute avoidance and resolution and to facilitate development of the related services.

As remarked by the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, in the opening of the seminar, "It gives me great pleasure to welcome friends from Brunei joining this online seminar, signifying the first collaboration between the two jurisdictions under the MoC. I am most grateful to Chief Justice Chong (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam, Dato Seri Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon) and the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam for facilitating the arrangements, which is a great start to building closer ties for practitioners between Brunei and Hong Kong."

Chief Justice Chong said, "The event today demonstrates how we have laid a firm foundation for future co-operation between Brunei Darussalam and Hong Kong and how we have begun to successfully materialise our shared commitment to the MoC through sharing experiences, exchanging ideas and expertise and promoting the delivery of fair, proportionate and timely justice."

Brunei Darussalam is an important partner to China's Belt and Road Initiative which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. In the area of legal and dispute resolution services, the DoJ will continue to proactively contribute to the initiative, and to further the collaboration with the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam.

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