Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Rules (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) officially promulgated

The Working Group on the Greater Bay Area Mediation Platform, comprising representatives from legal departments of Guangdong Province, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region, was established in August 2021 to assist and support the operation of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) Mediation Platform. The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Standards were promulgated by the GBA Mediation Platform, for reference of the legal departments of the three places when laying down the local accreditation rules. The third meeting of the Working Group was held on November 24, 2023. The discussion focused on their respective local accreditation rules for accreditation of GBA mediators formulated by each of the three places as well as the requirements for the GBA mediator training courses.

At the Fifth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Departments Joint Conference on December 7, 2023, the three parties had in-depth discussions on topics including their respective local accreditation rules for accreditation of GBA mediators and taking forward the establishment of a GBA mediator panel, based on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Standards. The three parties reached an agreement to promulgate and implement their respective local accreditation rules for accreditation of GBA mediators in the first quarter of this year.

The Working Group on the Greater Bay Area Mediation Platform promulgated the local accreditation rules for accreditation of GBA mediators of the three places today (March 28). The Department of Justice of Hong Kong formulated the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Rules (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) applicable to the accreditation through Hong Kong, based on the requirements of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Standards.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Rules (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) are available on the <u>Department of Justice</u> website.

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