

SJ continues his visit to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (with photos)

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, continued his visit to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, today (May 20, Riyadh time) with his about 30-person delegation, comprising representatives from the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, Invest Hong Kong and related sectors.

In the morning, Mr Lam and his delegation first called on the Vice-Minister of Justice of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr Najem bin Abdullah al-Zaid, to further discuss and exchange views on various areas of legal co-operation, following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation between the Department of Justice and the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on April 22 to strengthen their co-operation on issues relating to dispute avoidance and resolution.

They then visited the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA), a not-for-profit organisation established by a Saudi minister council decision in 2014 to administer alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures in commercial disputes, and conducted a meeting with the SCCA's board of directors. This meeting followed the earlier participation of a Department of Justice-led delegation in an international legal and dispute resolution event hosted by the SCCA in Riyadh in March. Both sides have fruitful exchanges on matters related to ADR including arbitration, mediation and online dispute resolution services.

In the afternoon, Mr Lam and the delegation concluded their visit to Riyadh and departed for Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, to continue their visit to the Middle East.

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