

DSJ attends 8th China-Eurasia Expo in Xinjiang (with photos)

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, today (June 26) attended the 8th China-Eurasia Expo in Urumqi, Xinjiang, to help foster co-operation between the country and the Eurasian regions in the development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Upon his arrival in Xinjiang yesterday (June 25), Mr Cheung attended a welcome dinner to meet with representatives from different countries and regions. This morning, Mr Cheung met with member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Regional Committee, Mr Ma Xingrui, with other guests before attending the opening ceremony of the Expo. He also visited exhibitions at the Expo. The Expo, co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, and the People's Government of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, attracted the participation of a large number of countries, regions, international organisations as well as over 1 000 Chinese enterprises and organisations as exhibitors. In addition, a dedicated pavilion for enterprises in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao was set up in the Expo for the first time.

Mr Cheung said that under the "one country, two systems" principle, Hong Kong has the unique advantage of enjoying the strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world, and is the only common law jurisdiction within the country. The city can certainly play an active role in promoting the economic and trade co-operation and people-to-people exchanges between the country and Eurasian countries.

He pointed out that as the key link for the Belt and Road Initiative, Hong Kong will be committed to providing enterprises and economies in the Belt and Road regions with the high-quality professional services they need, in particular one-stop and diversified legal and dispute resolution services. Enterprises can count on the city's strong professional support when participating in Belt and Road projects.

The Department of Justice is also actively taking forward the establishment of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy to provide training for talents in the practice of foreign-related legal affairs for the country, and nurture legal talents conversant with international law, common law, civil law and the country's legal system for promoting the development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mr Cheung said he hoped that the enterprises will leverage on Hong Kong to participate in the development of the Belt and Road Initiative and take forward more high-quality development projects for mutual benefits.

Mr Cheung will return to Hong Kong this afternoon.

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