

SJ commences ASEAN visit in Brunei (with photos)

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, commenced his visit programme to three countries (Brunei, Vietnam and Malaysia) of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) today (September 23) after arriving in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, yesterday.

Mr Lam first had lunch with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam, Dato Seri Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon, to exchange views on further co-operation opportunities for facilitating development of the dispute avoidance and resolution services in Brunei and Hong Kong, pursuant to the Memorandum of Cooperation signed by the Department of Justice and the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam last year.

In the afternoon, Mr Lam attended a meeting with the Attorney General of Brunei Darussalam, Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Nor Hashimah binti Haji Mohammed Taib, to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Mr Lam went on to meet with the President of the Law Society of Brunei Darussalam, Ms Nur 'Azizah Ahmad, to explore opportunities to foster legal collaboration and other exchange activities for the legal professions of the two places.

This was followed by a meeting with the Chairperson of Brunei Darussalam Arbitration Centre, Mr Radin Safiee bin Radin Mas Basiuni, to have a better understanding of the dispute resolution services provided there and discuss potential co-operation between the two sides.

Mr Lam will attend a dinner with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam, Mr Xiao Jianguo, in the evening to brief him on the latest legal developments in Hong Kong.

During his visit to Brunei, Mr Lam visited the Royal Regalia Museum to learn more about the history and development of Brunei, and Brunei's newest museum, Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, to better understand the rich Islamic heritage and culture. Mr Lam will also visit the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien mosque.

Mr Lam will depart for Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, tomorrow morning (September 24) to continue his visit to the ASEAN countries.

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