

Advisory Committee on Sports Dispute Resolution of DoJ discusses way forward for sports dispute resolution with LegCo Members (with photos)

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The Advisory Committee on Sports Dispute Resolution of the Department of Justice (DoJ), chaired by the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, met with several Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) today (February 25) to discuss the way forward for developing sports dispute resolution in Hong Kong.

During the meeting, Dr Cheung provided an overview of the latest developments in sports dispute resolution in Hong Kong. Both sides exchanged views on the establishment of a pilot scheme on sports dispute resolution. Dr Cheung expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the LegCo Members at the meeting for their strong support of the development of sports dispute resolution in Hong Kong.

Dr Cheung said that Hong Kong enjoys unique advantages under "one country, two systems", and has strong potential to develop into a regional or even an international centre for sports dispute resolution. As announced in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address", the Government will actively promote the establishment of a sports dispute resolution system to leverage Hong Kong's strengths in dispute resolution. To this end, the DoJ established the Advisory Committee last month to expedite related work.

He said that the Advisory Committee is carrying out in full swing preparatory work for the pilot scheme on sports dispute resolution, and is actively engaging with major stakeholders. It met with representatives of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China last week to exchange views.

Dr Cheung added that as the next step, the DoJ will identify suitable organisations to administer the pilot scheme and provide relevant technological services, as well as formulate a set of standard rules for sports dispute resolution. He expressed hope that the pilot scheme will be launched in the second half of this year to address the practical needs of local sports disputes, thereby creating new momentum and advantages for Hong Kong.

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