Government invites proposals for operation of pilot scheme on sports dispute resolution

The Department of Justice (DoJ) today (June 30) invites proposals from interested dispute resolution institutions and online dispute resolution institutions for the operation of a pilot scheme on sports dispute resolution for a period of two years.

As announced in the Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address, the Government will explore establishing a sports dispute resolution system and promote sports arbitration, leveraging the institutional advantages of Hong Kong in dispute resolution. In this regard, the Government supports the industry in launching the pilot scheme in Hong Kong within 2025.

The DoJ has prepared the invitation for proposals to identify a suitable administering body and a technology provider for the pilot scheme. The appointed dispute resolution institution will administer the pilot scheme and provide institutional support for the conduct of mediation and arbitration. To promote wider use of lawtech and online dispute resolution, the administering body shall partner with an online dispute resolution institution as a technology provider to provide the technological infrastructure and support required for the operation of the pilot scheme. Interested dispute resolution institutions and online dispute resolution institutions may submit joint proposals in this exercise.

All joint proposals must be submitted along with all necessary information and supporting documents to the DoJ no later than 5pm on July 31, 2025, by e-mail (<u>lead@doj.gov.hk</u>) or by hand (Collection Box, G/F, Main Wing, Justice Place, 18 Lower Albert Road, Central).

Please refer to the DoJ's webpage for details.

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