

DSJ meets with SCIA President to discuss developments and collaboration in sports dispute resolution between Hong Kong and Shenzhen (with photos)

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, met with the President of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, Dr Liu Xiaochun, in Shenzhen today (July 18) to discuss developments and collaboration in the field of sports dispute resolution between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

After the meeting, Dr Cheung said that the Department of Justice (DoJ) is committed to promoting the diversified development of sports dispute resolution services in Hong Kong and is actively promoting co-operation in sports dispute resolution services between Hong Kong and the Mainland, as well as other regions overseas, with a view to building Hong Kong into a sports dispute resolution services centre in the Asia-Pacific region.

Dr Cheung said that Hong Kong has always been recognised and trusted by the international community for its arbitration and mediation services, and maintains a rich pool of talent in sports dispute resolution services. Shenzhen has long been a close partner of Hong Kong in arbitration, and has been actively participating in the national development of sports arbitration in recent years. He expressed hope that Hong Kong and Shenzhen can strengthen co-operation in sports dispute resolution, giving full play to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area's advantages of "one country, two systems and three jurisdictions" and promoting the development of sports dispute resolution services in the two places with innovative thinking.

Dr Cheung also mentioned that the DoJ is taking forward the pilot scheme on sports dispute resolution as announced in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address" at full steam on the local level. The invitation for the industry to submit proposals for operation of the pilot scheme began at the end of last month, with the aim of identifying a suitable administering body and a technology service provider to provide a fast, reliable and neutral resolution mechanism for sports disputes. The period for submission of proposals will end on July 31 and the pilot scheme is expected to be launched in the second half of the year.

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