Working Guidelines on the Panel of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Arbitrators officially promulgated and nomination exercise for GBA arbitrators (Hong Kong) commences today

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The Working Guidelines on the Panel of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Arbitrators were jointly promulgated by the legal departments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and came into effect today (July 30). The nomination exercise for GBA arbitrators (Hong Kong), conducted according to the Working Guidelines, also commenced today.

The legal systems of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao within the GBA are different. There are also differences in the arbitration models, systems and development among the three places. To promote the complementary advantages of arbitration resources and facilitate the interface of the arbitration mechanisms of the three places, the three places jointly agreed to establish the Panel of GBA Arbitrators. The sixth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Departments Joint Conference endorsed the Working Guidelines on November 18, 2024, setting out the operational details such as the criteria for the nomination of GBA arbitrators, nomination procedures for GBA arbitrators, the use of the Panel, and the supervisory regulations. The Working Guidelines are now available on the Department of Justice (DoJ)'s website.

To establish the Panel, the nomination exercise for GBA arbitrators (Hong Kong) commenced today in accordance with the Working Guidelines. Details of the nomination exercise are provided on the DoJ's website.

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