

SJ visits Seoul, Korea, to deepen legal co-operation (with photos)

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, continued his visit to Korea in Seoul today (October 24) to explore with the local legal sectors strengthening legal co-operation between Hong Kong and Korea. He also attended a joint legal workshop co-organised by the two places.

In the morning, Mr Lam visited the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) International. He met with the Chairman of the KCAB International, Professor Chang Seung-wha, and had a luncheon together with representatives from the Korean Council of International Arbitration, to discuss promoting co-operation between Hong Kong and Korea in cross-border business dispute resolution and arbitration, and to explore enhancing co-operation in legal matters of the two places.

In the afternoon, Mr Lam attended a joint legal workshop co-organised by the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea on "Strengthening Business and Legal Cooperation: Korea and Hong Kong". The workshop attracted about 100 participants. Mr Lam said in his opening remarks that Hong Kong, as the only bilingual common law jurisdiction in the world using both English and Chinese, is home to a large pool of lawyers with extensive international experience, and maintains a close connection with the legal system in the Chinese Mainland. As the centre for international legal and dispute resolution in the Asia-Pacific region, Hong Kong provides fair and efficient dispute resolution services that facilitate enterprises to expand investment and business opportunities in China. Looking forward, he said he expected the DoJ will continue building on a strong foundation of partnership with Korea.

Mr Lam then had dinner with the Deputy Minister of the International Legal Affairs Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, Mr Chung Hong-sik, during which they exchanged views on legal co-operation opportunities between Hong Kong and Korea, and the latest developments in legal and dispute resolution services.

Mr Lam will conclude his visit to Korea tomorrow morning (October 25) and return to Hong Kong.

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