

Training Course for Legal Departments in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area held in Hong Kong for first time (with photos)

Around forty personnel from the Department of Justice of Guangdong Province, the Justice Bureau of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and other mainland municipalities, the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government and the Department of Justice (DoJ) attended the Training Course for Legal Departments in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area today (November 3). The course, organised by the DoJ and held for the first time in Hong Kong, aims to deepen the participants' understanding of Hong Kong's legal system and strengthen legal exchanges and practical co-operation in the GBA.

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan; Deputy Director-General of the Department of Justice of Guangdong Province Mr Chen Yongkang; and Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR Government Mr Iao Hin-chit, attended the opening ceremony this morning.

Dr Cheung emphasised at the ceremony that in order to promote the construction of the rule of law in the GBA, personnel from the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao legal departments should have an in-depth understanding of the advantages of the three jurisdictions, and pursue joint development through enhanced understanding and collaboration. This is also the consensus of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Departments Joint Conference.

Dr Cheung said the legal exchanges and practical co-operation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have deepened with fruitful results since the establishment of the joint conference mechanism. The training course, organised by the three places in rotation, is also a key training project under the joint conference mechanism. The first and second courses were held in Macao and Guangzhou in 2023 and 2024 respectively, while the third course is held in Hong Kong for the first time this year.

Dr Cheung said that the three-day course in Hong Kong, organised by the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy, had three features. First, the course would focus on core topics, covering the key elements and unique advantages of Hong Kong's common law system; and the administrative, legislative and judicial systems, as well as

the law drafting and formulation process of the Hong Kong SAR Government. The lectures would be delivered by senior DoJ colleagues, public officers and industry experts with rich practical experience. Second, the course would cover a variety of visits, including visits to the legislature and law enforcement agencies, arbitration institutions and attendance in court hearings, enabling participants to understand first-hand the practice of Hong Kong's legal system. Third, the course would cover sharing of practical experience on specific topic. Representatives from Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong will share their experience in promoting family mediation mechanism during sharing sessions on family mediation practices to promote in-depth exchanges and mutual learning between the three places at the practical level.

He encouraged the participants to raise questions and exchange actively to deepen their understanding of each other's systems and practices.

Dr Cheung said that the Academy will continue to capitalise on Hong Kong's bilingual common law system and international status and provide platforms for capacity building, knowledge and experience sharing for legal professionals including those in the GBA, and contribute to the country's construction of foreign-related rule of law.

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