

Working Group on Arbitration Law Reform holds first meeting (with photos)

The Working Group on Arbitration Law Reform of the Department of Justice (DoJ) held its first meeting today (November 17) to discuss its terms of reference and future work.

The Working Group, established in late October and chaired by the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, and with the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, as the Vice-chairman, comprises experts from the legal and dispute resolution services sector. Members of the Working Group will advise the DoJ on the legislative framework for arbitration in Hong Kong, including reviewing and making recommendations to amend the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 609), with a view to further strengthening Hong Kong's position as an international arbitration centre. Members of the Working Group are appointed for a term of two years.

The terms of reference and the membership list of the Working Group are attached in Annex 1 and Annex 2.

Ends/Monday, November 17, 2025