

Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and Ministry of Justice co-organise second edition of National Training Course for Talents Handling Foreign-related Arbitration (Hong Kong) (with photos)

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The second edition of the National Training Course for Talents Handling Foreign-related Arbitration (Hong Kong), co-organised by the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and the Ministry of Justice, commenced today (March 9).

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, and representatives of the Bureau of Public Legal Services Administration of the Ministry of Justice, the China Legal Service (H.K.) Limited and the China University of Political Science and Law attended the opening ceremony of the course. Addressing the opening ceremony, Mr Lam expressed again his gratitude to the Ministry of Justice for its support and trust in the Academy, and thanked the China Legal Service (H.K.) Limited and the China University of Political Science and Law for their strong support for the course. He said that Hong Kong, as the only common law jurisdiction in the country, possesses a robust arbitration legal framework and a pro-arbitration judiciary. Hong Kong's Arbitration Ordinance is based on the internationally recognised United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and keeps abreast with developments in practice. Moreover, Hong Kong, as home to world-class arbitration institutions and a large pool of experienced arbitration practitioners, is highly praised by the international arbitration community. The Department of Justice is reviewing and considering amendments to the Arbitration Ordinance to maintain the long-term competitiveness of Hong Kong's arbitration law.

Building on the inaugural training course held in February 2025, this edition will run for two weeks in English, with two groups of participants each attending the training for one week. Through lectures, panel discussions, exchanges and visits, the course aims to introduce practical operations in areas including international commercial arbitration and international investment arbitration to around 80 participants, including Mainland in-house counsel, experienced arbitrators, lawyers and arbitration practitioners. Speakers include experienced legal professionals and international arbitration experts from Hong Kong, members of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Expert Committee and a representative from the Permanent Court of Arbitration. The course will help promote understanding and co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in

international dispute resolution, enhancing the ability of Mainland enterprises in handling dispute resolutions when going overseas.

The Academy will capitalise on Hong Kong's bilingual common law system and international status, and provide a platform for capacity building, knowledge, and experience sharing for legal professionals in Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and other jurisdictions, in particular those along the Belt and Road. Also, it will promote exchanges of international legal talent and reinforce Hong Kong's status as a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region, and develop Hong Kong as a capacity-building hub, further contributing to the construction of foreign-related rule of law in the country.

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