

Sixth GBA Legal Professional Examination to be held in September

The Department of Justice (DoJ) welcomed the notice issued by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) yesterday (April 1) on the details of the 2026 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination (GBA Examination). The examination will be held on September 19 in Shenzhen and Zhuhai, Guangdong. Eligible applicants can apply to sit for the examination through the website of the MoJ from April 16 to 25. For more details, please

visit: www.moj.gov.cn/pub/sfbgw/zwxgk/fdzdgknr/fdzdgknrtzvj/202604/t20260401_533339.html (in Chinese only).

The GBA Examination has been held five times. Currently, over 630 Hong Kong and Macao legal practitioners have passed the examination and obtained the Lawyer's License (Guangdong-Hongkong-Macao Greater Bay Area) to provide legal services in the nine Mainland municipalities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) on specified civil and commercial matters to which the Mainland laws apply. The pilot scheme for Hong Kong and Macao legal practitioners to practise in the nine Mainland municipalities in the GBA will expire on October 4 this year.

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said, "The DoJ has been working closely with the authorities including the MoJ and the Department of Justice of Guangdong Province in their work to advance the pilot scheme for GBA lawyers, striving for the regularisation of the GBA lawyers' scheme. I encourage Hong Kong legal practitioners to become GBA lawyers and acquire dual qualification, so as to leverage the unique strengths of 'one country, two systems, three jurisdictions' in the GBA to assist Mainland enterprises in going global."

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