

Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy organises GBA Foreign-Related Adjudication Talent Training Course in Guangzhou (with photos)

The Greater Bay Area Foreign-Related Adjudication Talent Training Course, co-organised by the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and the High People's Court of Guangdong Province, commenced today (July 6) in Guangzhou. The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, and the President of the High People's Court of Guangdong Province, Mr Zhang Haibo, delivered speeches at the opening ceremony.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Mr Lam expressed his gratitude for the guidance of the Supreme People's Court (SPC) and the support of the High People's Court of Guangdong Province. Mr Lam said that this training course is specifically designed for judges from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and neighbouring provinces, following the collaboration between the Academy and the SPC and the Shanghai High People's Court. It aims to further deepen judicial exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland, aligning with the National 15th Five-Year Plan in relation to strengthening co-ordination in regional development and reinforcing and enhancing the role of the GBA as an engine for high-quality development, thereby contributing to the construction of a collaborative mechanism for nurturing foreign-related legal talent in the GBA.

Over 100 senior judges specialising in handling foreign-related and bankruptcy adjudication, from 68 courts across 32 cities in Guangdong Province and neighbouring provinces, including Guangxi, Hainan, and Hunan, participated in the three-day training course. Through thematic lectures and interactive dialogues, the training course focuses on Hong Kong's common law system and the practical application of guarantee law in foreign-related hearings. It has also invited judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in Hong Kong and senior legal professionals to deliver lectures, so as to enhance participants' capability in handling cross-border cases.

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. It will also promote the exchange 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 the country's foreign-related rule of law.

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