

DSJ leads legal sector delegation to first upgraded Shenzhen-Hong Kong exchange event to empower Mainland enterprises to go global (with photos)

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, today (July 14) led a legal sector delegation of nearly 30 members, including several legal experts specialising in intellectual property rights and data protection, to attend the first upgraded exchange and matching activity co-organised by the Department of Justice (DoJ), the CPC Nanshan District Committee and the Nanshan District People's Government of Shenzhen, with the aim of jointly empowering Mainland enterprises to expand their businesses overseas.

Entitled Greater Bay Area Enterprise Global Expansion Enablement Event - Session on Intellectual Property and Data Protection, the event attracted 50 Mainland enterprises from sectors such as smart hardware, electronic information, new energy, biopharmaceuticals, and high-end manufacturing, seeking to expand overseas. In addition to Hong Kong, their target markets cover regions including Southeast Asia, North America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Addressing the event, Dr Cheung said that, after reviewing the successful experience of co-organising the exchange and matching activity last year, Shenzhen and Hong Kong decided to fully upgrade the event by increasing the frequency of hosting similar activities and focusing more specifically on issues of the greatest concern to Mainland enterprises, in order to further enhance matching effectiveness. As the first upgraded exchange and matching event, this session focused on the cross-border intellectual property rights and data protection issues of concern to the enterprises. In future, Shenzhen and Hong Kong will continue to organise similar events focusing on common legal issues concerning overseas expansion.

Dr Cheung also said that the Chief Executive's 2025 Policy Address stated that he was tasked to promote Hong Kong's legal services and collaborate with other professional service sectors, such as accounting and finance, to jointly support Mainland enterprises in going global. In addition to building matching platforms, the DoJ has actively provided practical tools for enterprises going global. In April, the DoJ published the Panel List of Hong Kong Legal Services Providers Supporting "Go Global", covering more than 70 Hong Kong legal service providers with proven track records in the relevant professional fields of doing business overseas. Last week, the department launched the second series

of the "Collection of Success Stories: Hong Kong's Professional Services Supporting Chinese Mainland Enterprises Going Global", compiling over 160 success stories on cross-disciplinary professional services spanning law, accounting, finance, and business consulting.

He emphasised that the DoJ has always attached great importance to helping enterprises connect directly with Hong Kong's professional services, and that the Panel List and the Collection of Success Stories serve to help Mainland enterprises identify the most suitable professional partners more effectively.

Dr Cheung noted that most of the law firms participating in the exchange session are listed in the Panel List and contributed case studies to the Collection of Success Stories. He expressed confidence that the delegation could offer Mainland enterprises practical solutions for addressing legal issues associated with going global.

Member of the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Mr Zhang Liwei, delivered opening remarks at the event. The Qianhai Authority of Shenzhen also introduced the services of the Shenzhen Centre for Foreign Law Ascertainment and Legal Service for Enterprises Going Global.

In the sharing session that followed, delegation members gave detailed explanations on common legal risks and mitigation strategies in cross-border intellectual property rights and data protection, and highlighted the pivotal role Hong Kong's legal profession plays in assisting Mainland enterprises with their global expansion. Members of the delegation later split into groups to engage in in-depth discussions with representatives from Mainland enterprises.

The delegation also visited the "Go Global" Global Service Center in Nanshan District, Shenzhen. Established under the co-ordination of the CPC Nanshan District Committee and the Nanshan District People's Government, the Center is a comprehensive international platform designed to provide full-range, one-stop services and support for Mainland enterprises expanding overseas and foreign companies coming to China, and to facilitate the integration of enterprises into the global market.

Dr Cheung and the delegation returned to Hong Kong in the evening after concluding their visit.

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