Sports Dispute Resolution Summit to be held December 1 opens for free registration
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The Department of Justice (DoJ), the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association will co-organise the Sports Dispute Resolution Summit on December 1 (Tuesday) to showcase Hong Kong's unique strengths and potential in developing into an international centre for sports dispute resolution, further deepening the city's position as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre.

With the flourishing development of major sports events and the sports industry, a fair, professional and efficient dispute resolution mechanism is crucial to fostering the long-term development of the sports sector. The Summit will bring together leading experts in sports law and dispute resolution from around the world, including representatives from the Court of Arbitration for Sport, the French National Bar Council (Conseil national des barreaux), the China Commission of Arbitration for Sport, and Hong Kong's legal professional bodies.

The Deputy Secretary for Justice and Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Sports Dispute Resolution, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan; the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr Roden Tong; the Chairman of the Committee on Sports Law of the Hong Kong Bar Association, Mr Hew Yang-wahn; and Vice-President of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China Mr Kenneth Fok will attend the Summit and deliver speeches.

The Summit will feature two panel discussions. It will bring together experts from around the world to Hong Kong to explore the latest trends and future developments in international sports mediation and arbitration from diverse perspectives spanning the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Asia and the international community, offering forward-looking professional insights for the sectors and the public.

Dr Cheung said that the DoJ has been working closely with Hong Kong's sports and legal sectors to explore collaboration with international and regional sports organisations, with a view to promoting Hong Kong's sports dispute resolution services globally.

He said that following the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Sports Dispute Resolution early last year and the launch of a two-year Pilot Scheme on Sports Dispute Resolution last December, a positive response has been received from the community. With the opening of the Kai Tak Sports Park and the successive staging of major international sports events in Hong Kong, the local sports industry is developing at full speed. Establishing a fair and efficient dispute resolution mechanism has become an indispensable institutional infrastructure for the upgrading of the industry. Leveraging the unique advantages of the "one country, two systems" framework, a robust common law system, world-class dispute resolution institutions and professionals, alongside the synergy arising from the operation of the International Organization for Mediation in Hong Kong, the city is truly an ideal place to become an international sports dispute resolution centre.

Dr Cheung said, "We are also striving to attract major international sports organisations to establish a presence in Hong Kong. I would like to share a piece of good news with you all here. Within this year, the headquarters of a major regional sports law organisation will be set up in Hong Kong. We will keep you in suspense regarding the details for now, and will announce them in due course."

The Summit will be held from 9.30am to 1pm on December 1. Free registration is now open, and interested parties may visit the Hong Kong Legal Hub webpage to pre-register. Limited places are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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