

Speech by DSJ at Opening Ceremony of Law Society of Hong Kong's Teen Talk 2025
"Deepening Legal Cooperation, Youth Shaping Tomorrow" GBA Study Tour (English
only) (with photo)

Following are the opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, at the Opening Ceremony of Law Society of Hong Kong's Teen Talk 2025 "Deepening Legal Cooperation, Youth Shaping Tomorrow" GBA Study Tour today (July 5):

Mr Roden Tong (President of the Law Society of Hong Kong), Mr Liu Chunhua (Director-General of the Department of Law of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), Mr Cao Hailei (Deputy Director of the Justice Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality),

Good morning everyone! It is my great pleasure to join you at today's opening ceremony of "Teen Talk GBA Study Tour 2025" organised by the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Our youth today are the leaders of tomorrow. I am pleased to note that the Law Society has empowered over 18 000 students through Teen Talk since 2009, fostering essential values such as empathy, team work and respect for the rule of law.

In recent years, the Greater Bay Area (GBA) has emerged as one of the world's most significant economic zones. This dynamic region represents the successful collaboration between Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao, leveraging their complementary strengths to create exceptional opportunities for talented individuals like yourselves.

As Asia-Pacific's premier hub for international legal services, Hong Kong's established common law tradition provides distinctive expertise in bridging different legal systems. We should leverage our unique advantages and reinforce our connectivity with both the Mainland and the world, offering our unique contribution as the GBA continues its remarkable development.

It is therefore most timely for the Law Society to organise this second edition of cross-boundary Study Tour to Shenzhen. I would also like to welcome our participants

assembled here today. Over the next two days, you will visit leading institutions, as Roden has mentioned, including the Qianhai People's Court and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, gaining valuable insights into cross-jurisdictional legal systems. I am sure that the volunteer solicitors who are joining today will be most happy to share their experience and broaden your understanding of legal practice.

I encourage you to approach this unique experience with intellectual curiosity, and embrace this opportunity for learning and meaningful exchanges.

I wish you all a highly successful and fruitful study tour. Enjoy!

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