

Speech by DSJ at graduation ceremony of Training Course on International Trade and International Investment Legal Practice (English only) (with photos)

Following is the speech by the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, at the graduation ceremony of the Training Course on International Trade and International Investment Legal Practice today (September 11):

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. In the blink of an eye, the one-week Training Course on International Trade and International Investment Legal Practice has come to a close. On behalf of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy, I would like to congratulate you on the successful completion of the course. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Commerce for their invaluable support throughout the course.

Over the past week, we have explored a broad range of issues at the heart of international trade and investment. Our discussions began with geopolitical developments shaping the international trade, before turning to other sensitive issues such as export control measures and sanctions. We also examined legal drafting and dispute resolution issues, explored the global trade rules and emerging trade policy instruments, and discussed the impact of technological developments concerning virtual currencies and artificial intelligence. Finally, we concluded the course with an insightful panel discussion on Chinese enterprises going global and the role of Hong Kong's professional services sector.

I am sure that you would now have a better understanding of the various issues covered by this course, and would also appreciate how Hong Kong's legal and professional services can support Chinese enterprises in their global expansion. Allow me to add a few words on the last point by introducing the relevant initiatives of the Department of Justice, the DoJ.

To strengthen the connection between enterprises and Hong Kong's professional services sector, the DoJ has launched a number of new initiatives. First, we have been bringing Hong Kong's legal and other professionals directly into contact with enterprises

pursuing global expansion. Second, in April this year, the DoJ published the Panel List of Hong Kong Legal Services Providers Supporting "Go Global". The list provides enterprises with a convenient reference point when looking for suitable Hong Kong legal service providers. Besides, we have compiled two collections of success stories. These publications highlight the experience and capabilities of Hong Kong's legal, accounting, financial and business consultancy sectors. Taken together, these initiatives reflect our commitment to strengthening Hong Kong's role as a premier centre for international legal and professional services.

As the course draws to a close, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the success of this programme. In particular, I would like to thank our distinguished speakers, including the moderators. Their time, preparation, and generosity in sharing their knowledge and practical experience have greatly enriched the course, and have made this course both intellectually stimulating and highly practical.

And of course, I would also like to thank all of you. Your active participation, your thoughtful questions, and valuable contributions have made this course far more than a series of lectures. I have just had the pleasure of hearing some of you sharing your reflections on the course. It has been most encouraging to hear your positive feedback, and the practical insights you have taken away for putting those insights into practice in your work. We hope that the knowledge, perspectives, and connections developed during the course will be useful in your current work, and will continue to support your professional development in the years ahead.

Before we conclude, I invite all of you to take a few minutes to complete the feedback form. Your views and suggestions are invaluable to us, and will help us further enhance our future training programmes.

I am sure that, after this week, many of you will leave Hong Kong with good memories of the city. We would be delighted to welcome you back for the Hong Kong Legal Week 2026, which will be held from November 2 to 6, 2026 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Hong Kong Legal Week is an annual flagship event of the DoJ, bringing together legal professionals, business leaders, policymakers, academics and representatives from leading international organisations from Hong Kong and around the world. This year's theme is "Collaboration & Innovation: Legal Synergy

for a Shared Future". It will feature practical exchanges and forward-looking discussions on cross-border trade, international legal co-operation, lawtech, etc, while showcasing Hong Kong's role as an international legal and dispute resolution hub and a gateway to the Greater Bay Area and other markets. We very much look forward to welcoming you back to Hong Kong in November.

On this note, I wish you every success in your future endeavours, and a safe and pleasant journey home.

其實在星期二，你們可能沒有發現，我都跟你們一起上課。我坐在最後，那節課是有關美國跟歐盟的制裁、貿易限制政策的。那天晚上，我出席「一帶一路高峰論壇」晚宴，跟你們商務部的領導聊天，我對他說，你們上課真的非常主動，不斷提問。你們的領導回我說：「沒錯，他們都是我們商務部最前線的幹部，也是最好的。」非常感謝你們到香港出席我們所辦的課程，謝謝。

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