

**Mainland's Commitments on Legal Services
Under Annex 4 of the Main Text of CEPA Signed in June 2003**

1. To allow Hong Kong law firms (offices) that have set up representative offices in the Mainland to operate in association with Mainland law firms, except in the form of partnership. Hong Kong lawyers participating in such association may not handle matters of Mainland law.
2. To allow Mainland law firms to employ Hong Kong legal practitioners¹. Such practitioners who are employed by Mainland law firms must not handle matters of Mainland law.
3. To allow the 15 Hong Kong lawyers who have already acquired Mainland lawyer qualifications to intern and practise on non-litigation legal work in the Mainland.
4. To allow Hong Kong permanent residents with Chinese citizenship to sit the legal qualifying examination in the Mainland and acquire Mainland legal professional qualification in accordance with the "State Judicial Examination Implementation Measures".
5. To allow those who have acquired Mainland legal professional qualification under item 4 above to engage in non-litigation legal work in Mainland law firms in accordance with the "Law of the People's Republic of China on Lawyers".
6. The minimum residency requirement is waived for all Hong Kong representatives stationed in the Mainland representative offices of Hong Kong law firms (offices) located in Shenzhen and Guangzhou. For the Hong Kong representatives stationed in the Mainland representative offices of Hong Kong law firms (offices) located in places other than Shenzhen and Guangzhou, their minimum residency requirement is 2 months each year.

¹ "Hong Kong legal practitioners" refers to solicitors and barristers of Hong Kong.