

Mediation Conference 2024

Mediate First: Bridge Cultures, Build Futures

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Date: 10 May 2024 (Friday)

Time: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm

Venue: Room S220, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Mode: Hybrid

(The Conference will be conducted in Putonghua and English, with simultaneous interpretation in Cantonese and Putonghua)

2.5 CPD Points (Morning Session 9:30-12:30) and 3.5 CPD Points (Afternoon Session 14:30-18:00) are awarded from the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited, the Hong Kong Mediation Centre and the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre.

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Time	Activity
MORNING SESSION	
9:30 – 9:55	Opening Remarks Mr Paul T K Lam, SBS, SC, JP Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government
9:55 – 10:15	Keynote Speech Mr Luo Houru Director, Bureau of People's Participation and Promotion of Rule of Law, Ministry of Justice of the People's Republic of China
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Break

10:30 – 12:15	<p>Panel Session 1 : Connecting the Dots: Mediating Across Boundaries in the GBA</p> <p>Join us for a dynamic discussion on the future of mediation in the Greater Bay Area (“GBA”). Our distinguished panel of mediation experts from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao will explore the immense opportunities brought by the mediation standards and model rules promulgated by the GBA Mediation Platform and the GBA Mediator Panel for amicable resolution of cross-boundary disputes. They will share case studies on navigating legal differences, overcoming cultural barriers, and leveraging technology to improve access to justice across the GBA. Through interactive dialogue, attendees will gain new perspectives on developing mediation skills to resolve disputes in the increasingly connected and integrated GBA marketplace of the future.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Edward Liu, MH Partner, Haiwen & Partners LLP</p> <p>Speakers: Prof Dr Law Wai Hung Francis President, Hong Kong Mediation Centre; Chairman, International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute</p> <p>Ms Melissa K. Pang, BBS, MH, JP Council Member, Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited</p> <p>Mr James Peng Managing Partner, PW & Partners Law Firm; President, Guangzhou International Commercial Mediation Center</p> <p>Ms Vong Sok Hei Rosita Secretary-General, World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center</p> <p>Mrs Wong Ng Kit Wah Cecilia Partner, Kevin Ng & Co., Solicitors; Chairlady, Mediation Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong</p>
12:15 – 12:30	Q&A

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:30 – 16:15

Panel Session 2: International Mediation: What Hong Kong has to offer?

Following the announcement of establishment of the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed), Hong Kong is graced with the institution that aims to be a permanent multilateral international organisation that provides efficient mediation services for settling international disputes. While the use of mediation to resolve dispute is limitless and boundless, Hong Kong has an edge to offer its services for all sorts of cross-jurisdictional disputes. Speakers in the panel will present their views on what Hong Kong can offer in areas of intellectual property, maritime and family offices.

Keynote Speech

Dr Sun Jin

Director-General, International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office

Panel Discussion

Moderator:

Ms Anna K. C. Koo

Chief Executive Officer and Board Director, Financial Dispute Resolution Centre

Speakers:

Mr C. K. Kwong, JP

President, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators;
Senior Partner, SFKS CK Kwong, Solicitors

Ms Cecilia Lau

Consultant, Deacons

Mr Lianjun Li

Senior Partner, Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP;
Chairman, Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group China Committee

16:15 – 16:30

Q & A

16:30 – 17:30	<p>Panel Session 3: Bots v Humans? The Future of Mediation</p> <p>The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (“AI”) continues to reshape various industries and sectors, and presents unique opportunities to streamline and optimise the dispute resolution process.</p> <p>This panel will examine the implications and potential of AI, its ethical and legal considerations, as well as future trends and impact in the field of dispute resolution and mediation.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Nick Chan Hiu Fung, MH, JP Director, AALCO, Hong Kong</p> <p>Speakers: Mr Kenneth K Y Lam Barrister, Jason Pow SC’s Chambers</p> <p>Mr Ng Jern-Fei King’s Counsel Arbitrator (HKSAR); Advocate (Singapore)</p> <p>Ms Stephanie Siu Strategic Solutions Manager, APAC, Thomson Reuters</p>
17:30 – 17:45	Q&A
17:45 – 18:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr Horace Cheung, SBS, JP Deputy Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government</p>

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