



Department of Justice

Supporting Organization:



香港特別行政區政府知識產權署
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Intellectual Property Department

“Mediate First” Pledge 2017 **Mediate First: Moving Forward**

13 June 2017 (Tuesday), 3:00-8:00 pm
Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

I. The “Mediate First” Pledge

What is “Mediate First” Pledge

- *Mediation allows parties to a dispute to resolve conflicts in amicable and constructive ways. With the assistance of an impartial mediator, it produces mutually acceptable settlement while controlling risks, costs and time.*
- *The “Mediate First” Pledge is a commitment by signatory of the Pledge to use mediation first to resolve dispute before resorting to other means of dispute resolution, including court litigation.*
- *360 Companies and Organizations have already signed the Pledge. Please visit this link for a list of existing pledgees :*
<http://www.doj.gov.hk/mediatefirst/chi/pdf/pledgeSigneec.pdf>

Invitation to join the “Mediate First” Pledge

- *If you have not yet signed the “Mediate First” Pledge (attached), please do so by completing and returning the signed Pledge to the Mediation Team of the Department of Justice via email to “mediation@doj.gov.hk” or by fax no. 3918 4523.*

II. Mediate First Pledge 2017 Event

What is the Mediate First Pledge 2017

- *The Mediate First Pledge 2017 (“Event”) offers opportunities for users to know more about the advantages of mediation in resolving a broad range of disputes and to share experience.*
- *The Event includes a Seminar on Mediation with mediation demonstration and a Mediate First Pledge Reception.*

✧ *Seminar on Mediation*

- *Mock mediation to demonstrate facilitative and evaluative mediation in action. Followed by two parallel seminar sessions on commercial and community level disputes. The Seminar will cover a broad range of topics, such as intellectual property rights disputes, cross-border disputes, building management disputes and consumer disputes, peer and family mediation.*
- *Guest speakers for the Seminar include: Mr Registrar Lung, Mr Chan Bing Woon, SBS, MBE, JP, Mr Samuel Chan, JP, Ms Eva Chiu, Professor Iu Ting Kwok, Mr CK Kwong, JP, Miss Lam Tze Yan, Mr Francis Law, Professor Raymond Leung, Ms Sylvia Siu, JP, Ms Winnie Tam, SC, Professor Christopher To, Ir Raymond Wu, Mr Norris Yang and Ms Amarantha Yip, etc.*

✧ *“Mediate First” Pledge Reception*

The Seminar will be followed by a reception. Highlights of the reception are:

- *Launch of “Mediate First” Pledge Logo and Star Logo, and awards presentation*
- *Announcement of the criteria for obtaining Star Logo*
- *Ceremonial signing of “Mediate First” Pledge.*

Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, JP and Hon. Mr Justice Lam, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal of the High Court will officiate the reception.

Language: Cantonese

Who should attend the Mediate First Pledge 2017

- *Representatives of multi-national corporations and small and medium enterprises, organisations in the intellectual property, innovation and technology, creative industry, telecommunication, property management and education sectors and other non-governmental organisations with management responsibilities in handling disputes may wish to seize the opportunity to exchange views or share their experience on the use of mediation.*

Supporting Organizations

- *Supporting Organizations of Mediate First Pledge 2017 includes the Intellectual Property Department, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of New Territories and Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, etc.*

Registration

- *Please register at <http://www.doj.gov.hk/mediatefirst/2017Registration.html>. For more information about the Event, please contact Ms Louisa Ng at 3918 4343, or Mr Andy Tseung at 3918 4430 or email to [“mediation@doj.gov.hk”](mailto:mediation@doj.gov.hk).*