<u>Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year</u> 2022

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

In light of the latest public health situation, the ceremony to mark the opening of the Legal Year 2022 will take place today (January 24) at the Court of Final Appeal, instead of the Hong Kong City Hall.

The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, the Secretary for Justice, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association and the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong will deliver addresses as in previous years.

Special arrangements will be made having regard to the limited capacity of the venue and the need for social distancing. There will be no inspection of the ceremonial guard. Attendance at the ceremony will also be limited.

The ceremony will be broadcast live to the public on the Judiciary's website (<u>www.judiciary.hk</u>) at 4pm today.