

HKSAR Government makes full preparations for Convention on the Establishment of The International Organization for Mediation signing ceremony

A spokesman for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government today (May 20) said that the HKSAR Government will make full preparations for the signing ceremony of the Convention on the Establishment of The International Organization for Mediation to be held in Hong Kong on May 30.

In 2022, China and nearly 20 like-minded countries had jointly initiated the establishment of the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed). Under concerted efforts, the negotiations on the Convention on the Establishment of The International Organization for Mediation had been successfully concluded, and a unanimous consensus has been reached to establish the IOMed headquarters in Hong Kong. The IOMed will be the world's first intergovernmental international legal organisation dedicated to resolving international disputes through mediation, and will be an important mechanism for upholding the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Nearly 60 countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe, and about 20 international organisations including the United Nations will send senior representatives to attend the signing ceremony for the Convention. A global forum on international mediation will be held in the afternoon to discuss topics such as mediation of disputes among countries and mediation of international investment and commercial disputes.

The establishment of the IOMed headquarters in Hong Kong demonstrates the city's unique advantages and opportunities in international mediation, and is also an important initiative for the HKSAR in establishing the city as a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region under the National 14th Five-Year Plan with the staunch support of the Central People's Government. Upon its establishment, the IOMed will provide friendly, flexible, economical and efficient mediation services, thereby building Hong Kong as a capital for international mediation.