

Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and Ministry of Justice organise National Training Course for Talents Handling Foreign-related Arbitration (Hong Kong) (with photos)

The opening ceremony of the National Training Course for Talents Handling Foreign-related Arbitration (Hong Kong), organised by the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy and the Ministry of Justice, was held today (February 18).

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, and representatives of the Bureau of Public Legal Services Administration of the Ministry of Justice, the China University of Political Science and Law, and the China Legal Service (H.K.) Limited attended the opening ceremony. Addressing the opening ceremony, Mr Lam expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of Justice for its support and trust in the Academy, and thanked the China University of Political Science and Law and the China Legal Service (H.K.) Limited for its strong support for the training course. He said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has been sparing no effort in implementing a number of measures, including improving the legal framework related to arbitration, attracting internationally renowned arbitral institutions to establish a presence in Hong Kong, and hosting large-scale international conferences related to legal and dispute resolution services to promote Hong Kong's international legal and arbitration services. He expressed the hope that the course will facilitate exchanges that bridge the arbitration systems of Hong Kong and the Mainland, and deepen participants' understanding of arbitration and dispute resolution in Hong Kong so that they can put what they have learned into practice in future.

The two-week training course commenced yesterday (February 17). The course, conducted in English, provides a comprehensive introduction of the system and practice of arbitration in Hong Kong to more than 80 participants comprising Mainland in-house counsel, experienced arbitrators, lawyers and arbitration practitioners through lectures, exchanges and visits. Speakers include experienced Hong Kong legal professionals and members of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Expert Committee.

The training course will facilitate co-operation between the Hong Kong and Mainland in the field of dispute resolution. By studying arbitration practices in Hong Kong, Mainland legal professionals can gain a deeper understanding of Hong Kong's legal system, thereby strengthening understanding and co-operation between the two places in cross-boundary dispute resolution.

Before the opening ceremony, Mr Lam signed a new legal exchange and co-operation arrangement with the China University of Political Science and Law to replace the arrangement signed by the two sides in 2016 and to deepen legal exchanges and co-operation between the two sides. Mr Lam said that since 2016, legal exchanges and co-operation between the two sides have been achieving good progress. The signing of the new co-operation arrangement will enhance the two sides' co-operation on nurturing foreign-related legal talents and promoting the rule of law, as well as exchanges on relevant legal issues such as international arbitration, mediation and the national development strategy of the Belt and Road Initiative.

