

# Ombudsman's proactive participation in international ombudsman meetings yields fruitful results and showcases Hong Kong's close connections to the world (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Office of The Ombudsman:

The Ombudsman, Mr Jack Chan, and his delegation concluded the visit to Morocco on May 16. While attending the Board Meeting of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI), Mr Chan presided at the second meeting of the IOI's Standing By-laws Committee as the Chairman. The Committee comprises members from other countries and regions including Mexico, Korea, Taiwan, Austria and Malta. During that meeting, Mr Chan engaged in meaningful exchanges and an in-depth discussion with other attending members, successfully reaching a mutual agreement. In the subsequent Board Meeting of IOI, Mr Chan presented the discussion result and work progress, which were acknowledged by all Board Members.

Besides, Mr Chan attended IOI's United Nations and International Cooperation Working Group as a member, deliberating on relevant issues with other members from over ten countries and regions as well as optimising effective promotion of international ombudsman affairs.

During the Board Meeting, Mr Chan exchanged views and ideas with ombudsmen and organisation representatives of around 20 countries and regions, strengthening the ties with these counterparts while fostering co-operation at an international level. His proactive participation also demonstrated Hong Kong's important position of having strong support from the motherland and close connections to the world. Mr Chan invited major IOI Members and international counterparts including the IOI President and Ombudsman of Mexico City, Ms Nashieli Ramírez Hernández; the IOI Secretary General and Austrian Ombudsman, Mr Bernhard Achitz; the Mediator of the Kingdom of Morocco, Mr Hassan Tariq; and the Chief Ombudsman of Thailand, Mr Somsak Suwansujarit, to visit Hong Kong for exchanges and discussions on signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, with an aim to explore opportunities for international cooperation. The invitations also serve to showcase Hong Kong's distinctive advantage of having close connectivity with the Mainland and the world under the "one country, two systems" and its advancement from stability to prosperity.

