

# Third GBA Legal Professional Examination successfully held

The 2023 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination (GBA Examination) was successfully held in Hong Kong and Zhuhai today (May 27).

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said, "Under the strong support of the Central Government and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), the GBA Examination was successfully held three times. We hope that the GBA Examination can be converted from a pilot scheme to a regular examination such that in future, more Hong Kong legal practitioners will obtain practice qualification to provide legal services in the nine Mainland municipalities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) on specified civil and commercial matters to which the Mainland laws apply.

"These lawyers with dual qualification will, in the course of their practice in the GBA, co-operate with their Mainland counterparts and share their respective experiences and collaborate in resolving cross-jurisdictional legal issues that arise in practice. This is conducive to accelerating the nurture of talent in international legal affairs in the GBA, deepening the alignment and harmonisation of rules and mechanisms in civil and commercial matters in the GBA, as well as facilitating the integration of Hong Kong legal practitioners into the national development."

Examination venue was set up in Hong Kong for the first and second GBA Examinations in light of the pandemic. Examination venue was again set up in Hong Kong for the third GBA Examination, thereby facilitating the Hong Kong candidates. According to the memorandum of understanding signed by the MoJ and the Department of Justice (DoJ) in 2021, the DoJ co-ordinates with the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) in handling examination-related work in Hong Kong. The DoJ is thankful to the HKEAA for its tremendous efforts in ensuring that the GBA Examination can be successfully held in Hong Kong.