

Announcement

Authentication of public documents issued in the Mainland



Since resumption of sovereignty, authentication of public documents in the Mainland to be used in the HKSAR has been governed by the existing arrangement¹, its format being:



¹ Letter (97) No.19 issued by the Office of the Chinese Senior Representative, Sino-British Joint Liaison Group dated 2 June 1997

The entering into the Apostille Convention² by the Mainland in 2023 and the issuance of authentication of public documents by Apostille relate only to overseas countries/parties which have also been acceded to the same Convention, but not the HKSAR, the format of an Apostille being:

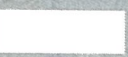
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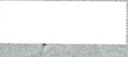
 


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
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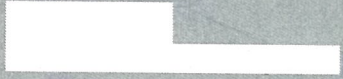
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² The HCCH Convention of 5 October 1961 for Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents

Until further arrangement and/or notice, we shall continue to **ACCEPT** the Authentication referred to in the first paragraph above and will **DECLINE** the Apostille mentioned in the second paragraph.

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October 2024