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CISG provides uniform rules to govern contracts for international sales of goods, with a view to removing legal barriers in, and promoting the development of, international trade. More than half of Hong Kong's top 20 trading partners by total volume of trade (including Mainland China, the USA and Japan) and nearly half of the total number of countries in the world are parties to CISG.

The General Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Justice have joined hands to organise two seminars (in Cantonese and English), which will be held on 19 January and 26 January 2022 respectively, during which a panel of distinguished speakers will cover the following areas which are important to the business sector:

- Overview of the salient features of CISG, as well as its differences from the existing legal regime in Hong Kong
- Potential effects of such changes on cross-border trade practices
- Practical tips concerning dealings in the international sale of goods under CISG

Tentative Rundown:

19 January 2022 (Wednesday)	Cantonese Seminar
10:30 am	Registration
11:00 am	Overview of the New Ordinance Mr Peter Wong, Deputy Law Officer (Treaties and Law), Department of Justice, HKSAR Government
11:20 am	What You Must Know About CISG Mr Eric Ng, Managing Counsel, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

26 January 2022 (Wednesday)	English Seminar	
3:30 pm	Registration	
4:00 pm	Overview of the New Ordinance Mr Peter Wong, Deputy Law Officer (Treaties and Law), Department of Justice, HKSAR Government	
4:20 pm	What You Must Know About CISG Professor Dr Ulrich G. Schroeter, Professor of Law, University of Basel, Switzerland	

11:50 am	Practical Tips for the Business Sector Mr Ronald Sum, Partner in Hong Kong Office & Head of Dispute Resolution in Asia, Addleshaw Goddard (Hong Kong) LLP
12:20 pm	Q&A Session
12:30 pm	End of Event

4:50 pm	Practical Tips for the Business Sector Mr Ronald Sum, Partner in Hong Kong Office & Head of Dispute Resolution in Asia, Addleshaw Goddard (Hong Kong) LLP
5:20 pm	Q&A Session
5:30 pm	End of Event

How to register:

	Cantonese Seminar – 19 January 2022	English Seminar – 26 January 2022
Online via Zoom:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN A m0aQC5Q9C0h2pRj-MKMg	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_yyzsdqNMQwK16H9NkM0ZLQ
In-person at HKGCC	https://www.chamber.org.hk/en/events/	https://www.chamber.org.hk/en/events/
Chamber Theatre:	whatson booking register.aspx	whatson_booking_register.aspx
(HKGCC members only)		

For further information, please visit:

- Cantonese Seminar 19 January 2022 (Wednesday):

 https://www.chamber.org.hk/en/events/whatson_detail.aspx?e_code=F220119YG
- English Seminar 26 January 2022 (Wednesday):
 https://www.chamber.org.hk/en/events/whatson_detail.aspx?e_code=F220126YG

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Two online events on CISG will be co-organised by the Department of Justice and the Asian Academy of International Law for legal practitioners in January and February 2022. Further details will be announced in due course.

Webinar: "New Ordinance on CISG - Updates on Hong Kong's Law on International Sale of Goods"
 24 January 2022 (Monday): 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

The webinar aims to give legal practitioners an introduction of the new Ordinance and CISG, including their background and salient features as well as some "must-knows" for legal practitioners.

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AVagWELpS7yWWy9R60WL-w

II. Workshop: "CISG Legal Training Workshop - Essential Know-how for Lawyers" 21 February 2022 (Monday): Part I: 4:00 – 6:00 pm; Part II: 6:15 – 8:15 pm

The two-part Workshop aims to give legal practitioners a comprehensive understanding of CISG as well as practical tips for advising on cross-border sale of goods transactions in light of CISG.

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R4DL-F03T10pvV5AMhk4fg