

The annual flagship event of the Department of Justice – the Hong Kong Legal Week – will be held from 4 to 8 November 2024. With the theme of “Hong Kong Common Law System: World Class Springboard to China and Beyond”, the Hong Kong Legal Week 2024 provides an opportunity for participants to participate in a series of professional and insightful discussions and exchanges with prominent experts, practitioners, government officials and academics on a wide spectrum of topics from international law, developments in alternative dispute resolution, opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Belt & Road, to the rule of law in the region and beyond.



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The Hong Kong Legal Week 2024 will kick off with the Asia-Pacific International Private Law Summit, co-organised with The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT). The Summit serves as the perfect occasion for experienced legal academics and practitioners world-wide to gather and discuss the pivotal role of international private law and technology in enhancing access to credit, investment, and sustainable development across the Asia-Pacific region.

Please visit <https://www.legalweek.hk> for detailed programmes and more information about the Hong Kong Legal Week 2024.

Monday, 4 November (Day 1)

Asia-Pacific International Private Law Summit 2024

- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Remarks
- 09:30 – 10:45 Panel 1 – Harnessing Opportunities from Digital Assets, Tokenisation and Carbon Credits
- 11:00 – 12:15 Panel 2 – Unleashing Economic Potential through Secured Transaction Law Reforms in the Asia-Pacific Region
- 14:00 – 15:15 Panel 3 – Gateway to International Investment and Sustainability
- 15:30 – 16:45 Panel 4 – Building Bridges by Strengthening Engagement in the Asia-Pacific Region
- 16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

Tuesday, 5 November (Day 2)

The Second Legal Forum on Interconnectivity and Development

- 09:00 – 09:10 Welcome Remarks
- 09:15 – 09:35 Keynote Speech: Promoting Good Governance and High-quality Development under International Law
- 09:35 – 10:35 Session 1 – Interconnectivity of Rules: The Role of Hong Kong in the Country's Institutional Opening-up
- 11:10 – 12:10 Session 2 – Rule of Law as a Risk Management Mechanism to Safeguard Hong Kong's and National Sustainable Development
- 12:25 – 12:35 Closing Remarks

Wednesday, 6 November (Day 3)

Beyond Litigation: The Vibrant Landscape of Alternative Dispute Resolution of Hong Kong

- 10:00 – 10:10 Opening Session
- 10:10 – 12:00 Panel Discussion – Mediation in Action: Harmony and Peace for All
- 12:00 – 12:15 Keynote Speech by Director-General, International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office
- 14:00 – 15:20 Panel Discussion – AI-Powered ADR: Exploring the Transformative Potential in Conflict Resolution
- 15:40 – 17:15 Fireside Chat – Experience Sharing of Resolving Sports Disputes
- Evening 2024 Hong Kong Mediation Lecture

Thursday, 7 November (Day 4)

Joint Contribution to the Construction of Rule of Law in the GBA

- 09:30 – 10:00 Opening Session
- 10:00 – 10:15 Keynote Speech: "Hong Kong invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law" and "Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong" - Contributing to the building of a law-based environment in the GBA
- 10:15 – 10:45 Thematic Dialogue: Proof of Hong Kong law in Mainland courts
- 11:00 – 12:30 Panel Discussion: Legal services and juridical relations – Contributing to the construction of rule of law in the Greater Bay Area and providing greater convenience and stronger legal protection for trade and economic activities and social interactions between Hong Kong and the Mainland
- 14:00 – 16:45 Greater Bay Area Mediation - Effectively coordinating "One Country, Two Systems and Three Jurisdictions"
Mock Mediation Demonstration, Discussion and Explanation of the GBA Mediation Platform
- 16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

Friday, 8 November (Day 5)

Rule of Law: The Best Business Environment

- 09:30 – 10:00 Opening Session
- 10:00 – 10:20 Keynote Speech: Developments in our Nation's Rule of Law and the Role of Hong Kong's Legal Services Industry Profession
- 10:40 – 12:00 Panel Discussion – A Comprehensive Regime Provides a Stable Environment for Businesses to Grow
- 12:00 – 12:40 Fireside Chat – Good Stories of Hong Kong Enterprises
- 14:30 – 16:15 Panel Discussion – Our Talents in the Belt & Road
- 16:15 – 16:20 Launch of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy
- 16:20 – 16:30 Closing Remarks



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