

- (a) Under Article 90 of the Basic law, the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall be Chinese citizens who are permanent residents of the Region with no right of abode in any foreign country.
- (b) The Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (Cap.484) provides that the Chief Justice shall be the head of the Judiciary and shall be charged with the administration of the Judiciary and such other functions as may be lawfully conferred to him.
- (c) The Chief Judge of the High Court is the President of the Court of Appeal as provided for in the High Court Ordinance (Cap.4). He is the court leader of the High Court responsible for its administration. He is responsible for the efficient utilization of judicial resources and court time and for advising the Chief Justice on matters of policy concerning the operation and development of the High Court.
- (d) The Chief District Judge is the court leader of the District Court responsible for its administration. He is responsible for ensuring the efficient utilization of judicial resources and court time, and for advising the Chief Justice on matters of policy concerning the operation and development of the District Court.
- (e) The Chief Magistrate is the court leader of the Magistrates' Courts, the Small Claims Tribunal, the Labour Tribunal, the Obscene Articles Tribunal and the Coroner's Court. He is responsible for the administration of the Magistrates' Courts and these Tribunals, ensuring the efficient utilization of judicial resources and court time, and advising the Chief Justice on matters concerning the operation and development of the Courts and Tribunals within his purview.