

For information

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Development of Hong Kong as a Legal Services Centre

The above topic was discussed by the Administration of Justice and Legal Services Panel at its meeting on 12 December 2006. The Administration submitted a paper for discussion. At the meeting, the Panel requested that the Administration supply certain additional information. The object of this paper is to provide supplementary information in response to the Panel's request.

The Administration was requested to provide –

- (a) Further information on a list of the activities (visits, conferences, symposiums, forums, seminars and exhibitions) organised or sponsored by the Department of Justice (DoJ) in promoting Hong Kong as a legal services centre with relevant information such as the date(s), background and purpose, venue, organiser(s) and participants of these activities.**

We have compiled the following tables which set out the relevant information –

- (i) Visits to the Mainland, Macau, and overseas countries, from January 2005 to September 2006 (at **Annex A**)
 - (ii) Visitors and delegations from the Mainland and overseas countries received from January 2005 to September 2006 (at **Annex B**)
 - (iii) Seminars and conferences attended from January 2005 to September 2006 (at **Annex C**)
- (b) Further information on the number of arbitration cases handled by individual arbitrators and mediators over the last few years.**

2. We have liaised with the HKIAC regarding the arbitration

cases it has handled. The statistics of cases handled by the HKIAC from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 are at **Annex D**.

3. Regarding arbitration by the Administration, a list of the Legal Advisory Division (Works), Environment, Transport and Works Bureau's (LAD(W)) new arbitration and mediation cases for the period 2003 to 2006 is at **Annex E**. All these arbitrations are conducted ad hoc, on a contractual basis. Although the HKIAC is the default authority for appointing an arbitrator, in the absence of agreement between the parties, in practice this is rarely required as the parties are usually able to agree on suitable candidates for appointment.

(c) Supplementary information on the specific measures for strengthening Hong Kong as a regional legal services centre.

i) Support or work in conjunction with the professional bodies to maintain the strengths of Hong Kong legal services by improving the standard and competitiveness.

4. One of the projects which the DoJ has undertaken is the Consultancy Study of the Demand for and Supply of Legal and Related Services in Hong Kong, which commenced on 29 July 2004. A Consultative Committee was established, comprising representatives from the legal services sector and other professional, academic and community bodies to oversee and monitor the progress of the study. The Consultants are required to report progress to the Consultative Committee at approximately quarterly intervals, and as and when required by the Department of Justice.

5. The consultancy study comprises two separate surveys, one focusing on the supply of legal and related services in Hong Kong, and the other on the demand for legal and related services.

6. Regarding the survey of the supply of services, the consultancy study involves an examination of the scope of legal and related services, how accessible they are (both substantively and geographically) and their level of quality. The extent, adequacy and potential of free legal advice services in Hong Kong should also be examined under this head. Regarding the survey of the demand for legal and related services, the focus is on identifying the type and frequency of legal or justiciable problems which arise in Hong Kong, and what people do to redress these problems.

7. It is expected that the whole study will be completed this year. The object of the study is to help to identify the unmet demand and supply of legal services of Hong Kong. The strengths of Hong Kong legal services could then be better maintained and further improved.

8. The DoJ also provides ongoing advice on the legal policy implications of rules proposed by the legal professional bodies in the exercise of the power to make rules regulating the practice and discipline of their members. Such rules will help to maintain and improve the standard and competitiveness of the legal profession.

ii) Lead or work in conjunction with practitioners and academics in Hong Kong and the Mainland to achieve a greater understanding of each other's law and legal system.

It is a long term objective of the DoJ to promote greater understanding among officials of the Mainland and the HKSAR in respect of each other's legal systems. To this end, the DoJ continues to undertake a variety of work, which often involves the legal professionals of Hong Kong. A summary of the work carried out is described below.

Briefings Conducted for Mainland Delegations

Each year, a number of Mainland delegations (consisting of legal officials, professionals or academics) visit the DoJ. Briefings are arranged for the delegations in respect of different aspects of our legal system, such as the role and functions of the DoJ, our litigation system, CEPA and other legal cooperation with the Mainland. In 2006, a total of 61 such briefings were conducted for Mainland delegations.

Briefings of similar nature are also given to Mainland officials or professionals when DoJ officials visit the Mainland for exchange purposes. For example, Legal Study Visits are made on a regular basis whereby officials of the DoJ and MoJ would pay visits to each other in order to keep pace with the legal developments on each side. During such visits, briefs on recent developments in specific legal areas in Hong Kong are delivered.

Attending Promotional Events

To enhance exchanges with the Mainland side, the DoJ assists other Government bureaux or departments, and the legal professional bodies, in holding or attending activities which aim to promote legal services in Hong Kong. Examples of such events include the “Hong Kong Weeks” held in different municipalities in the Mainland between 2002 and 2005 with a view to promote the trade and professional services of Hong Kong.

Apart from attending promotional events, the DoJ and the legal profession of Hong Kong also join forces with the Mainland legal professional bodies in holding conferences and seminars covering legal exchanges and cooperation. For instance, the Beijing-Hong Kong Symposium on Economic Cooperation is held annually in Beijing and Hong Kong on an alternate basis and a legal seminar is conducted to discuss topical issues. The DoJ and the legal professional bodies are also represented at the China Lawyers’ Forum held annually, and their representatives speak on specific topics such as property development, corporate finance and the self-regulatory regime of the legal profession in Hong Kong.

Attendance at such events not only reinforces the relationship between the two sides but also cultivates further exchanges and encourages the exploration of further opportunities for professional cooperation.

Training provided for Mainland Officials

To sustain our efforts in encouraging more in-depth study of the common law system amongst Mainland officials, the DoJ launched the Common Law Training Scheme in 1999. The participants in the Training Scheme are officials drawn from central, provincial or municipal organs who possess an adequate standard of English. They are required to undertake a Masters in Common Law programme at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), which is designed for graduates from non-common law jurisdictions. After completion of the academic programme, the Mainland officials are placed in government law departments or relevant public organizations for short term attachment in order to familiarize them with the work of the departments or organizations concerned. The attachment programme also affords them opportunities to establish working relationships with the relevant departments and

organizations. After 12 months' training, they return to their home organizations.

The Training Scheme is instrumental to the DoJ in developing and maintaining contacts with a pool of Mainland officials, at both central and provincial levels, who have received training in common law. The scheme is a pillar of the Department's efforts in promoting greater understanding of the common law amongst Mainland officials. The scheme is also well regarded by overseas visitors who are interested in the work of the HKSARG in assisting the development of the legal system in the Mainland. So far, 91 Mainland officials have completed the Training Scheme. Currently, there are 10 Mainland officials attending the Masters programme at HKU.

To complement the Training Scheme, the DoJ is considering the introduction of a similar programme whereby qualified Mainland officials will attend the Master of Laws course at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which is also targeted at non-common law graduates. The newly proposed programme is subject to further discussions with the Mainland authorities.

Apart from the above, the DoJ arrange short term attachments for Mainland officials pursuant to the cooperation agreements signed with different Justice Departments at provincial level (JD) and Justice Bureaux at municipal level (JB). Since 2005, the DoJ has arranged two batches of 10 officials each to attend a two-week attachment programme in Hong Kong. The officials were briefed on the work of the DoJ, and visited different law departments, public organizations and the legal professional bodies for better understanding of their respective roles and functions.

Reciprocal arrangements have been made for counsel of the DoJ to be attached to various JD and JB for familiarization with the legal and judicial systems in the Mainland. This attachment programme, though short in time, is tailor-made to enable the legal officials concerned to grasp some working knowledge of the Mainland legal system.

Concluding Remarks

Promotion of greater mutual understanding of the respective legal systems between Hong Kong and Mainland officials and legal

professionals is a long term goal of the DoJ which requires ongoing effort and cooperation with the legal profession. Our efforts have been well received by both the local and Mainland legal communities as demonstrated by the greater cooperation between government departments and professional cooperation in legal practices between the two sides.

iii) Step up efforts in reinforcing and promoting Hong Kong as a regional centre for legal services and resolution of commercial disputes, in particular those involving the Mainland and foreign countries.

The DoJ's efforts in reinforcing and promoting Hong Kong as a regional centre for legal services, and the resolution of commercial disputes, are similarly reflected in our work in promoting greater mutual understanding of the two legal systems through briefings to Mainland delegations, speaking at conferences and generally attending promotional events.

Rendering Legal Assistance to the Mainland

In parallel with its work in promoting the legal services of Hong Kong, the DoJ also devoted effort to developing mutual legal assistance with the Mainland authorities under the Basic Law. Since Reunification, the HKSARG has reached three arrangements with the Mainland authorities in different subject areas, namely –

- ◆ mutual service of judicial documents in civil and commercial proceedings;
- ◆ mutual enforcement of arbitral awards; and
- ◆ reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters pursuant to a choice of agreement between the parties.

In order to give effect to the provisions of the arrangement concerning the mutual enforcement of arbitral awards, the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341) was duly amended in 2000. The implementation of the arrangement on reciprocal enforcement of court judgments also requires underpinning by local legislation. The Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill was gazetted on 23 February 2007. The Bill was given its 1st and 2nd readings on 7 March 2007.

The Bill, when passed, will facilitate closer cooperation between the two sides in rendering legal assistance to each other. A new and more convenient mechanism will be provided under the Bill so that a judgment creditor may seek enforcement of a judgment given in one jurisdiction by registering it with the court in the other jurisdiction. With the new registration mechanism in place, a judgment can be enforced in the other jurisdiction without going through time-consuming and costly litigation. The new mechanism should therefore encourage members of the business community who are doing business in the Mainland to consider choosing Hong Kong courts as the forum for resolving contractual disputes as the judgment rendered here would be enforceable in the Mainland.

iv) Support and assist the professional and other relevant bodies in securing inter-regional and international legal and dispute resolution services.

A specific measure adopted by the Department of Justice to reinforce and promote Hong Kong as a regional centre for resolution of commercial disputes is by way of the reform of arbitration law.

The Department of Justice set up a working group in September 2005 to review the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341) to make it more user-friendly and comprehensible to foreign businessmen and lawyers. The aim is to implement the proposals made in the report issued by the Committee on Hong Kong Arbitration Law in 2003, which suggested that the law should be simplified by applying the UNCITRAL Model Law to all types of arbitration.¹

Representatives of the legal profession, arbitration experts and others were appointed to the working group. A Sub-committee was formed under the working group to examine the legislative proposals and the draft legislation in detail. The first working draft of the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill (“the draft Bill”) was produced by the Law Drafting Division of the Department of Justice in December 2005.

¹ The Model Law was adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on 21 June 1985 “in view of the desirability of uniformity of the law of arbitral procedures and the specific needs of international commercial arbitration practice”. See resolution of the General Assembly of United Nations of 11 December 1985.

The Sub-committee has held over 30 meetings since January 2006. It has reported progress to the Working Group on eight occasions. Various proposals for amendments to the draft Bill have been made by the Sub-committee, and issues involving legal policy implications or specific legal arguments have been referred to the Working Group for consideration.

It is expected that a Consultation Paper on the reform of arbitration law and the draft Bill will be issued for public consultation by the end of 2007.

v) Explore further legal services outlets and markets for the local practitioners where appropriate.

The DoJ has continued to explore opportunities in overseas markets for local practitioners. For instance, through the WTO services negotiations, we strive to enable other WTO members to further liberalise their services markets, including the legal services market, in order that foreign legal services providers (including Hong Kong legal professionals) can gain access into their markets. At the same time, we work closely with the legal professional bodies in order to gauge their interests and needs in gaining access into foreign legal services markets so that we can pursue these goals in the WTO arena.

vi) Help evaluate the standard of legal education and formulate reforms in conjunction with the law schools, Committee on Legal Education and Training and the legal services sector.

The DoJ has played an active part in the work of the Steering Committee on the Review of Legal Education and Training, which was established in late 1999 to oversee a comprehensive review of legal education and training.

Having regard to the recommendations of a detailed consultancy report, the Steering Committee proposed various reforms to improve the standards of legal education and training. For instance, the Steering Committee endorsed the recommendation of the consultants that the Bachelor of Laws programme should be extended from three to four years in order to achieve its proper objectives. Following the approval of the University Grants Committee, the new course commenced in September 2004.

Regarding the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) course, the Steering Committee considered that it should be subject to major reforms in various areas, including curriculum content, and teaching and assessment methods. Since 2002, significant reforms have been made.

In order to keep up the momentum of reform of the legal education and training system, and to keep under review the future direction of that system, legislation has been enacted to establish a new Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training (“the new Standing Committee”). It is currently chaired by an ex-Solicitor General (Mr Bob Allcock), and comprises representatives of stakeholders as well as lay members. It began work in September 2005. It has taken over the work of the previous Standing Committee and also the Advisory Committee on Legal Education. The new Standing Committee oversees the implementation of the reform of legal education and training and monitors the future direction of legal education.

The Chinese University established Hong Kong’s third law school in 2005-06. In November 2005, two representatives of the Chinese University joined the new Standing Committee in order to ensure that the third law school is monitored by that committee, and participates in its work, in the same way as the existing law schools.

Visits to the Mainland, Macau, and overseas countries from January 2005 to September 2006

| | Date | Place of visit | Purpose | Organizer/Participant |
|-----|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 1. | 10 Jan 2005 | Nansha | Attending the Cooperation seminar of Pan-PRD and WTO partners to promote Hong Kong legal services | World Trade Centres Association (HK), Chinese General chamber of Commerce, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials |
| 2. | 20 Jan 2005 | Guangzhou | Attending the CEO Forum 'Globalisation: Co-operation and Competition' to promote Hong Kong legal services | Hong Kong Trade Development Council, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials |
| 3. | 24 Jan 2005 | UK - London | Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | DoJ officials, relevant UK government officials and professional bodies |
| 4. | 2 - 4 Mar 2005 | Beijing | Exchanging views on issues relating to reciprocal enforcement judgements | Supreme People's Court, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials |
| 5. | 14 - 18 Mar 2005 | South Africa | Exchanging views on law reform issues and promoting Hong Kong's legal services | DoJ officials and representatives from other participating countries |
| 6. | 3 Apr 2005 | Shenzhen | Promoting Hong Kong legal services | Ministry of Justice, China Legal Service (HK) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 7. | 17 - 24 Apr 2005 | Chongqing | Exchanging views on Hong Kong and Mainland legal systems | Chongqing Justice Bureau, DoJ officials |
| 8. | 5 - 11 Jun 2005 | Beijing and Nanjing | Legal issues interflow | Ministry of Justice, DoJ officials |
| 9. | 10 Jun 2005 | Macao | Understanding the legal system of Macau SARG | Relevant Mainland departments, relevant Macao SARG officials, DoJ officials |
| 10. | 21 - 24 Jun 2005 | Shijiazhuang | Attending Hong Kong Week to promote Hong Kong legal services | Relevant Mainland departments and professional bodies, DoJ and Beijing Office officials, delegates from HK Bar Association and Law Society of HK |
| 11. | 30 Jun - 4 Jul 2005 | Xinjiang | Promoting Hong Kong legal services | Relevant Mainland departments, Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 12. | 3 - 10 Sep 2005 | Beijing and Shanghai | Attending the 22 nd Congress on the Law of the World to promote rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | Supreme People's Court and relevant Mainland officials, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from Mainland, Hong Kong and other countries |

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|-----|---------------------|--|---|---|
| 13. | 11 - 15 Sep 2005 | UK - London | Exchanging views on law related issues | The Law Society of England and Wales, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from other participating countries |
| 14. | 14 - 16 Sep 2005 | Thailand Bangkok | Attending the 2 nd China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference to promote rule of law and legal system of Hong Kong | Prosecution bodies of Mainland and ASEAN countries |
| 15. | 3 - 5 Nov 2005 | Tianjin and Hangzhou | Attending the 5 th China Lawyers Forum to promote rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | Tianjin Municipal People's Government, All China Lawyers Association, Mainland and Hong Kong legal practitioners, DoJ officials |
| 16. | 30 Nov - 2 Dec 2005 | Hubei | Attending the Hong Kong Week 2005 to promote rule of law and legal service in Hong Kong | Relevant Mainland government departments, DoJ officials |
| 17. | 4 Dec 2005 | Shanghai | Exchanging views on CEPA related legal issues | Relevant Mainland government departments, DoJ officials |
| 18. | 9 - 10 Dec 2005 | Shenzhen | Attending the 1 st Asia Europe Meeting Prosecutors-General Conference to promote rule of law and legal system of Hong Kong | Prosecution bodies of Mainland and Asia Europe countries, DoJ officials |
| 19. | 14 - 17 Mar 2006 | USA - Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and New York | Promoting the rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Washington, DC, and DoJ officials |
| 20. | 22 - 24 Mar 2006 | Shanghai and Suzhou | Exchanging views on issues relating to reciprocal enforcement of judgments | Supreme People's Court, relevant Mainland departments, CSO and DoJ officials |
| 21. | 30 Mar - 1 Apr 2006 | Nanjing | Visiting National Judicial Examination Office to exchange views on the National Judicial Examination | National Judicial Examination Office, DoJ officials |
| 22. | 9 - 13 Apr 2006 | Beijing | Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | DoJ officials, relevant Mainland officials and professional bodies |
| 23. | 10 - 13 Apr 2006 | Australia - Sydney | Exchanging views on law reform issues and promoting Hong Kong's legal services | Australian Law Reform Commission, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from other participating countries |

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| 24. | 19 Apr 2006 | Shanghai | Attending the World Conference of Advocates and Barristers to exchange views on legal services | Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from other participating countries |
| 25. | 16 - 18 May 2006 | Beijing | Exchanging views on promotion of legal services under CEPA | Ministry of Justice officials, DoJ officials |
| 26. | 5 - 10 Jun 2006 | UK- London | Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | DoJ officials, relevant UK government officials and professional bodies |
| 27. | 12 Jul 2006 | Guangzhou | Exchanging views on promotion of legal services under CEPA | Relevant Mainland departments, CITB and DoJ officials |
| 28. | 16 - 18 Aug 2006 | Heilongjiang | Attending a forum on Judicial Reform | Supreme People's Court, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials |
| 29. | 28 - 29 Aug 2006 | Zhongshan | Exchanging views on the National Judicial Examination | Department of State Judicial Examination of the Ministry of Justice, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials |
| 30. | 10 - 20 Sep 2006 | USA – Washington DC, New York, San Francisco | Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong | DoJ officials, relevant US government officials and professional bodies |
| 31. | 13 - 15 Sep 2006 | Beijing | Exchanging views on legal affair issues | The Legal Affairs Committee of the NPCSC, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials |
| 32. | 21 - 25 Sep 2006 | Taiyuan | Attending the 6 th China Lawyers Forum to promote Hong Kong's legal services | Shanxi Lawyers Association, relevant Mainland departments, legal practitioners from Mainland, DoJ officials |
| 33. | 26 Sep 2006 | Guangzhou | Exchanging views on issues relating to reciprocal enforcement of judgments | Guangdong and Shenzhen courts, Arbitral Commission, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong, DoJ officials |

Visitors and delegations from the Mainland and overseas countries received from January 2005 to September 2006

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|-----|-------------|--|---|---|
| 1. | 13 Jan 2005 | Delegation of Beijing lawyers under the Professional Development Programme of the Law Society | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 2. | 14 Jan 2005 | Baroness Williams of Crosby, Member of Liberal Democratic in the House of Lords | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 3. | 17 Jan 2005 | Dutch 'Justice Triangle' Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Netherlands, HK Police, DoJ officials |
| 4. | 18 Jan 2005 | Delegation of Wenzhou Justice Bureau | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, DoJ officials |
| 5. | 18 Jan 2005 | Delegation of the Zhejiang Justice Department | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Zhejiang Justice Department, DoJ officials |
| 6. | 19 Jan 2005 | Mr Xiang Huaicheng of National Council for Social Security Fund | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Securities and Futures Commission, DoJ officials |
| 7. | 21 Jan 2005 | Mr Ye Kedong, Director of Department of HK & Macau Affairs Related to Taiwan, Taiwan Affairs Office, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 8. | 25 Jan 2005 | Dr Diana Bonta, Vice President (Public Affairs), Kaiser Permanente's Southern California region, USA | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 9. | 26 Jan 2005 | Mr Pei Changju, Deputy Director of Shanxi Municipal Foreign Affairs Office | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Shanxi Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, CAB, DoJ officials |
| 10. | 28 Jan 2005 | Mr Pang Zhengzhong, Senior partner, Jincheng Tongda Law Firm | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Steve Ng, Ng & Shum Solicitors & Notaries, DoJ officials |
| 11. | 31 Jan 2005 | Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, US Supreme Court | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of US, DoJ officials |
| 12. | 4 Feb 2005 | Dr Arnab Banerji, Economic Adviser to Prime Minister's Office, UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 13. | 16 Feb 2005 | Mr Koichi Sueyoshi, Mayor of Kitakyushi, Japan | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |

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| 14. | 16 Feb 2005 | Mr Kairat Mami, Chairman of Supreme Court (Chief Justice) of Republic of Kazakhstan | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of the Republic of Kazakhstan, DoJ officials |
| 15. | 17 Feb 2005 | Mr Peter Hofstra, Chairman, Standing Committee on Economic Affairs, House of Representatives, Netherlands | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 16. | 23 Feb 2005 | Ms Hua Jian, Director General of Department of Liaison, HKMAO, State Council, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 17. | 24 Feb 2005 | Mr Chen Wenyan, Executive Vice Mayor of Foshan Municipal Government, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 18. | 28 Feb 2005 | Mr Peter Williamson, Chairman of International Committee, and Immediate Past President of Law Society, UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 19. | 1 Mar 2005 | Prof. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan, Chairperson, Committee on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, the United Nations and Ms Maria Virginia Bras Gomes, Member, CESCR, UN | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 20. | 8 Mar 2005 | Mr Simon Scott Plummer, Chief Foreign Leader Writer, the Daily Telegraph, UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 21. | 10 Mar 2005 | Mr You Ningfeng, Vice Governor of the People's Government of Guangzhou Province, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 22. | 17 Mar 2005 | Mr Guo Jinfeng, Deputy Director of the Provincial Foreign Affairs Offices, & Delegations from Foreign Affairs Offices (Henan and Hubei) | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | CAB, DoJ officials |
| 23. | 18 Mar 2005 | Mr Song Xiaomao, Deputy Director of the Xinjiang Lawyers Association & Delegation of Xinjiang lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 24. | 24 Mar 2005 | Mr Chung Eui-yong, Member of the National Assembly (Uri Party), Korea | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 25. | 29 Mar 2005 | Mr Wan E-xiang, Vice President of Supreme People's Court | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |

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| 26. | 31 Mar 2005 | 56 th US Congressional Staff Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials |
| 27. | 4 Apr 2005 | Dr Angela Kerins, Chairperson, National Disability Authority, Ireland | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 28. | 12 Apr 2005 | The Westly China-California Relations Delegation – Mrs Katherine Schiffeler and Mr Eric Lassila | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 29. | 15 Apr 2005 | Delegation of Tianjin Lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 30. | 15 Apr 2005 | Mr Jakob E Doek, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 31. | 16 Apr 2005 | Mr Jakob E Doek (Chairperson) & Ms Yanghee Lee (Member), UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Ms Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 32. | 18 Apr 2005 | Mr. Zhu Wumi of the Working Division of the Shanghai Party Institute of Chinese Communist Party & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 33. | 25 Apr 2005 | Mr Ken Mcdonald, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, England & Wales and Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 34. | 26 Apr 2005 | Mr Sylwierz Drolak, Underscretary of State in the Ministry of Justice, Poland and Mr Igor Dzialuk, Deputy of Director of Department of International Co-operation and European Law in the Ministry of Justice, Poland | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Poland, DoJ officials |
| 35. | 26 Apr 2005 | Mr. Weijianguo, Vice President of the Intermediate People’s Court of Wai’an City of Jiangsu Province & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | HKU, DoJ officials |
| 36. | 9 May 2005 | Mr Zhang Jian, Justice Bureau of Hubei, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | China Legal Service (HK) Ltd, DoJ officials |

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|-----|-------------|--|---|--|
| 37. | 11 May 2005 | Delegation of Notarial Offices of Hebei and Shandong, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 38. | 13 May 2005 | Mr. Tang Congjun of Discipline Inspection Committee of Shanxi Province & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 39. | 19 May 2005 | Mr Johannes Koshinen, Minister of Justice, Finland and Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Finland, DoJ officials |
| 40. | 23 May 2005 | Mr Yu Ning, Vice Chairman of the All China Lawyers Association & Delegation from All China Lawyers Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 41. | 25 May 2005 | Delegation of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | OCMFA, DoJ officials |
| 42. | 27 May 2005 | Delegation of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, USA | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, DoJ officials |
| 43. | 1 Jun 2005 | Pro. Xie Zhanyuan, Deputy President of China University of Political Science Law & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 44. | 2 Jun 2005 | Judge Victor Hall, Director of Judicial Studies Board, UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 45. | 2 Jun 2005 | Participants of the Lord Chancellor's Training Scheme for Chinese Young Lawyers (2005) | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | British Council, DoJ officials |
| 46. | 2 Jun 2005 | Delegation of Hebei Media | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 47. | 3 Jun 2005 | Baroness Prashar, UK Civil Service Commissioner | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 48. | 9 Jun 2005 | Mr Gao Qiang, Deputy Minister of Health, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 49. | 30 Jun 2005 | Delegation of Shanghai Lawyers Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |

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|-----|-------------|--|---|--|
| 50. | 30 Jun 2005 | Ms Janet Lim, Director for the Bureau for Asia & the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Headquarters, Mr Michael Gabaudan, Regional Rep. of UNHCR Beijing and Ms Monique Sokhan, Head of Sub-Office of UNHCR, HK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | UNHCR Sub-office HK |
| 51. | 6 Jul 2005 | Mr. Qi Qing of the Shanghai School of Administration & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 52. | 7 Jul 2005 | Delegation from the Guangzhou Lawyers Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 53. | 13 Jul 2005 | Mr Shi Hansheng, Director General of Ministry of Justice, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 54. | 17 Jul 2005 | Mr Zhu Weiqun, Vice Minister of United Front Work Department, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 55. | 20 Jul 2005 | Mr Liu Xiao Jun, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Office, Hebei People's Government & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | CAB, DoJ officials |
| 56. | 20 Jul 2005 | Mr Liam Aylward, Mr Eoin Ryan and Mr Jim Higgins, a delegation of Members of the European Parliament (Ireland) | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 57. | 21 Jul 2005 | Polish Members of Europe Parliament | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 58. | 26 Jul 2005 | Delegation of China Overseas Friendship Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 59. | 26 Jul 2005 | Wuhan Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | HKU SPACE, DoJ officials |
| 60. | 3 Aug 2005 | Mr. Zhang Xiaoming of Ke Nuo Law Firm of Shanghai under Shanghai Training Programme for Hong Kong Lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Basic Law Institute, DoJ officials |
| 61. | 4 Aug 2005 | Delegation of Dalian lawyers under the Professional Development Programme of the Law Society | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |

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| 62. | 19 Aug 2005 | US Congressional Staff Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials |
| 63. | 23 Aug 2005 | Mr. Zhang Zhengsong of the Hui Ye Law Firm in Shanghai and delegation of Shanghai lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Basic Law Institute, DoJ officials |
| 64. | 24 Aug 2005 | Cai Shubin, Head of the People's Government of Caidian District Wuhan City & Delegation of Wuhan officials | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | CAB, DoJ officials |
| 65. | 25 Aug 2005 | US Congressional Staff Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 66. | 26 Aug 2005 | Ms Kim Campbell, President of International Women's Forum, Former Prime Minister of Canada | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | IWFHK, DoJ officials |
| 67. | 7 Sep 2005 | Mr Xu Juyuan, Vice Minister of Transport, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 68. | 20 Sept 2005 | US Senior Journalists Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials |
| 69. | 22 Sep 2005 | Delegation of Registration Guidance Division, Department of Individual & Private Economy, State Administration for Industry & Commerce, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 70. | 23 Sep 2005 | Delegation of Zhejiang Lawyers Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Zhejiang Lawyers Association, DoJ officials |
| 71. | 26 Sep 2005 | Mr Kevin Cullinane, World President of Junior Chamber International & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Junior Chamber International HK, DoJ officials |
| 72. | 26 Sep 2005 | Visit of Zhang Xiangchen, Vice Director, Dept of WTO Affairs, Ministry of Commerce | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 73. | 27 Sep 2005 | Mr. Kuo Yueli of the Si Ming District of Xiamen City and delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Beijing-HK Exchange of Personnel Centre Limited, DoJ officials |
| 74. | 28 Sep 2005 | Mr Ted Quinlan, Deputy Chief Minister, Australia Capital Territory Legislative Assembly and his delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |

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| 75. | 7 Oct 2005 | Mr Abdullah Tamugi, Speaker, Parliament of Singapore | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 76. | 10 Oct 2005 | Delegation of Shenzhen Judicial Bureau | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 77. | 12 Oct 2005 | Mr. Liu Shiquan of the Shanxi Procuratorate & Delegation of the Discipline Inspection Committee of the Shanxi Procuratorate | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 78. | 14 Oct 2005 | Dr Goh Kun, former Prime Minister of Korea, and Dr Kang Hong-bin (Dr Goh's Adviser) & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 79. | 27 Oct 2005 | Vice Chancellor Xia Yali of the Faculty of Law of the North West University & Delegation of Mainland scholars | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Legal Education Trust Fund, DoJ officials |
| 80. | 28 Oct 2005 | The Hon Eric S Ripper, Deputy Premier; Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; and Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management, Western Australia, Australia | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 81. | 31 Oct 2005 | Mr Li Wuyu, Deputy Director of the Press and Publication Administration Office, Hubei Peoples's Government | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 82. | 1 Nov 2005 | Mr Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 83. | 2 Nov 2005 | Mr David Marin, Member of European Parliament | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 84. | 2 Nov 2005 | Mr Herman De Croo, President, House of Representatives, Belgium | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 85. | 2 Nov 2005 | Mr. Zhao Degui, Secretary of the Discipline Inspection Committee of Dalian & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 86. | 3 Nov 2005 | Mr Esko Aho, President of the Finnish National Fund for Research and Development | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |

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| 87. | 7 Nov 2005 | Mr Gao Fengtao, Vice-Minister of Legislative Affairs Office, State Council | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 88. | 7 Nov 2005 | Prof. Huang Feng, Counsel General of the Department of Judicial Assistance & Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 89. | 9 Nov 2005 | Hon Yasunori Nishimura, Member of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 90. | 10 Nov 2005 | Mr Wang Jian-ming, Director of Anti Corruption Bureau, and Mr Zhan Fu-liang, Public Procurator of the Supreme People's Procuratorate, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 91. | 10 Nov 2005 | Delegation of the Ministry of United Front and the 7 th Training Class of the Study of the Market Economy of HK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Chinese Manufacturers' Association, DoJ officials |
| 92. | 14 Nov 2005 | Hon Kitazawa Toshimi, Member of the Democratic Party of Japan, Member of the House of Councilors of Japan | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 93. | 15 Nov 2005 | Mr. Cai Minzu, Deputy Secretary of Hubei Province and delegation of the Hubei Bureau of Letters and Calls | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 94. | 21 Nov 2005 | Mr. Chen Zhiming of the Yangzhou Lawyers Association & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | HK Trade Development Council, DoJ officials |
| 95. | 23 Nov 2005 | Mr Qiu Baoxing, Vice Minister of Construction, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 96. | 25 Nov 2005 | Mr. Song Limin, Vice Mayor of Cheng De City and delegation of Hebei officials | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 97. | 28 Nov 2005 | Mr Daniel Bellamare, MSM, QC, Assistant Deputy Attorney General (Criminal Law), Canada | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 98. | 28 Nov 2005 | Mr. Wu Shixue of the Drainage Management Office of Shenzhen and delegation of Shenzhen officials | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |

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| 99. | 29 Nov 2005 | Mr John Landy, AC, MBE, Governor of Victoria, Australia & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Victorian Government Business Office of HK, DoJ officials |
| 100. | 1 Dec 2005 | Mr Wang Yunxiang, Vice President of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials |
| 101. | 1 Dec 2005 | Judge J Clifford Wallace, Retired Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeal & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, DoJ officials |
| 102. | 2 Dec 2005 | Li Yongsheng, Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Anhui People's Government & Delegations of the Mainland Officials of Municipal Foreign Affairs Offices of Shangdong and Anhui | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | CAB, DoJ officials |
| 103. | 2 Dec 2005 | Mr Khalid Malik, the United Nations Co-ordinator in China and Delegation, Mr Renaud Meyer, Deputy UN Development Programme Resident Representative and Josie Jin Zhou, Special Adviser to HK and Macau SARs | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | UN Development Programme Special Adviser to HK & Macau SARs, DoJ officials |
| 104. | 6 Dec 2005 | Delegation of Hebei Justice Bureau and Lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 105. | 8 Dec 2005 | Professor Stephanie Fahey, Director, Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Australia | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 106. | 13 Dec 2005 | Rt. Hon. Lord Goldsmith, UK Attorney General and Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of UK, DoJ officials |
| 107. | 14 Dec 2005 | Rt. Hon. Colin Boyd, QC, Lord Advocate of Scotland and Mr Brisbane, Deputy Crown Agent of Scotland | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 108. | 23 Dec 2005 | Mr. Kuo Xiaoqing of the Discipline Inspection Committee of the Chongqing Justice Bureau & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Xin Hua International Cultural Exchange Co Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 109. | 3 Jan 2006 | Dr Karl A Lamers, German Member of Parliament | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Germany, DoJ officials |
| 110. | 5 Jan 2006 | Mrs Yoriko Kawaguchi, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |

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| 111. | 9 Jan 2006 | Delegation of Korean Parliament Members | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Korea, DoJ officials |
| 112. | 13 Jan 2006 | Mr James Pitchford, Legislative Assistant, Foreign Policy Senator Kit Bond (R-MO), & 60 th US Congressional Staff Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials |
| 113. | 16 Jan 2006 | Mr Henk Marquart Schdtz, Secretary-General, and Mr Barry Hancock, Counsel General of International Association of Prosecutors | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 114. | 17 Jan 2006 | Dr Kurt Campbell, Senior Vice President, Henry A Kissinger Chair in National Security and Director of International Security Programme, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, USA | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 115. | 4 Feb 2006 | Mr John Tiner, Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority, UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 116. | 7 Feb 2006 | Mr Edward Nally – Immediate Past President of the Law Society of UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 117. | 8 Feb 2006 | Mr Gary Mar, Minister of Community Development, Government of Alberta, Canada | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 118. | 10 Feb 2006 | Dr Mark Mullins, Executive Director, Fraser Institute, Canada | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 119. | 10 Feb 2006 | Mr Mark Berlin, Director General ILPS, International Legal Programs Section, Justice Canada | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 120. | 21 Feb 2006 | Dr Michael Spindelegger, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and Member of the Parliament, Austria | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 121. | 23 Feb 2006 | Mr. Jia Youling, Director of Veterinary Medicine Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 122. | 23 Feb 2006 | Vice Director Liu Cuiping of the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the People's Procuratorate of the Henan Province & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ICAC, DoJ officials |

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| 123. | 24 Feb 2006 | Wrap up session of Attachment Programme of Mainland Judicial Bureaux Officials | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD DoJ officials |
| 124. | 28 Feb 2006 | Mr Liu Zhijun, Ministry of Railway, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 125. | 2 Mar 2006 | Ms Alison LeClaire Christie, Director of East Asia (China, Monogolia & Taiwan Affairs), Foreign Affairs, Canada | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Canada, DoJ officials |
| 126. | 3 Mar 2006 | Mr Lu Xinhua, Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC in HK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | HKMAO, DoJ officials |
| 127. | 9 Mar 2006 | Mr Wu Jia Nong, Deputy Mayor of Chong Qing, PRC | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 128. | 10 Mar 2006 | Mr John Pistole, Deputy Director of Federal Investigation Bureau, USA & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of US, DoJ officials |
| 129. | 15 Mar 2006 | Mr Ye Shuangyu, Deputy Governor of Fujian, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 130. | 17 Mar 2006 | Vice Director He Ping of the Foreign (HK & Macao) Affairs Offices of Sichuan Province & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | CAB, DoJ officials |
| 131. | 22 Mar 2006 | Mr Clycle Prestowitz, President, Economic Strategies Institute, USA | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 132. | 25 Mar 2006 | Mr Sun Hailin, Deputy Mayor of Tianjin & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society of Hong Kong, DoJ officials |
| 133. | 3 Apr 2006 | Mr Koichi Miki, Professor of Law, Keio University, Japan | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 134. | 12 Apr 2006 | Mr Glenn Martin SC, President, Australian Bar Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | the Australian Bar Association, DoJ officials |
| 135. | 25 Apr 2006 | Delegation from the Changzhou Justice Province | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 136. | 9 May 2006 | Delegation of British Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of UK, DoJ officials |

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| 137. | 24 May 2006 | Delegation of the Xiang Tan University , Xuan Yuan Education Fund Association | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Woo Kwan Lee & Co, DoJ officials |
| 138. | 25 May 2006 | Delegation of the Lord Chancellor's Training Scheme for Chinese Young Lawyers (2006) | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | British Council, DoJ officials |
| 139. | 5 Jun 2006 | Mr Shen Deyong, Vice President of the Supreme People's Court, PRC & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 140. | 6 Jun 2006 | Director Zhang Jian of the Hubei Justice Department & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | DoJ officials |
| 141. | 15 Jun 2006 | Director Chen Mingpu of the Shandong Justice Department & Delegation of Shandong lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Law Society, DoJ officials |
| 142. | 22 Jun 2006 | Mr. Zhang Haihua of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Heilongjiang Province & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | CAB, DoJ officials |
| 143. | 5 Jul 2006 | Vice Director Fang Xiaoling of the Jiangsu Justice Department & Delegation of notary officers of Jiangsu and Neimenggu | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | the Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers, DoJ officials |
| 144. | 8 Jul 2006 | Hon Philip Ruddock, Attorney General, Australia | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Consulate General of Australia, DoJ officials |
| 145. | 3 Aug 2006 | Mr K Kesavapany, Director, Institute of South East Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 146. | 9 Aug 2006 | Delegation from Zhejiang Provincial Department of Justice headed by Mr Chen Zhizhong | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | HKMAO, DoJ officials |
| 147. | 29 Aug 2006 | Mr. Wang Qiang of State Owned Assets Management Committee of the Ningxia Autonomous Region and delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | China Economic Information (HK) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 148. | 30 Aug 2006 | Mr. Wang Wanzhong of the Discipline Inspection Department of the Procuratorate of the Chengdu City & Delegation | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials |
| 149. | 31 Aug 2006 | Delegation of Shanghai Lawyers | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Basic Law Institute, DoJ officials |

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| 150. | 1 Sept 2006 | Mr Jusuf Wanandi of the Indonesian Centre for Strategic and International Studies | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 151. | 22 Sept 2006 | Mr Mark Fisher, MP(Labour) and former Minister of the Arts a delegation from the All Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG), UK | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 152. | 25 Sept 2006 | Delegation of US Senior Journalists | Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials |

Conferences and seminars attended from January 2005 to September 2006

| | Date | Topic | Organizer/Participant |
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| 1. | 2 Apr 2005 | Basic Law | Caritas Francis Hsu College, students of the college and other tertiary institutions, DoJ officials |
| 2. | 24 Aug 2005 | Rule of law | New Territories General Chamber of Commerce, DoJ officials |
| 3. | 18 Nov 2005 | Rule of law and One Country, Two Systems | Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, DoJ officials |
| 4. | 28 Nov 2005 | Arbitration in China and promotion of Hong Kong legal services | China International Economic & Trade Arbitration Commission and HK International Arbitration Centre, DoJ officials |
| 5. | 13 Jan 2006 | Reciprocal Enforcement Judgments | Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials |
| 6. | 19 Jan 2006 | Arbitration | Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, DoJ officials |
| 7. | 7 Mar 2006 | CEPA | Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials |
| 8. | 17 Mar 2006 | Benefits of mediation | Hong Kong Mediation Council, DoJ officials |
| 9. | 16 Apr 2006 | Rule of law | International Council of Advocates and Barristers, Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials, delegates of overseas Bar Associations |
| 10. | 27 Apr 2006 | Rule of law and promotion of Hong Kong legal services | Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials, Consular Corps, heads of international chamber of commerce |
| 11. | 26 May 2006 | Rule of law | Oxford and Cambridge Society, DoJ officials |
| 12. | 13 Jun 2006 | Benefits of mediation | Hong Kong Mediation Centre, DoJ officials |
| 13. | 21 Jun 2006 | Reciprocal Enforcement Judgments | CITB, Heads of Economic and Trade Offices, DoJ officials |
| 14. | 26 Jun 2006 | Rule of law | Hong Kong Democratic Foundation, DoJ officials |
| 15. | 29 Jun 2006 | CEPA | Law Society and Bar Association, DoJ officials |
| 16. | 18 Jul 2006 | Reciprocal enforcement judgments | ISD, DoJ officials |
| 17. | 4 Aug 2006 | Arbitration | Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, DoJ officials |
| 18. | 15 Aug 2006 | Reciprocal enforcement judgments | Hong Kong Financial Services Institute, DoJ officials |
| 19. | 29 Aug 2006 | Reciprocal enforcement judgments | The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, DoJ officials |
| 20. | 7 Sep 2006 | Promotion of Hong Kong legal services | Hong Kong Management Association, DoJ officials |
| 21. | 13 Sep 2006 | Arbitration | Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, DoJ officials |

Disputes involving Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in 2006 (1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006)

In 2006, the number of cases in which HKIAC was involved with stood at 394 as compared with 281 cases in 2005 and 280 cases in 2004 (please refer to website <http://www.hkiac.org> for further details). The amounts in dispute range from HK\$370,531 to over HK\$369 million and parties' nationalities range from American, Australian, British, Chinese (Hong Kong SAR), Chinese (Macau SAR), Chinese (Mainland China), Dutch, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Nigerian, Polish, Qatari, Singaporean, Swiss, Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese.

Of the 394 cases, 18 cases were from Mainland China, where both parties were entities/nationals of Mainland China in which the arbitration clause specified Hong Kong as the place of arbitration. This compares with 15 cases in 2005, 20 cases in 2004, 14 cases in 2003, 13 cases in 2002, 7 cases in 2001 and 5 cases in 2000.

HKIAC 2006 statistics

| | Arbitration | Mediation |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Construction | 181 | 30 |
| Commercial | 102 | 8 |
| Shipping | 18 | 0 |
| Joint Venture | 0 | 0 |
| Others (Not classified) | 0 | 0 |
| Community | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 301 | 38 |
| Domain Names | 93 | N/A |

- Of the 301 Arbitrations (excluding Domain Names)
 - 99 cases involve Hong Kong and other Countries
 - 42 cases involve non-Hong Kong parties
 - 160 cases involve Hong Kong parties

- Of the 99 cases involving Hong Kong parties
 - 62 cases from Hong Kong and the Mainland of China
 - 37 cases from Hong Kong and other countries
 - 78 cases involve contracts performed in Hong Kong

- 21 cases involve contracts performed elsewhere

- Of the 42 cases involving non-Hong Kong Parties
 - 18 Mainland of China/Mainland of China
 - 8 United States of America/Mainland of China
 - 3 Japan/Mainland of China
 - 3 United Kingdom/Mainland of China
 - 2 Switzerland/Mainland of China
 - 1 Germany/Mainland of China
 - 1 Holland/Mainland of China
 - 1 Vietnam/Mainland of China
 - 1 Singapore/Mainland of China
 - 1 Australia/Singapore
 - 1 Philippines/Korea
 - 1 Japan/Japan
 - 1 Qatar/India

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No. of New Arbitrations from 2003 – 2006

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. of New Cases</u> |
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| 2003 | 4 |
| 2004 | 6 |
| 2005 | 6 |
| 2006 | 6 |

No. of New Mediations from 2003 – 2006

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. of New Cases</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2003 | 8 |
| 2004 | 5 |
| 2005 | 8 |
| 2006 | 10 |