

## Hong Kong Mediation Centre 2024 Spring Cocktail Reception Celebration for Year of Dragon with Festive Jubilation

Hong Kong, 23 February 2024 — Hong Kong Mediation Centre ("HKMC") hosted 2024 Spring Cocktail Reception at HKMC, Room 504, 5/F, West Wing, Justice Place, 11 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong, and invited more than 60 guests to celebrate the beginning of a new year ahead.

The reception was graced by the presence of many practitioners, dispute resolution experts, judges, senior government officials and academics. Among them, Law Officer (Civil Law) of the Department of Justice of the HKSAR Ms. Cheung Kam Wai, Christina, JP officiated at the event. She was also joined by Director of Intellectual Property, Mr. Wong Fuk Loi, David, JP; Commissioner of Independent Commission Against Corruption Mr. Woo Ying Ming, Danny, SBS, CSDSM; Solicitor General of the Department of Justice Mr. Mui Kei Fat, Llewellyn; Law Officer (International Law) of the Department of Justice Dr. Ding Kwok Wing, James; Commissioner for Belt and Road of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Mr. Ho Lik Chi, Nicholas; Legislative Council Member Hon Yung Ho Yan, JP; Vice-President of The Belt and Road Research Institute of Hong Kong Dr. Hon Leung Mei Fun, SBS, JP; Deputy Director of Home Affairs Mr. Te Chi Wang, JP; Director of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre Mr Chan Hiu Fung, Nicholas, MH, JP; Honorary Advisor of HKMC Mr. Wong Kwai Huen, Albert, SBS, BBS, JP; Honorary Legal Advisor of HKMC Dr. Ma Yiu Tim, Jimmy, SBS, JP; Consultant of HKMC Mr. Chan Bing Woon, SBS, JP; Deputy Director-General of Department of Treaty and Law of The Commissioner's Office of China's Foreign Ministry in the HKSAR Mr. Chen Jianzhong, together with President of HKMC Dr. Law Wai Hung, Francis, the Secretary General and the Council Members of HKMC to offer a toast to the guests, wishing everyone good luck and prosperity in the Year of the Dragon.

At the reception, President of HKMC Dr. Law Wai Hung, Francis said in his welcome speech, "HKMC has always been supporting and complementing the policy directions of the PRC and HKSAR Government by taking the initiative to promote the flourishing development of the mediation sector in Hong Kong. As a representative of Hong Kong's non-governmental organisations, HKMC often attends meetings of the United Nations Commission of International Trade Law, thus further strengthens our ties with international organisations." He said that by integrating Hong Kong's robust legal system and solid foundation of rule of law into the key advantages of Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong's status as a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region would definitely be further enhanced.



The officiating guest of the reception, Law Officer (Civil Law) of Department of Justice Ms. Cheung Kam Wai, Christina, JP also delivered her congratulatory speech.

She said, "The Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Standards', 'The Greater Bay Area Mediator Code of Conduct Best Practice' and 'The Greater Bay Area Crossboundary Disputes Mediation Model Rules' have been released by The Greater Bay Area Mediation Platform. This would facilitate convergence of mediation practices within the GBA." She also highlighted that with staunch support from the Central People's Government, the International Organization for Mediation ("IOMed") Preparatory Office was established in the HKSAR early last year, while the IOMed will soon be set up in the region as well. She continued, "The establishment of IOMed is extremely important for Hong Kong's development as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre in long-term. This does not only strengthen the exchanges and collaboration between Hong Kong and the world, but also greatly enhances Hong Kong's image as the world's 'City of Mediation'". She especially thanked HKMC for the devotion and contribution it made in the past 25 years to foster the development of mediation sector in Hong Kong.

In addition to the celebration of Lunar New Year, all the guests also joint hands to kick off this meaningful year to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HKMC under the festive atmosphere with wine and delicacy.

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President of HKMC Dr. Law Wai Hung, Francis delivered welcome speech.



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Officiating guest and distinguished guests at the 2024 Spring Cocktail Reception.

(Front row from left to right) Solicitor General of the Department of Justice Mr. Mui Kei Fat, Llewellyn; Director of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre Mr Chan Hiu Fung, Nicholas, MH, JP; Director of Intellectual Property, Mr. Wong Fuk Loi, David, JP; President of HKMC Dr. Law Wai Hung, Francis; Law Officer (Civil Law) of the Department of Justice Ms. Cheung Kam Wai, Christina, JP; Commissioner of Independent Commission Against Corruption Mr. Woo Ying Ming, Danny, SBS, CSDSM; Law Officer (International Law) of the Department of Justice Dr. Ding Kwok Wing, James

(Second row from left to right) CEO/Secretary General of HKMC Ms. Amy Wong; Deputy Director of Home Affairs Mr. Te Chi Wang, JP; Vice-President of The Belt and Road Research Institute of Hong Kong Dr. Hon Leung Mei Fun, SBS, JP; Vice-President of HKMC Dr. Chan Ho Man, Alfred; Commissioner for Belt and Road of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Mr. Ho Lik Chi, Nicholas; Vice-President of HKMC Mr. Kwan Wai King, Frankie; Legislative Council Member Hon Yung Ho Yan, JP; Deputy Director-General of Department of Treaty and Law of The Commissioner's Office of China's Foreign Ministry in the HKSAR Mr. Chen Jianzhong

(Third row from left to right) Council Member of HKMC Dr. Leung Tong Lit, Charles; Council Member of HKMC Mr. Tang Kim Sung; Council Member of HKMC Mr. Law Chi Kei, Jacky; Honorary Legal Advisor of HKMC Dr. Ma Yiu Tim, Jimmy, SBS, JP; Honorary Advisor of HKMC Mr. Wong Kwai Huen, Albert, SBS, BBS, JP;



Consultant of HKMC Mr. Chan Bing Woon, SBS, JP; Council Member of HKMC Dr. Lau Shui Yin, Alex; Council Member of HKMC Ms. Fan Wing Yan, Angel



Distinguished guests offered a toast at the reception.