Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2021

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

In light of public health considerations, the ceremony to mark the opening of the Legal Year 2021 will take place at the Court of Final Appeal on January 11, 2021, instead of Hong Kong City Hall.

The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, the Secretary for Justice, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association and the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong will deliver addresses as in previous years.

Special arrangements will be made having regard to the limited capacity of the venue and the need for social distancing. There will be no inspection of the ceremonial guard and no reception. Attendance at the ceremony will also be limited.

The ceremony will be broadcast live to the public on the Judiciary's website (www.judiciary.hk) at 4pm on January 11, 2021.