

Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to visit Beijing

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, Mr Andrew Cheung Kuing, will visit Beijing from May 18 to 21 at the invitation of the Supreme People's Court.

While in Beijing, Chief Justice Cheung will meet with the President of the Supreme People's Court, Chief Justice Zhou Qiang, visit the Intellectual Property Court of the Supreme People's Court and Beijing Internet Court, and hold discussions on issues including technology application and judicial exchanges. He will also pay courtesy calls to the General Office, the Legislative Affairs Commission and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Basic Law Committee of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, the Ministry of Justice and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council.

This is Mr Justice Cheung's first visit to Beijing since he assumed office as the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal. Chief Judge of the High Court, Mr Justice Jeremy Poon Shiu-chor, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, Madam Justice Carlye Chu Fun-ling and Judiciary Administrator, Ms Esther Leung Yuet-yin, will join the visit.

The delegation will depart for Shenzhen in the evening of May 17 before going to Beijing in the morning of the following day, and will return to Hong Kong in the evening of May 21.

During Chief Justice Cheung's absence from Hong Kong, Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal, Mr Justice Roberto Alexandre Vieira Ribeiro, will be the Acting Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal.