

# CJ to attend 19th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific in Malaysia

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

Chief Justice Andrew Cheung, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, will leave Hong Kong tomorrow (October 10) to attend the 19th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Conference will be held from October 11 to 14. It is a biennial event which seeks to provide the Chief Justices and senior judges of the Asia and Pacific region with a forum to discuss various issues of common interest to judiciaries in the region. It will cover a number of legal and judicial issues, including the rule of law, cross-border judicial co-operation and use of technology in court. Chief Justice Cheung will be the moderator-cum-speaker of a discussion session on international co-operation and cross-border issues. He will also attend the opening ceremony of the 37th LAWASIA Conference (Note), which will be held in Kuala Lumpur on October 13.

Chief Justice Cheung will return to Hong Kong on October 14. During his absence, Mr Justice Roberto Alexandre Vieira Ribeiro, Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal, will be the Acting Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal.

Note: LAWASIA, or the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, is a regional association of lawyers, judges, jurists and legal organisations. It holds annual conferences to provide a platform to facilitate the discussion of regional developments in various legal issues. All Chief Justices participating in the Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific are, in line with tradition, invited to join part of the LAWASIA Conference.