## DSJ to attend GBA legal forum in Shenzhen and Global Economic Development and Security Forum of Boao Forum for Asia in Changsha

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, will attend large-scale forums in Shenzhen and Changsha to promote Hong Kong's status as the centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region.

Tomorrow (October 27) in Shenzhen, Mr Cheung will first attend the 2023 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Legal Forum (Shenzhen), and deliver a speech on the latest initiatives on the development of the GBA in the Policy Address before returning to Hong Kong in the afternoon.

Bringing together professionals from the political, legal and business sectors, the forum will focus on enhancing the "soft connectivity" of cross-border legal services to further support the integration of Hong Kong and Macao's legal services into the overall development of the country and promote the deepening of co-operation in legal services.

Next, he will depart for Changsha on October 29 for the 2nd Conference of Global Economic Development and Security Forum of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA-GEDS). He will return to Hong Kong on October 30.

With the theme of "Global Development and Shared Security" this year, the BFA-GEDS is an important platform for forging consensus on global economic development and security.

Mr Cheung said that one of the key initiatives in this year's Policy Address is to enhance the development of the "eight centres" to dovetail with national strategies for creating strong impetus for growth.

Noting that security is the foundation of high-quality economic development, he added that the forum will facilitate delegations from Hong Kong and other places to focus on "Global Development" and "Shared Security", and to conduct high-level, in-depth and cross-disciplinary discussions on a number of hot topics.