<u>DSJ to lead legal sector delegation to attend Riyadh International Disputes</u> Week in Saudi Arabia

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, will lead a delegation of the legal sector to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia tomorrow (March 4) for the inaugural Riyadh International Disputes Week (RIDW) to promote Hong Kong's strengths in legal and dispute resolution services, enhance exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong and the relevant regions, and strengthen Hong Kong's status as the centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region.

This is the first time for the Department of Justice to lead a delegation to the Middle East to participate in an international legal and dispute resolution event, with a view to supporting the sector to explore opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Members of the delegation include representatives from the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Bar Association, as well as the legal and dispute resolution industry.

During the RIDW, Mr Cheung will address a thematic event and luncheon organised by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and attend the Third International Conference and Exhibition organised by the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration. He will also visit the local office of an international law firm to strengthen exchanges and co-operation between the two places.

Mr Cheung will return to Hong Kong on March 7.