

HKSAR Government and UNIDROIT sign memorandum of understanding for collaboration relating to private international law and international commercial law

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC and the President of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the administrative arrangements for collaboration relating to private international law and international commercial law at a virtual signing ceremony today (May 27).

This is the second MoU concluded between the Department of Justice (DoJ) and UNIDROIT, following the signing of the first MoU in May 2021, which put in place the arrangements for the secondment of Hong Kong legal professionals to the Secretariat of UNIDROIT.

Ms Cheng said in her opening remarks that the signing of the MoU opened a new chapter in the close co-operation between the DoJ and UNIDROIT, and laid the foundation for the enhanced collaboration between the two parties in the field of private international law. Ms Cheng also announced that, under the MoU, the DoJ and UNIDROIT will be jointly launching the inaugural Asia-Pacific Private International Law Summit in Hong Kong in November this year as one of the flagship events of Hong Kong Legal Week 2022.

Ms Cheng expressed her deep gratitude to UNIDROIT for their continuing trust in and support to the DoJ, as well as to the Central People's Government for their staunch support in the conclusion of the MoU.

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