

[Hong Kong Judiciary and Singapore Judiciary sign Memorandum of Understanding for enhancing exchanges on family justice system \(with photos\)](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Judiciary of Singapore signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today (March 15) to enhance judicial exchanges in promoting the efficient administration of the family justice systems in the two jurisdictions.

The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Cheung Kui-nung, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal of the HKSAR, and The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon of Singapore witnessed the signing of the MOU by Madam Justice Bebe Chu, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the HKSAR with special responsibility for family cases, and Justice Teh Hwee Hwee, Judge of the High Court and Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts of Singapore today.

Chief Justice Cheung said, "It gives me great pleasure to witness the signing of this MOU, which encourages the two jurisdictions to share experiences and hold discussions on family matters of common interest. I am sure that the MOU would be beneficial to the development of our respective family justice systems."

The MOU provides a framework for the two jurisdictions to facilitate the efficient administration of their respective family justice systems through exchanging experiences and discussing matters of common interest. Areas covered include effective management of family cases for efficient disposal, use of technology, training of family judges and judicial officers, development of family law, procedural rules and practice directions, as well as the role of mediation in early settlement of family cases.

