

Secretary for Justice continues visit to Washington, DC (with photo)

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, continued her visit to Washington, DC, the United States (US) today (July 12, Eastern Standard Time) to promote Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services and share details of Hong Kong's latest developments with key players from various sectors.

Ms Cheng first joined a roundtable meeting, hosted by the Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies of the Brookings Institution, Dr Richard Bush, to brief think tank representatives on the implementation of "one country, two systems" and the rule of law in Hong Kong. She said that under the principle of "one country, two systems" Hong Kong is unique in maintaining its own legal system, and that this arrangement is firmly guaranteed under the Basic Law.

In the afternoon, Ms Cheng delivered a speech at the American University Center on International Commercial Arbitration on Hong Kong's role in international arbitration and shared Hong Kong's experience on dispute resolution services.

Ms Cheng also met with members of the Cato Institute, including its Vice President for Monetary Studies, Dr Jim Dorn, and Vice President for Legal Affairs, Dr Roger Pilon, to brief them on the latest developments in Hong Kong.

In addition, Ms Cheng met with the Secretary General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Ms Meg Kinnear, and the Chair of the Sanctions Board of the World Bank, Mr James Spinner. Ms Cheng said that Hong Kong was glad to be working with the ICSID to provide training courses focusing on investment law and investment mediation skills.

Ms Cheng will continue her visit to Washington, DC, tomorrow (July 13, Eastern Standard Time) and will speak at the Georgetown University Law Center on the dynamics of international legal norms, as well as meeting with leading figures from different sectors.

