

[SJ attends opening ceremony of Practical Legal Training for GBA Lawyers \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, attended the opening ceremony of the first Practical Legal Training for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Lawyers today (July 19) in Guangzhou.

The Practical Legal Training for GBA Lawyers is being held at the Guangdong Judges College today and tomorrow (July 19 and 20). Organised by the Supreme People's Court and the Ministry of Justice, and hosted by the High People's Court of Guangdong Province and the Department of Justice of Guangdong Province, the Practical Legal Training has the participation of around 100 GBA lawyers. In the two days of the Practical Legal Training, experts and lawyers with ample practical experience from the people's courts, arbitral institutions and commercial mediation institutions, etc on the Mainland are giving lectures on topics including civil and commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation.

Mr Lam said the Department of Justice (DoJ) has been actively working to facilitate the GBA Legal Professional Examination and the provision of practical legal training for GBA lawyers with the relevant Mainland authorities, in order to take forward the measures for enhancing the interface of talents under the Action Plan on the Construction of Rule of Law in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area released by the DoJ in April 2024. Mr Lam said he was encouraged by the launch of the Practical Legal Training.

He said he looked forward to continuing to maintain close liaison with the relevant Mainland authorities to discuss future training work to facilitate the professional development of GBA lawyers, thereby contributing to the construction of the rule of law in the GBA.

Mr Lam will return to Hong Kong this afternoon.