## SJ signs MoU on Legal Talent Recruitment Scheme (Trainee Solicitors) 2022 with Law Society (with photos)

Riding on the successful launch of the Legal Talent Recruitment Scheme (Trainee Solicitors) in July 2021, the second round of the Scheme (the Legal Talent Scheme 2022) will be open for application on April 11 for six months. The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, signed a memorandum of understanding with the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong (Law Society), Mr Chan Chak-ming, on the administration of the Legal Talent Scheme 2022 today (March 28).

Funded by the Anti-epidemic Fund, the Legal Talent Scheme 2022 will continue to provide a monthly salary subsidy of \$6,800 for a maximum of 12 months to each eligible law firm for one newly created job opening for a trainee solicitor, with up to 130 new job openings for trainee solicitors in total. The Legal Talent Scheme 2022 will create more new job opportunities during the time of the pandemic, and at the same time ensure a steady and sufficient supply of legal talent in alignment with Government's policy objectives.

The Law Society will be responsible for administering the Legal Talent Scheme 2022, including processing and assessing the applications, as well as arranging disbursement of the subsidy.

Ms Cheng said she was pleased to note that the Scheme launched last year had been well received by the industry. She expressed her gratitude to the Law Society for its continuous support for the Scheme, which will help nurture Hong Kong's young professionals and benefit the legal sector in general.

For more details on the Legal Talent Scheme 2022, please visit the homepage of the <u>Law Society</u>.



