

# SJ to visit Brunei, Vietnam and Malaysia

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, will depart tomorrow (September 22) for a visit to three member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely Brunei, Vietnam and Malaysia, to promote Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services, and enhance co-operation and exchanges between Hong Kong and ASEAN.

In Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, Mr Lam will call on relevant government officials and engage with the local legal and dispute resolution sectors to enhance ties and collaboration between the two places with a view to exploring further legal co-operation opportunities. This visit follows the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Department of Justice and the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam last year.

Mr Lam will then lead a delegation comprising representatives from the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Bar Association and alternative dispute resolution organisations to visit Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. They will meet with representatives of local authorities and legal and dispute resolution sectors to discuss and exchange views on various areas of legal co-operation.

During the visit, Mr Lam and the delegates will also address the local legal and business sectors in Ho Chi Minh City at a forum and a networking dinner, and in Kuala Lumpur at a seminar and a networking reception, to promote Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services.

Mr Lam will conclude his visit and return to Hong Kong on September 28. During his absence, the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, will be the Acting Secretary for Justice.