<u>SJ to visit Washington, DC and New</u> York

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, will visit Washington, DC, and New York, the United States (US), from July 11 to July 17 to promote Hong Kong as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre in the Asia-Pacific region and update leading figures in various sectors on Hong Kong's latest developments.

During her stay in Washington, DC, Ms Cheng will speak at the American University Center on International Commercial Arbitration on Hong Kong's role in international arbitration. She will also speak at Georgetown University Law Center on the dynamics of international legal norms. In addition, she will attend the Society of International Economic Law Biennial Conference and deliver a speech. She will also join a roundtable meeting on the implementation of "one country, two systems" and the rule of law in Hong Kong.

On July 15 (Eastern Standard Time), Ms Cheng will proceed to New York, where she will address a business luncheon on Hong Kong as an ideal hub for deal-making in Asia under "one country, two systems". She will also attend a roundtable discussion hosted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York and the Asia Society, as well as join a talk hosted by the International Chamber of Commerce on the latest trends in international dispute resolution.

During her visit, she will meet with senior government officials and representatives from various sectors, including those from the international arbitration sector and think tanks.

Ms Cheng will conclude her visit on July 17 (Eastern Standard Time) and arrive in Hong Kong on July 18 (Hong Kong time).