



Press Release

11th Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum successfully held

Organised by The Law Society of Hong Kong, the 11th Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum (“the Forum”) was held successfully under the theme “Scaling New Heights – Promoting Exchanges and Creating Cooperation Opportunities” on 29 October 2021 in the form of webinar. The Forum attracted over 600 registrations from the Mainland, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong.

In his speech at the Forum, Mr. C. M. Chan, President of the Law Society, said that although the world has been adversely affected by the pandemic, legal exchanges within the Greater China region remain frequent. This year’s Forum covered policy and practical issues that are of interest to young lawyers. He hoped that the event would help participants deepen their understanding of the topics concerned and help them develop their businesses.

“Important policies, including the national 14th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area (“GBA”) Legal Professional Examination, have brought about unprecedented opportunities to the legal profession in the Greater China region. I believe business opportunities for the legal sector will greatly increase and closer ties will be forged among lawyers of different regions. I hope that members of the legal community can join forces in ‘scaling new heights’,” said Mr. C. M. Chan.

In light of the GBA’s development, Mr. Fang Jianming, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, was invited to speak at a thematic presentation on the GBA’s policies and prospects. “Protecting the rule of law is crucial to the development of the GBA. Strengthening legal exchanges and cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau facilitates the GBA’s development and policy coordination, provides businesses with more comprehensive and diverse legal and dispute resolution services, as well as provides more solid legal protection for the region,” said Mr. Fang Jianming.

Speakers of the main forum included Mr. Wang Zhengzhi, All China Lawyers Association’s Director of IP Law Committee and Deputy Director of International Affairs Commission, Mr. Ho Chon Hou of Macau Lawyers Association, and Mr. Fred Kan, Chairman of the Law Society’s Committee on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. The session featured discussions on the ways to seek ground-breaking development through exchanges and to proactively participate in the country’s development plans.

Further, legal elites from the four regions were invited to share their invaluable insights and exchange views in the three sessions under the Forum. Discussion topics included “Legal Cooperation under Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership”, “Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) and Limited Partnership Funds” and “Dispute Resolution”.

Speakers talked about the positioning of young lawyers and how lawyers in the four regions handle different legal issues in their respective jurisdictions. This year’s Forum also featured a free-flow exchange session, focusing on the GBA, Qianhai and Hengqin Cooperation Zones, as well as innovation and technology development.

Background of Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum

The Law Society of Hong Kong encourages exchanges among members of the legal industry. The Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum is an annual flagship event organised by the Law Society for lawyers from the Mainland, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong.

The inaugural "Cross Strait Three Regions Young Lawyers Forum" was held in 2011, and was subsequently rebranded as "Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum" in 2013, which aims to provide a platform for lawyers of the four regions to exchange, learn and network.

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	<p>Under the theme “Scaling New Heights – Promoting Exchanges and Creating Cooperation Opportunities”, guests from the four regions discussed the prospects for young lawyers. The Forum attracted over 600 registrations from the Mainland, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong.</p>
	<p>Mr. Fang Jianming, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, explained the policies and development prospects of the Greater Bay Area.</p>
	<p>In his speech at the Forum, Mr. C. M. Chan, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong, said that important policies such as the national 14th Five-Year Plan and the GBA Legal Professional Examination will facilitate forging of closer ties among lawyers of different regions. He hoped that members of the legal community can join forces in “scaling new heights”.</p>