



From the President
會長信箋

To Editor/ Assignment Editor:

Meeting with Secretary for Justice on 1 August 2022

The Council of the Law Society had its first meeting with the new team in charge of the Department of Justice on 1 August 2022. We presented an overview of the major work that is being undertaken by the Law Society to Mr Paul Lam, Secretary for Justice and Mr Horace Cheung, Deputy Secretary for Justice, and their team. In particular, we shared the Law Society's effort in upholding the rule of law and judicial independence, promoting legal services in the Greater Bay Area and helping young lawyers to tap into the potential of this emerging market, continuing with its international work in promoting Hong Kong, facilitating legislative reforms including modernization of the copyright law and giving due recognition of the status of solicitor advocates, and nurturing the younger generation's awareness of the importance of the rule of law through interactive activities.

We also took the opportunity to raise concerns about the delay in bringing to trial defendants who are in custody in relation to the public order cases and those involving the National Security Law. We have been assured that the Department of Justice is aware of the concerns and will take all necessary steps to address any unreasonable delay.

We also highlighted the adverse impact of the strict Covid travel restrictions on attracting international legal talent to Hong Kong and urged the Department of Justice to help address the adverse impact on the status of Hong Kong as an international legal service hub.

The Law Society will continue to maintain a constructive dialogue with the Department of Justice to advocate the views of our profession.

Yours sincerely,

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致 傳媒編輯/ 採訪主任：

2022年8月1日與律政司之會議

律師會理事會於2022年8月1日與律政司的新主管團隊舉行了首次會議。我們向律政司司長林定國先生、律政司副司長張國鈞先生及其團隊簡介了律師會正在推行的主要工作。我們特別分享了律師會如何致力捍衛法治和司法獨立、推動大灣區法律服務並幫助年輕律師發掘這個新興市場的潛力、持續在國際層面推廣香港、促進版權條例現代化和給予訟辯律師應有的認可地位等法律改革，以及透過互動活動培養年輕一代認識法治的重要性。

我們亦藉此機會就涉及公共秩序和《國家安全法》的案件中，有被告被拘留但遲遲未能接受審訊的情況表示關注。律政司向我們確認，當局已留意到這些關注，並將採取一切必要的步驟處理任何不合理的延誤。

我們亦指出在疫情下的嚴格旅遊限制不利於吸引國際法律人才來港，並促請律政司協助減輕有關限制對香港作為國際法律服務中心地位的不良影響。

律師會將繼續與律政司保持建設性對話，倡議法律專業界別的意見。

香港律師會會長 陳澤銘
2022年8月1日