

# Seminar on “New Mechanism for Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement in Matrimonial and Family Cases between the Courts of Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region”

Co-organised by the Supreme People’s Court and the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

**Date:** 15 February 2022 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 2:10 pm to 5:30 pm

**Mode:** Interested participants please pre-register and log-in to the online conference on Zoom.

**Language:** Conducted in Putonghua, with simultaneous interpretation to English.



Time	Programme
2:10 – 2:35	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Officiating guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr YANG Wanming, Vice-president of the Supreme People’s Court and Grand Justice of the Second Rank</li> <li>● The Honourable Ms Teresa CHENG, GBM, GBS, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</li> <li>● Ms XIA Yinlan, President of the Marriage and Family Law Association of China Law Society</li> </ul>
2:35 – 3:05	<p><b>Keynote Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Background, coverage and breakthroughs of the Arrangement on Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Civil Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases by the Courts of the Mainland and of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Speaker: Ms SI Yanli, Deputy Director General of the Research Office of the Supreme People’s Court)</li> <li>● Framework of the mechanisms under the Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Ordinance (“New Ordinance”) (Speaker: Ms Jenny FUNG, Deputy Solicitor General (Policy Affairs) (Ag.), Department of Justice, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)</li> </ul>

3:05 – 3:55

### Thematic Session 1 – Applicable Rules and Specific Procedures of the New Mechanism

- Specific procedures for recognition by the Mainland courts of Hong Kong judgments given in matrimonial or family cases (Speaker: Judge MA Jun, Director of the Civil Division of the Beijing Fourth Intermediate People's Court)
- Specific procedures for enforcement by the Mainland courts of Hong Kong judgments given in matrimonial or family cases (Speaker: Judge ZHU Ping, Deputy Director of the Foreign-related Commercial Division of the Shenzhen Intermediate People's Court)
- Procedures and requirements for applications to be made under the New Ordinance and the relevant court rules (Speaker: His Honour Judge CHAN Chan-kok, Principal Family Court Judge, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)
- Ways in which Mainland court orders given in matrimonial and family matters may be enforced in Hong Kong (Speaker: Mr Enzo CHOW, Barrister-at-law)

3:55 – 4:10

### Short Break

4:10 – 5:00

### Thematic Session 2 – Institutional Innovation and Future Challenges of the New Mechanism

Moderator: Hon Priscilla LEUNG, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Bills Committee on Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Bill of the Legislative Council

#### Mainland speakers:

- Judge WANG Dan, Senior Judge (Rank 2), the Civil Adjudication Tribunal No.1 of the Supreme People's Court
- Ms DENG Li, Deputy Research Fellow of the Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Director of the Marriage and Family Law Association of China Law Society
- Ms FANG Yan, Delegate to the National People's Congress; Vice-president of the Shaanxi Lawyers' Association; Senior Partner of the Jincheng Tongda & Neal Law Firm

#### Hong Kong speakers:

- Mr Dennis HO, Chairman of the Family Law Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong
- Ms Theresa CHOW, Barrister-at-law, Member of the Committee on Family Law of the Hong Kong Bar Association

### Suggested topics:

- The legal principles to be considered by the courts of the two places in adjudicating matrimonial and family cases and the related procedures
- Discussion on possible issues that may be encountered after the implementation of the new mechanism and the suggested solutions
- Other matters which may be of concern to the legal sector

5:00 – 5:15

Q&A Session

5:15 – 5:30

Concluding Session

- Mr ZHENG Xuelin, Director of the Civil Adjudication Tribunal No.1 of the Supreme People's Court and Senior Judge
- Mr Llewellyn MUI, Solicitor General (Ag.), Department of Justice, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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