

Mediate First Pledge Event 2023

Mediate First – Let’s Do This Together

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- Date:** 5 May 2023 (Friday)
Venue: N201-212, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Time: **9:30 – 12:30 (morning session)**
14:00 – 18:00 (afternoon session)
Mode: Virtual / physical with live broadcast
Language: Cantonese (with Simultaneous Interpretation in English and Putonghua)

5.5 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points of Mediation Forum have been awarded by the following organisations:

1. Hong Kong Mediation Centre
2. Mainland - Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center
3. International Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Institute
4. Hong Kong Mediation and Arbitration Centre
5. The Law Society of Hong Kong
6. Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
(Morning Session: 3 points; Afternoon Session: 2.5 points)
7. Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited
(Morning Session: 3 points; Afternoon Session: 2.5 points)

**Special features: (i) Mediation Information Fair (at the corridor of the venue, concurrent with main event) and (ii) Videos of Interviews of Speakers from previous Mediation events, Star Logo Awardees and Participants would be looped (outside the venue, concurrent with the main event).*

Time	Activity
MEDIATION FORUM	
09:30-09:45 (15 mins)	Opening Remarks <i>Mr Paul T K Lam, SBS, SC, JP</i> <i>Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government</i>
09:45-09:55 (10 mins)	Keynote Speech <i>Dr Sun Jin</i> <i>Director-General, International Organization For Mediation Preparatory Office</i>
09:55-10:05 (10 mins)	Break
10:05-12:30 (2 hrs 25 mins)	Synergy of Mediation in Case Settlement Conference <i>Case Settlement Conference (CSC) aims to create the synergy effect between litigation and alternative dispute resolution process. The District Court expects litigants to explore settlement. The judge or CSC master may assist the parties to achieve a settlement by reviewing and evaluating the process of any without prejudice negotiation (including any sanctioned offers and payments) between the parties and, with the consent of the parties, mediation (if conducted but unsuccessful). This event will provide you with introduction and more information about the CSC, the participants may know more about the context of CSC through the keynote speeches and sharing of Judges and professionals.</i> <u>Welcome Remarks by Moderator</u> <i>Mrs Cecilia Wong</i> <i>Chairlady of Mediation Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong; Member of the Judiciary's Working Party on Mediation</i> <u>Introduction of Case Settlement Conference and Mediator-assisted Case Settlement Conference</u> <i>HH Judge J Ko</i> <i>Chief District Judge; Member of the Judiciary's Working Party on Mediation</i>

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	<p><i>HH Judge E Liu</i> <i>Family Court Judge; Member of the Judiciary's Working Party on Mediation</i></p> <p><u>Presentation of findings and statistics of Case Settlement Conference</u> <i>Ms Michelle Soong</i> <i>Registrar, District Court</i></p> <p><u>Sharing session by Case Settlement Conference Master</u> <i>Ms Clara Yip</i> <i>Case Settlement Conference Master</i></p> <p><u>Experience sharing from the angle of a lawyer</u> <i>Mr Kwing Yu Lo</i> <i>Solicitor attended Case Settlement Conference hearing</i></p> <p>Q & A</p> <p><u>Concluding Remarks</u> <i>The Hon Mr Justice Johnson Lam PJ</i> <i>Chairman of the Judiciary's Working Party on Mediation</i></p>
<p>12:30-14:00 (1 hr 30 mins)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00-15:00 (1 hour)</p>	<p>Mediation Lab: Drama</p> <p><i>The story follows a day in an ordinary life of a family consisting of a father, a mother and their son and daughter. The drama will explore how mediation can be used to resolve different types of disputes in daily life.</i></p> <p><i>Presented by:</i></p> <p><i>Mr Alex Fan, MH</i>, <i>Barrister; Accredited Mediator; President, Hainan International Arbitration Court; Founding President, International Youth Legal Exchange Federation</i></p> <p><i>Miss Laura Hung</i>, <i>Student, University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p><i>Mr Cyrus Cheung</i>, <i>Student, Lingnan Secondary School; Member, Hong Kong Secondary School Peer Mediation Competition Alumni</i></p>

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15:00-15:05 (5 mins)	Break
15:05-16:35 (1 hr 30 mins)	<p>Mediation Lab: Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>This panel builds upon the issues raised from the Mediation Lab: Drama, and provides practical perspectives of how mediation can help resolve various day-to-day interpersonal conflicts and in a community setting.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Josephine Ma <i>Solicitor; Accredited Mediator; Vice Chairperson, Hong Kong Mediation Council</i></p> <p>Speakers: Mr Alex Fan, MH <i>Barrister; Accredited Mediator; President, Hainan International Arbitration Court; Founding President, International Youth Legal Exchange Federation</i></p> <p>Dr Joseph Leung <i>Accredited Mediator; Lecturer, Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i></p> <p>Mr Derek Ho <i>Family Law Solicitor; Lecturer, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws programme (Matrimonial Practice and Procedure module), University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p>Mrs Wendy Woodhead <i>Family Mediator and Family Mediation Supervisor; Parenting Coordinator; Counsellor; Trainer; Alternative Family Dispute Resolution Consultant</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>

<p>16:35-16:45 (10 mins)</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, SBS, JP</i> <i>Deputy Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government</i></p>
<p>CEREMONY</p>	
<p>16:45-16:50 (5 mins)</p>	<p>Mediate First – Then, Now and Beyond</p> <p><i>Video recaps DoJ mediation initiatives over the years.</i></p>
<p>16:50-17:00 (10 mins)</p>	<p>Star Logo Award Presentation Ceremony</p> <p>Awards Presented by <i>Ms Christina Cheung, JP</i> <i>Law Officer (Civil Law), Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government</i></p>
<p>17:00-17:15 (15 mins)</p>	<p>Signing Ceremony of the Mediate First Pledge</p>
<p>17:15-18:00 (45 mins)</p>	<p>Toast and Photo-taking</p> <p><i>Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, SBS, JP, Deputy Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government and representative(s) from Supporting Organisations</i></p> <p>Networking Session</p> <p><i>Participants, representatives from Supporting Organisations and stakeholders are welcome to stay in the venue for networking and exchanges.</i></p>

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