

Construction Dispute Resolution Committee collaborating with Deputy Secretary for Justice to promote engineers' services in the dispute resolution sector

The Institution's Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (CDRC), led by Ir Dr Christopher To, held a successful meeting with the Deputy Secretary for Justice (DSJ), Dr Horace Cheung, SBS, JP, and his colleagues on 7 October 2024. The meeting focused on enhancing collaboration to promote the services of engineers in Hong Kong, particularly within the dispute resolution sector.

Representatives from the CDRC, including Ir Sidney Tong, Ir Ben Chan, Ir Jason Fan, Ir Mandy Leung, Ir Dennis Li and Ir Kevin Lee, engaged in a productive discussion with the DSJ, exploring opportunities to further the involvement of engineers in mediation, arbitration, adjudication, and expert witness services. Both parties recognised the essential role engineers play in these areas and the need to promote and support such services to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a hub for dispute resolution.

Key highlights of the meeting include:

- The CDRC and DSJ explored ways to enhance the existing expert witness listing mechanism to ensure transparency, accessibility, and confidence in the services provided by engineers.
- Both parties discussed strategies to promote the expertise of Hong Kong engineers in international markets, positioning our engineers as trusted professionals in resolving disputes globally.
- The DSJ extended an invitation to mediators to establish companies within the Greater Bay Area (GBA), supporting the facilitation of mediation services in Mainland China. This initiative aims to foster greater collaboration, enhance the professionalism of the dispute resolution services offered, and build confidence in Hong Kong's expertise within the GBA.

Ir Dr Christopher To stated, "We are grateful for the support and collaborative spirit shown by the DSJ. This meeting laid the foundation for further development and promotion of HKIE members' expertise, especially in dispute resolution. The Committee remains committed to enhancing our services and providing opportunities for our members to contribute to Hong Kong's reputation as a leading dispute resolution hub."

The CDRC is a dedicated platform focused on the development and promotion of dispute resolution services within the construction industry. It will continue its efforts to develop new initiatives in collaboration with the government and industry stakeholders, ensuring that its members remain at the forefront of innovation and excellence in dispute resolution. For more information of CDRC, please visit <https://cdrc.hkie.org.hk/hk/en/home>



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