

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

The Launch of the Integrated Mediation Office (West Kowloon) **of the Judiciary**

Date: 5 May 2022 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Venue: DoJ Function Hall

Mode: Hybrid

(The event will be conducted in Cantonese, with simultaneous interpretation into English and Putonghua)

(CPD Points are being applied for)

Disputes in Small Claims Tribunal (“SCT”) mainly involve different kinds of community disputes, such as water seepage disputes, consumer services disputes, renovation disputes etc. Mediation is suitable to resolve these kinds of disputes quickly and amicably. Mediation is available in recent years to parties of SCT cases to facilitate the parties’ consideration of early settlement, under the Small Claims Mediation Pilot Scheme (“pilot scheme”) implemented in the West Kowloon Mediation Centre. The pilot scheme is a great success with around 50% of cases settled after mediation.

From early July 2022 onwards, the Judiciary will operate a new mediation office, namely the Integrated Mediation Office (West Kowloon) (“IMO(WK)”) in the West Kowloon to continue to provide information sessions and pre-mediation consultation on court-related mediation, and arrange mediation services for parties involved in SCT cases. This event will provide you with information about the IMO(WK) to be operated by the Judiciary, insights on why mediation is suitable for SCT cases, and the skills necessary for mediators to successfully handle such cases. The audience will also have the opportunity to directly interact with The Honourable Mr Justice Lam PJ and other SCT adjudicators during the Q&A session.

Time	Activity
2:30 - 2:35	<p>Welcome Remarks by Moderator</p> <p>Ms April Lam Chief Judiciary Executive (Mediation Affairs) of the Judiciary</p>
2:35 - 2:45	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Hon Mr Justice Johnson Lam PJ Chairman of the Judiciary's Working Party on Mediation</p>
2:45 - 3:05	<p>Sharing on Pilot Scheme on Mediation Service for Small Claims Tribunal cases</p> <p>Mr Lawrence Yip Acting Principal Adjudicator of Small Claims Tribunal</p>
3:05 - 4:20	<p>Overview of conducting mediation for Small Claims Tribunal cases</p> <p>Mr Bryan Lung Adjudicator of Small Claims Tribunal</p>
4:20 - 4:30	<p>Q & A</p>