



# Talk on the Apology Ordinance (Cap. 631)

## 道歉條例 (第631章) 座談會

### Content

The Apology Ordinance was enacted in July 2017 and came into operation on 1 December 2017. The objective of the Apology Ordinance is to promote and encourage the making of apologies with a view to preventing the escalation of disputes and facilitating their amicable resolution. The presentation will cover the reasons for enacting apology legislation, the contents of the Apology Ordinance and the legal implications of offering an apology after commencement of the ordinance.

### Guest Speaker



**Miss Ada Chen Kit Yi**  
**Commissioner of the Joint Dispute Resolution Strategy Office,  
Department of Justice**

Miss Chen was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong. She joined the Department of Justice of Hong Kong after practising in private practice for about 2 years. She has worked in the Commercial Unit of the Department of Justice for more than 20 years and has advised on a broad range of major commercial initiatives of the Government, including the demutualization and merger of the Stock Exchange, Futures Exchange and Clearing Houses of Hong Kong, and partial privatization of MTRCL in 2000, the

first issue of Government Bonds and Notes in 2004, rewrite of the Companies Ordinance, and the enactment of the Competition Ordinance in 2011.

In September 2016, the Department of Justice established a Joint Dispute Resolution Strategy Office (JDRSO) to enhance the overall coordination of arbitration and mediation work of the Department. Miss Chen was appointed the first Commissioner of the JDRSO to act as the single point of contact on all matters related to the promotion of dispute resolution of Hong Kong. She assisted in the enactment of the Apology Ordinance and the Arbitration and Mediation Legislation (Third Party Funding) (Amendment) Ordinance respectively in June and July this year.

**Monday, 18 December, 2017**

**7:15 - 8:15 p.m. (Registration Time: 6:45 p.m.)**

#### Venue

Theatre 3, 1/F, HKPC Building,  
Hong Kong Productivity Council,  
(香港生產力促進局生產力大樓),  
78 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
(Kowloon Tong MTR Station Exit C1 or H)

Please refer to the following link for details  
<https://goo.gl/maps/LnFmNP3wzgK2>

#### CPD

HKMC: 1 point  
HKMAAL: 1 point (Pending)

#### Target Audience

Mediators / Lawyers /  
Anyone interested in mediation

#### Medium

Cantonese

#### Seminar Fee

Panel Members: HK\$100  
Associate Members: HK\$150  
Non-members: HK\$200



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### Registration Method

Please submit

(i) the completed enrolment form via the following Google Link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/cx9ZQC8ahPeeo4G32>

on or before 14 December 2017 noon; and

(ii) seminar fee to Secretariat of Hong Kong Mediation Centre

(21/F, Success Commercial Building,  
245 - 251 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong) in person or by mail or email on or before 14 December 2017 noon

### Enquiries

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### Terms and Conditions

- A. Places will be allocated on first-come-first-served basis counting according to payment date.
- B. Registration must be made by returning the completed registration form via google link and sending the crossed-cheque or copy of the bank-in slip to HKMC on or before 14 December 2017 noon. Confirmation will be notified by email upon successful registration on or before 14 December 2017.
- C. If you do not receive any email confirmation from the Secretariat on or before 14 December 2017, your name will be on the wait list. Your submitted cheque will be voided subsequently by the Secretariat if you have not been assigned a place in the captioned event. If your application fee was made by bank transfer, a cheque will be issued to you as the refund of the payment.
- D. Participant must sign in and sign out. CPD Certificate will be issued at the end of the event. **Participants who are late for more than 20 minutes or leave earlier will not be qualified for the completion of HKMC's CPD Points and NO Certificate will be issued.**
- E. If you are not able to attend the captioned event after the receipt of the confirmation email, you are required to inform the Secretariat as soon as you are aware of unavailability on / before the event date by email. **No refund will be made after confirmation.**
- F. HKMC reserves the right to accept/reject the registration.
- G. If typhoon signal no.8 or black rainstorm warning signal is hoisted and not lowered by 4pm, the event will be postponed or cancelled. Rescheduled date/time/venue will be announced in due course.
- H. The event is subject to change at any time without liability.

### Payment Methods

#### Cheque

Cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Mediation Centre Limited".

#### Bank Transfer

Please transfer your seminar fee to HSBC (Account No: 162-242226-001; Account Name: Hong Kong Mediation Centre Limited)

Please write your full name, membership number and event name on the back of your cheque or bank slip.

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