



Save The Date

24 May 2019 (Friday)

Mediate First: Unlocking Potentials

A “Mediate First” Pledge Event 2019

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

What is “Mediate First” Pledge

- Mediation allows disputants to resolve conflicts in amicable and constructive ways. During mediation, impartial mediators assist disputants to reach mutually acceptable settlements while controlling risks, costs and time.
- The “**Mediate First**” **Pledge** is a non-legally binding commitment by pledgees to use mediation first to resolve disputes before resorting to other means of dispute resolution, such as court litigation.
- By now, over 470 companies, organizations and associations have signed the Pledge.

What is “Mediate First” Pledge 2019

- The “Mediate First” Pledge 2019 (Event) is a full-day event which includes a mediation Forum and a “Mediate First” Pledge Reception. See the draft Programme attached.
- Highlights of the Reception include the ceremonial signing of the “Mediate First” Pledge by new pledgees and the Star Logo Award presentation ceremony.

What is Star Logo Award

- The “Mediate First” Pledge Star Logo Award Scheme was launched in 2017. It aims to encourage Pledgees to actively promote mediation and deploy it in resolving disputes.
- Pledgees who have met one or more of the specified criteria will be awarded the Star Logo in recognition of their achievements in promoting and adopting mediation in the practice.

Who should attend “Mediate First” Pledge Event 2019

- Mediation is for **everyone**. Anyone interested in knowing about mediation and its latest developments **must not miss this important Event**.
- The Event offers excellent opportunity for representatives from **all industries and sectors** including the *sports sector, entertainment industry, beauty industry and medical sector; multi-national corporations, small and medium enterprises;* and *professionals* (such as mediators, lawyers) to exchange views or share their experience on the use of mediation.

Join the “Mediate First” Pledge

- If you have not yet signed the “Mediate First” Pledge (attached), please do so. Send the completed and signed Pledge to the Mediation Team of the Department of Justice via email to “mediation@doj.gov.hk” or by fax no. 3918 4523. You will be invited to join the ceremonial signing on stage at the Event.

CPD Points

- CPD points will be applied for from the Law Society of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited, Hong Kong Mediation Centre, Financial Dispute Resolution Centre and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Supporting Organizations

- Supporting Organizations of “Mediate First” Pledge 2019 include the International Chamber of Commerce – Hong Kong, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong Mediation Council, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (Asia Pacific), Communications Association of Hong Kong, etc.

Updates and Registration

- Get posted via www.mediatefirst.doj.gov.hk. Contact Mr Andy Tseung at 3918 4430 or email to “mediation@doj.gov.hk” for more information.