

Chapter 5

Publicity Programmes



The Department is committed to ensuring that no one who qualifies for legal aid is denied access to justice because of lack of means. Every year the Department organises or participates in various activities to enhance the public's awareness and knowledge of the legal aid services provided by the Department.

Promotional Activities

Newspaper Interviews

Acting Deputy Director of Legal Aid / Application & Processing, Ms Nancy Keung, accepted an interview by Ta Kung Pao sharing her work experiences with the Department and issues of concerns to the public including judicial review and non-refoulement cases.



Legal Aid Counsel / Kowloon Branch Office, Mr Ray Chan and Senior Law Clerk II / Kowloon Branch Office, Mr Jeff Yu shared their personal experiences in a media interview with the Ming Pao Daily about the set-up of a special task group to expedite the handling of domestic violence cases.

Promotion of Legal Aid Services to External Bodies / Organisations

We exchanged views with external bodies and organisations on issues of common interest and on the latest development of legal aid in Hong Kong through various exchange programmes and visits.

On 7 February 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Kowloon Branch Office, Mr Ray Chan briefed a group of non-Chinese speaking students from various secondary schools on the work and services of the Department, and shared with them career-related information. Students also attended court case hearings at the High Court for a first-hand experience of legal proceedings.



On 12 February 2025, Acting Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Crime, Ms Shirley Lo delivered a talk on the Legal Aid Department's various work and services to a group of law students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

On 3 March 2025, Acting Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Application & Processing, Miss Candy Ho briefed a group of non-Chinese speaking students from various secondary schools on the work and services of the Department, and shared with them career-related information. Students also attended court case hearings at the High Court for a first-hand experience of legal proceedings.



On 19 March 2025, Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Civil Litigation 2, Ms Maze Chak hosted a talk for the frontline staff and volunteers of Po Leung Kuk Tsui Lam Centre on matrimonial litigation matters including divorce, maintenance, child custody, mediation and the legal aid services provided by the Department.

On 28 March 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Civil Litigation 1, Ms Unique Leung briefed a group of secondary school students on the work and services of the Department, and shared with them career-related information. Students also attended court case hearings at the High Court for a first-hand experience of legal proceedings.



On 26 April 2025, Acting Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Civil Litigation 1, Miss Dora Yeung, delivered a talk on legal aid with special focus on employee's compensation and personal injuries at work at the Mong Kok Community Hall.



On 9 May 2025, Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel / Legal & Management Support, Mr David Chow, received officials from the Justice Bureau of Shenzhen, the Shenzhen Municipal Department of Legal Aid and the Judicial Supervisory Working Committee of the Standing Committee of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Congress. Mr Chow introduced them to the work and services of the Department and exchanged views on the provision of legal aid services.



On 16 June 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Legal and Management Support, Ms Agnes Chan, gave a talk on the work and services of the Department, and provided information on application for legal aid to an audience of newly arrived ethnic minorities, in an event organised by the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch.

On 23 June 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Application & Processing, Ms Phyllissa Chan, visited Pui Ching Middle School and shared with students her career in law, and provided information on the work and services of the Department.



On 7 July 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Legal & Management Support, Mr Eric Ip, briefed a group of visiting students from various secondary schools which joined the "CLAP@JC" programme on the work and services of the Department, and shared with them career-related information. Students also attended court case hearings at the High Court for a first-hand experience of legal proceedings.

On 14 July 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Application & Processing, Miss Cynthia Chan, received a group of law students from the Peking University and introduced to them the work and services of the Department. The visit was co-organised by the Peking University and the Hong Kong Bar Association.



On 4 August 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Application & Processing, Ms Agnes Kan, received a group of law students from the East China University of Political Science and Law and introduced to them the work and services of the Department. The visit was co-organised by the East China University of Political Science and Law and the Hong Kong Bar Association.

On 19 August 2025, Acting Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Application & Processing, Mr James Yeung, upon invitation by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Hong Kong, delivered a talk on the Legal Aid Department's various work and services to a group of social work students.



On 15 September 2025, Legal Aid Counsel / Crime, Mr William Wong, participated in the 2025 Government Career Fair at the University of Hong Kong and shared with the students on the service of the Department and career-related information.



On 18 September 2025, representatives from the Anti-corruption Bureau and the Legal Aid Service of Georgia visited the Department. The delegation was received by Director of Legal Aid, Mr Chris Chong; Deputy Director of Legal Aid / Policy & Administration, Ms Juliana Chan; Deputy Director of Legal Aid / Litigation, Mr Ben Li; Acting Deputy Director of Legal Aid / Application & Processing, Ms Nancy Keung; and Acting Assistant Director of Legal Aid / Litigation, Mr Simon Lau. Views were exchanged on legal aid and the delegation was introduced the work and services of the Department.



On 2 October 2025, Ms Yolanda Cheng, Legal Aid Counsel / Kowloon Branch Office, participated in the 2025 Government Career Fair held in The Chinese University of Hong Kong and shared with students the work and services of the Department and career-related information.



On 20 October 2025, Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel / Kowloon Branch Office, Ms Rita Chin, received a delegation of 20 officials from the Yunnan Discipline Inspection Committee of the Communist Party of China and introduced to them the work and services of the Legal Aid Department.

On 21 November 2025, Miss Eunice Ip, Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Application & Processing, gave a talk on legal aid. The event was organised by the Hong Kong Catholic Commission for Labour Affairs and the staff of Diocesan Pastoral Centres learned about the application procedures, requirements, eligibility and other legal aid related information.



Please visit https://www.lad.gov.hk/eng/wnew/event_2025.html for the details and photos of the events.

Promotion of Legal Aid Services to Legal Practitioners

The Department places great importance on working in partnership with the legal profession to deliver quality legal aid services to the public.

On 24 March 2025, Mr Simon Lau, Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel / Crime, conducted a training course "Legal Aid: Criminal Legal Aid, the Department and CFA" for more than 20 barristers on the rights to apply for legal aid, means and merits test. The training course was organised by the Hong Kong Bar Association.

On 3 September 2025, Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel / Kowloon Branch Office, Ms Rita Chin and Acting Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel / Crime, Ms Fanny Lo conducted a training course for solicitors, namely "Update on Legal Aid Schemes", organised by the Hong Kong Academy of Law.



Internship for Students

The Department participated in the Post-Secondary Student Summer Internship Programme. The Department also participated in the programme organised by the Civil Service Bureau to offer internship placements for students with disabilities and also for non-ethnic Chinese students. In 2025, the Department recruited 11 summer interns under the Post-Secondary Student Summer Internship Programme, an intern with disability and a non-ethnic Chinese intern.

Law Week 2025

On 14 September 2025, the Director of Legal Aid, Mr Chris Chong officiated at the opening ceremony of Law Week 2025 under the theme "Law in Action: Building the Future Together" organised by the Law Society of Hong Kong in Tin Shui Wai.



Colleagues of the Legal Aid Department actively participated in the three sessions of Free Legal Advice Programme, held at Tin Shui Wai, Ma On Shan and Sham Shui Po in September, October and December respectively, by providing legal aid information on our services and answering enquiries.



Updating of Video on our Services and of our Departmental Leaflets

The Department released a remake of short video "Legal Aid in Criminal Services".

The Department also published and updated the leaflet "Important Notice for Legally-Aided Person" (Simplified Chinese version).



Other publications such as the Financial Information Sheet, which contained comprehensive information on financial eligibility, deductible personal allowances, contributions payable by an aided person towards the costs of litigation and the Director's First Charge were also revised to reflect changes implemented in 2025.

A list of publications of the Department is at [Appendix 5](#).

New Posters



The Department produced a new poster "Beware of Phone Scammers" to appeal to the public to beware of scammers impersonating Legal Aid Department staff, claiming that applicants need to prepare "red packets" and demanding that money be transferred to their bank accounts. LAD staff will not accept any money or reward from aided persons. Neither will assigned lawyers directly take any fees from aided persons.

Measures to Combat Improper Touting Activities

As a measure to further combat improper touting activities of claims recovery agents among injured workers and accident victims, the Department continued to arrange the broadcast of the TV API "Beware of the touting activities of recovery agents" produced by the Department of Justice at public waiting areas of the Department, including the Information & Application Services Unit (IASU) of the Application and Processing Division and Crime Section of Litigation Division on 25/F of Queensway Government Offices; as well as the IASU of Kowloon Branch Office.

A poster on anti-touting activities was designed and displayed at our offices, District Social Welfare Offices of Social Welfare Department, offices of Employees' Compensation Division of the Labour Department, Home Affairs Enquiry Centres, community centres and community halls.

Website

The Department regularly updates the contents of its website to provide comprehensive and timely information to the public and legal aid practitioners. In 2025, the Department continued enhancing the homepage to meet with the latest requirements of the Digital Policy Office.