

## **Professor Zhu Guobin was invited to participate in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Forum on High-Quality Development of Rule of Law Construction and delivered a keynote speech.**

Guangzhou, July 19, 2023 — In order to ensure the high-quality development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Guangzhou Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China's Legal Work Committee and the Guangzhou Law Society jointly organized the High-Quality Development Forum on Legal Construction in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. This forum, held in Guangzhou, centers around the theme of "Safeguarding the High-Quality Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area through the Rule of Law." Leaders and experts from various units, including the Legal Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Legal Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region, the Guangdong Provincial Committee of Political and Legal Affairs, and political and legal committees of municipal Party committees and above, as well as the Joint Conference of Provincial Foreign Legal Services, attended the forum. Noteworthy participants included representatives from Guangdong's outstanding performers in foreign-related legal construction, practicing lawyers from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, experts in legal studies from universities in the region, and representatives from foreign legal experts.



Professor Zhu Guobin gave a keynote speech titled "Guiding the Construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area through the Concept of the Rule of Law Bay Area." In his address, Professor Zhu highlighted the unique political and legal characteristics of the Greater Bay Area. The convergence of the English-American legal system, the Continental legal system, and the Socialist legal system within the Greater Bay Area will bring forth new challenges and opportunities in the fields of society, economy, and law. Professor Zhu emphasized the importance of deepening cooperation to explore beneficial approaches in foreign-related legal governance. He stressed that the continuous enhancement of the level of legal protection will contribute to the establishment of a legal service hub in the Greater Bay Area, creating a globally competitive legal environment. In his presentation, he analyzed the current legislative status and characteristics of Guangdong Province and the nine cities within the

Greater Bay Area, while also putting forward legislative recommendations. Professor Zhu introduced the central concept of a "Rule of Law Bay Area," advocating for its utilization as a foundation to enhance the legal framework of the Greater Bay Area, thereby achieving seamless alignment of regulations and synchronization of mechanisms.



During the forum, legal professionals from various cities in the Greater Bay Area engaged in in-depth discussions on topics such as establishing a high-quality model for foreign-related legal services, optimizing foreign-related legal services, cultivating talents in foreign-related legal governance, and innovating legal work related to overseas Chinese. In the roundtable discussion session, legal professionals from the Greater Bay Area exchanged insights with practical legal experts from the Guangzhou Internet Court and the Shenzhen Lawyers Association.