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An insight into mediation in Hong Kong: past, present and future

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“The value of increasing use of mediation rests principally in the advantages of the dispute resolution mechanism itself: a quicker, simpler and more cost-efficient way to solve disputes which allows for taking into account a wider range of interest of the parties with a greater chance of reaching agreement which will be voluntarily respected and which preserves an amicable and sustainable relationship between them. The Commission [of the European Communities] believes that mediation holds an untapped potential as a dispute resolution method and as a means of providing access to justice for individuals and business.”

-- EU Directive on Mediation

Since 1980s, mediation has taken root in Hong Kong. Recently, the Government and the Judiciary are promoting mediation with great efforts. In 2010, the Department of Justice’s Working Group on Mediation recommended “The Hong Kong Mediation Code”. On 1 January 2013, the Mediation Ordinance (Cap 620) came into effect. This lecture presents an insight into the past and present development of mediation in Hong Kong. How mediation is defined and why is it such a useful means to resolve disputes? Some recent cases on confidentiality issues in mediation will be analyzed and the future of mediation in Hong Kong will be discussed.

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