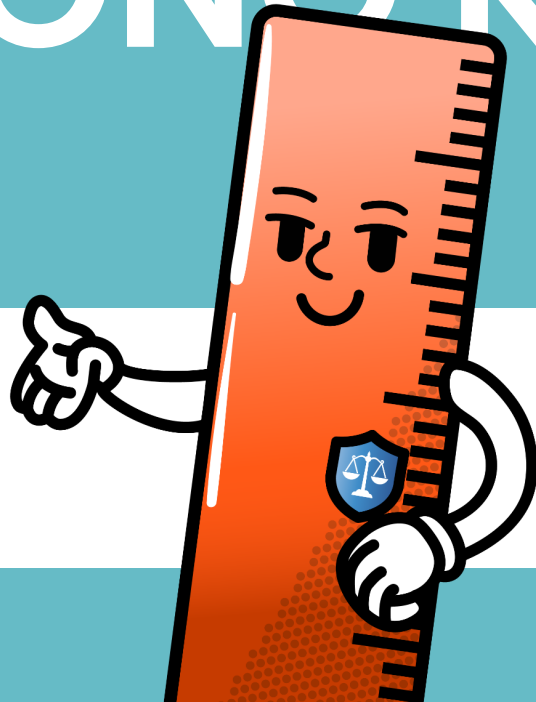




# COMMON LAW SYSTEM OF HONG KONG



# How is Hong Kong's common law system preserved?



Why can Hong Kong practise common law, which is different from the legal system of the Mainland?



Pursuant to Articles 8 and 160 of the Basic Law, Hong Kong is able to retain the common law system.

This is because of the principle of "One Country, Two Systems"!



# Hong Kong's common law system under "One Country, Two Systems"

The Basic Law retains Hong Kong's laws previously in force and the common law system.



Bilingualism  
(Chinese and English)



Independent judicial power  
(including the power of final adjudication)



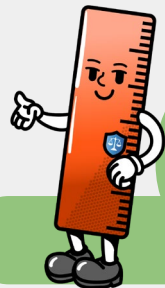
Principle of precedents



Overseas non-permanent judges sitting in the CFA



Adversarial system



Hong Kong is the only common law jurisdiction within China. The rule of law, legal and dispute resolution services of Hong Kong are internationally recognized.

# How does the common law system create opportunities for the development of Hong Kong?

The strengths of Hong Kong's legal system are shown in various aspects, for example:



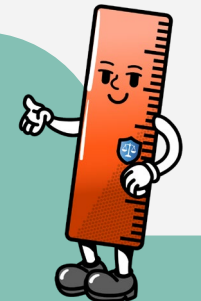
Bilingual laws in Chinese and English, together with a deep pool of legal talents with international perspectives



The laws of Hong Kong align with international commercial rules



Under "One Country, Two Systems", Hong Kong has the unique advantage of enjoying strong support from the Motherland and being closely connected to the world.



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