



### **Statement by the Law Society on the Retirement of Chief Justice Ma**

1. The Law Society expresses its deep gratitude to Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma for his leadership of the Judiciary in Hong Kong and his support to the work of the Law Society since his appointment to the role in September 2010.
2. Attempts to politicise some of the court's work in recent years have presented challenges to the perception of judicial independence, a core value of the rule of law.
3. Throughout his tenure as Chief Justice and particularly during difficult times, Hong Kong SAR has maintained a strong, independent and internationally respected Judiciary under the helm of Chief Justice Ma, a staunch defender of the rule of law and judicial independence.
4. Echoing the speech of Chief Justice Ma at his farewell sitting, the Law Society is pleased to reiterate that Chief Justice Ma has undoubtedly “fought a good fight” during his tenure in the top job of the Judiciary.
5. The Law Society sincerely wishes Chief Justice Ma every success with the next chapter of his life.

**The Law Society of Hong Kong**  
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