

CASE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE & MEDIATOR ASSISTED CASE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. KO, CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

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Synergy of Mediation in the District Court

➤ Case Settlement Conference (CSC) 和解會議

➤ Mediator-Assisted Case Settlement Conference (MCSC) 調解員輔助的案件和解會議

Civil Justice Reform (CJR)

- > Order 1A, rule 1 (Underlying objectives)
- Order 1A, rule 4 (Court's duty to manage cases)
- ➤ Order 1A, rule 3 (Duty of the parties and their legal representatives)

Timeline

- > 2009 CJR
- > 2010 PD 31 on Mediation for HC & DC
- > 2018 Increase in civil jurisdictional limits of DC
 - Pilot scheme with EMM
- > 2021 Pilot scheme with CSC
- > 2023 Pilot scheme with Upgraded CSC & MCSC

Upgrades for CSC (2023)

• Introduction of a scheme of MCSC

A mechanism of party-driven CSC/MCSC

• Improved interface with Director of Legal Aid for cases involving legally aided litigants