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## **Abstract**

This study attempts to raise public awareness, to justify the development of and to investigate into the future of mediation in Hong Kong. Since the economic downturn in 1997, general stress, poverty and poor living environment have led to more disputes in community and neighbourhood. With the failure of legal remedies, to resolve disputes arise from nuisances such as pet control, noise and property management, mediation is considered to be an effective mean. In Chapter 7, there is a snapshot on mediation in China and United Kingdom which are two countries with close ties to Hong Kong and are representation of the eastern and western systems. In the Civil Judicial Reform Final Report, the Working Party recommended “to canvass for possible adoption of some form of court-annexed ADR.” In studying the infrastructure of mediation in Hong Kong, there are needs in promoting public awareness, providing financial resources and government supports to mediation institutions in Hong Kong. Chapters 9 and 10 focus on the findings of two mediation pilot schemes - Hong Kong Police Force and Home Affairs Department. While it is anticipated that these mediation schemes will continue and expand, given the lack of public awareness, limited resources and unpromising prospect of mediator as a career, there is concern on the future of mediation in Hong Kong.

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