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Space Commercialization and Dispute Resolution: Opportunities for Hong Kong

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Space Race and Commercialization

Space: The final frontier

Five space treaties

Space commercialization:

private entities; private investment; space resources exploitation, etc.

Commercial activities:

telecommunications, remote sensing, launching, space tourism, navigation, etc.

Space Disputes

Disputes having a space component involving the use of outer space by states, international organizations and private entities

Negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation

Liability Convention; 1998 ILA Draft Convention; PCA Optional Arbitration Rules; 2021 DIFC Courts of Space

Hong Kong and Outer Space

- **Wide use of satellites and space technologies for daily lives**
- **Telecommunications liberalisation**
- **International financial centre**
- **Outer Space Ordinance**

Hong Kong's Advantages

- International legal and dispute resolution hub
- One country, two systems: the only common law jurisdiction in China, backed by an independent judiciary
- A trusted, neutral, and globally aligned legal environment
- Legal & enforcement certainty
- World-class arbitration institutions
- Strategic super-connector
- Rich talent pool
- Specialized technology support