IP Financing in Hong Kong, China – Policy Context

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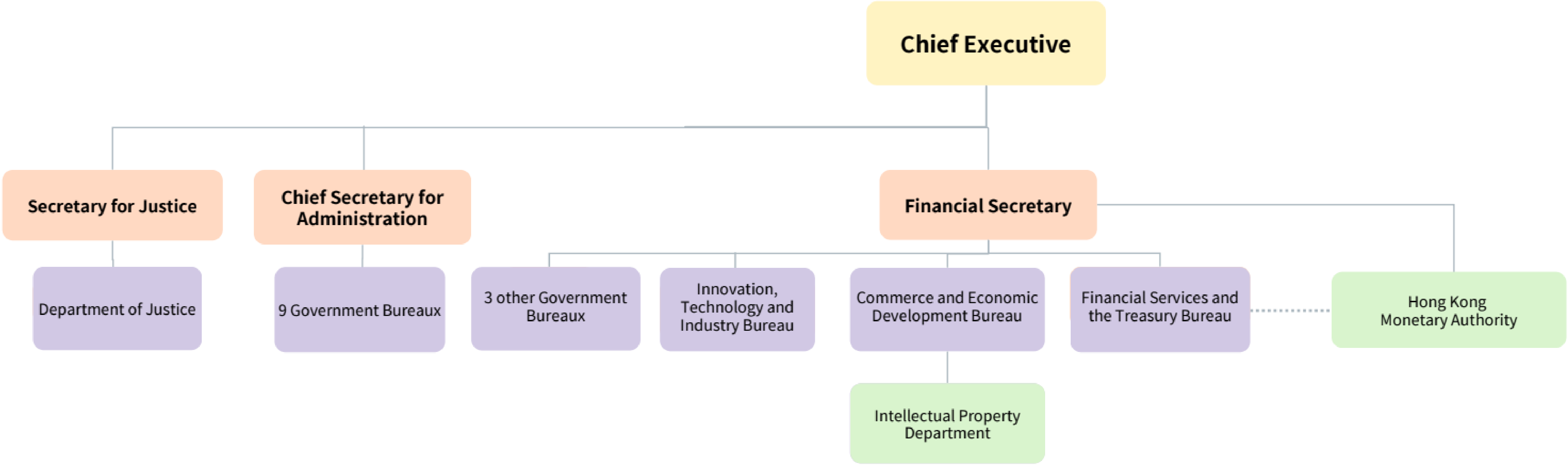
IPD in HKSAR Government



Role of IPD

Advise CEDB on the formulation of IP policies and legislation

Registration of trade marks, patents, designs and copyright licensing bodies

Promote protection and use of IP

Legal Framework of IP regime of Hong Kong

- On par with international standards
- Bilingual common law jurisdiction
- Specific IP legislation
  - Recognise IP as private property rights
  - IP can be assigned, licensed and charged
  - Charges on IP are registrable
- Case law recognises other IP rights such as confidential information

Policy Context

National Five-Year Plans of China

- Set out directions and strategies for the economic and social development of China over five-year cycles
- Hong Kong's role in the National 14th Five-Year Plan (2021 – 2025)
  - Regional IP Trading Centre
  - International I&T Centre
  - East-meets-West Centre for International Cultural Exchange
  - Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area
- National 15th Five-Year Plan (2026 – 2030): proposal just released

Measures Underway

- Strengthening our IP legal regime, e.g. – reform of patent system
  – update of copyright ordinance
- Establishing a Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) in Hong Kong
- Implementing the “patent box” tax incentive
- Promoting IP literacy across the economy

Latest Initiatives

- Collaborate with HKMA to launch IP financing sandbox
- HKTISC to provide services to evaluate patent quality
- Provide funding support for patent valuation by professionals
- Support local enterprises to compete for the China Patent Award
- IP training for practitioners in the banking sector
- 15th Business of IP Asia Forum (December 2025)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