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**DOI HOSTS HONG KONG'S INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION
--Mayor Bloomberg, DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn Welcome ICAC Commissioner Peh--**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced that New York City Mayor MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG welcomed Commissioner Simon Peh Yun-lu, the head of Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption, to New York City and Gracie Mansion for a conference today with Commissioner Gill Hearn. Commissioners Peh and Gill Hearn and their senior staffs discussed their agencies' latest initiatives, strategies, successes, and challenges in the fight against public corruption. The two anti-corruption agencies have worked together as partners for several years, including through an innovative attaché exchange program, in which investigators from each agency are assigned to work for several weeks with their counterparts to learn from each other's processes and methods of combatting corruption in their respective cities.

Today's conference is part of DOI's continuing initiative to promote collaboration and best practices among integrity professionals and generate innovative strategies in anti-corruption programs and investigations.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Commissioner Peh and his staff at ICAC are valued colleagues, recognized globally for their leadership in combatting and preventing corruption in Hong Kong. This conference gave us the opportunity to discuss our experiences and learn from each other. I thank Commissioner Peh for calling on us here in New York City. I am especially grateful to Mayor Bloomberg for welcoming our honored guests to Gracie Mansion and for his 12 years of unwavering support for DOI's independence in our ongoing efforts to uphold the integrity of New York City government."

Accompanying Mr. Peh during the conference were ICAC's Director of Community Relations, Julie Mu Fee-man, and Chief Staff Officer of the Centre of Anti-Corruption Studies, Daniel So Ping-hung.

Also joining the conference was Jennifer Rodgers, the Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity, a partnership between Columbia Law School and the Department of Investigation.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg for his support of this conference.

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