

Summary of Mediation Reports filed in the Court of First Instance in 2011[^]

Out of the mediated cases, 38% had resulted in agreements. 62% of the mediated cases did not lead to any agreement. The duration between the date of appointing mediator to the date of completion of the whole mediation process was not collected within the captioned period.

It took, on the average, 5 hours to reach a full agreement, 9 hours to reach a partial agreement and 5 hours to reach no agreement. Partial agreement cases required longer time to settle, reflecting that perhaps these involved difficult and complicated issues.

132 reported cases did not go through mediation because they could settle or round up their cases on their own motions through case management procedures.

Regarding the cost of mediated cases, it was, on average HK\$17,000 per case / HK\$3,100 per hour for a case with full agreement; HK\$30,100 per case / HK\$3,400 per hour for a case with partial agreement and HK\$17,500 per case / HK\$3,800 per hour for a case without agreement.

Court of First Instance	Number of cases (%)	Average Time spent on Mediation per case (hour)	Average Cost of Mediation per case (HK\$)
2011 [^]			
Cases with Full agreement	144 (34%)	5	\$17,000 per case/ \$3,100 per hour
Cases with Partial agreement	15 (4%)	9	\$30,100 per case/ \$3,400 per hour
Total number of cases with full/partial agreement	159 (38%)	-	-
Cases with No agreement	262 (62%)	5	\$17,500 per case/ \$3,800 per hour
Sub-total (Cases with Mediation)	421		
Cases settled/ withdrawn/ discontinued without mediation*	132		
Others (e.g. mediation adjourned, etc)	4		
Total:	557		
Duration of the Whole Mediation Process (days) ⁺	Not Available		

[^] It only refers to the number of cases with mediation reports/ letters filed with filing date falls in year 2011.

* Amongst the mediation reports filed in year 2011, 132 cases with notification to the Court that despite the Court's suggestion, the cases were settled/ withdrawn/ discontinued without mediation.

+ It refers to the average duration between the date of appointing mediator to the date of completion of the whole mediation process (in days); and it is arrived by having the total number of days reported for the mediation process, divided by the number of cases with duration reported over that year.