

## RCCL Retreat (7 November 2019)

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On 7 November 2019, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) held a Retreat to review on the Centre's recent development and to discuss its future development. Participants of the Retreat include RCCL's core members and associate members, as well as the Dean of School of Law Prof. Cheng Han Tan and two incoming RCCL members who will join our Law School in January 2020, namely Prof. Liu Qiao and Prof. Wang Jiangyu.

The Retreat started with RCCL Director Dr. Chen Lei's briefing of all participants on the mission, structure and recent achievements of RCCL, including the research projects it undertook, the academic activities it held, as well as the Centre's research grant capture, publicity channels, and Visiting Fellow Programme. During the introduction, Dr. Chen emphasized the need for RCCL to further enhance its mission in its future development, especially in encouraging interdisciplinary scholarship, forging international research partnership, and professionally engaging with the local community.



RCCL Director Dr. Chen Lei introduced the recent achievements of RCCL



School of Law Dean Prof. Cheng Han Tan talked about his strategic plan for RCCL

After that, our Dean Prof. Tan was invited to talk about his strategic plan for RCCL's future development. He pointed out that, as China continues to rise as a leading world power, our Law School — which puts strong emphasis on Chinese law — is destined to be a top law school in the world, hence he considered RCCL plays an extremely crucial role in the future development of our Law School. Besides, Dean Tan also mentioned the importance of network-building (especially in terms of institutional collaboration) and interdisciplinary research to

RCCL, and he thought that RCCL should play a role in influencing the development of law (and the rule of law) in Greater China.

The third presenter in the Retreat was incoming member Prof. Wang Jiangyu. Sharing similar views with Dr. Chen and Prof. Tan, Prof. Wang elaborated his view on how should RCCL enhance its research collaboration and interdisciplinary research. He pointed out that RCCL should serve four functions, namely research, policy analysis, capacity building and networking. He also gave examples of projects and programmes that could help in achieving these functions.



Prof. Wang Jiangyu shared his ideas on the future development of RCCL

After the three professors' presentations, all other participants were invited to give their comments on the presentations and their views on the way forward for RCCL.



To showcase one aspect of RCCL's achievements, the final part of the Retreat was the presentations by our two postdoctoral fellows, namely Dr. Du Ruyi and Dr. Sebastien De Rey, on their recent research.



Dr. Du Ruyi presented his research output



Dr. Sebastien De Rey introduced his research

The Retreat was concluded by Dr. Chen who thanked all participants for joining the Retreat as well as their valuable comments and suggestions which were definitely crucial to the future development of RCCL.