

School of Law Virtual Graduation Ceremony for Classes of 2019 and 2020

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In view of the rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College/School graduation ceremony for the Classes of 2019 and 2020 at City University of Hong Kong (CityU) has been changed to online. The School of Law (SLW) graduation ceremony was pre-recorded and live broadcasted on 3 February 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:30am.

Professor TAN Cheng-Han, SC (Singapore), Dean of SLW, the Honourable **Mr Justice Robert TANG Kwok-ching, GBM, QC, SC, JP**, Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, and our graduate representatives **Ms LEUNG Yen San** and **Mr LUI Kwan Ting Victor** each gave an address for our graduates. **Professor LIN Feng**, Acting Dean of SLW, presided at the ceremony.



Professor TAN Cheng-Han, SC (Singapore), Dean of SLW, first gave an address to our graduates. He had three pieces of advice for sharing with our graduates. First, it is inevitable to expect disappointment and setbacks. Second, even as graduates push boundaries, stay within what is right, honest and ethical. Third, this is not the end of the learning journey; in many ways it simply marks a new beginning. At last, he added “as a famous Chinese saying goes, “studying is like sailing against the current; either you keep forging ahead, or you keep falling behind.” And so it is too with life. Graduates of 2019 and 2020, while you are graduating into an ocean of uncertainty, I trust that you will forge ahead to sail through these challenging tides and emerge stronger, more knowledgeable, and more experienced so as to leave your mark in society.”



The SLW was honoured to have the Honourable **Mr Justice Robert TANG Kwok-ching, GBM, QC, SC, JP**, Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal to give an address. He gave very warm congratulations to the graduates: “Today we congratulate the graduates whose hard work have brought them here. Today, we also celebrate the help given by their families, friends and teachers which have made their success possible. All of you have every reason to be happy and proud.” He reminded the graduates that “Everyone must live within the law. They might not like or agree with all the law. Some, they might consider to be too lax, some too draconian. It does not matter. With exceptions which do not apply here, laws have to be obeyed and enforced. In doing so, one must have regard to the language as well as the spirit of the law.”





Ms LEUNG Yen San, the LLB graduate of 2019 graduating class, thanked her families: “As an international student, I wholeheartedly thank my family for letting me go far from home to pursue my passion in this beautiful foreign land.” She then thanked the SLW: “Thank you for preparing us for this journey. We were taught to think out of the box, to accept that there are no definite answers to legal questions as they always “depend on circumstances”. Indeed, even life is subject to changes and interpretations. We have learnt to explore different methods to find our way and that being different from others does not mean we are wrong.” Finally, she thanked her classmates and friends for backing one another.

Mr LUI Kwan Ting Victor, the LLB graduate of 2020 graduating class, shared what they learnt in the past four years, i.e. “Knowing what the law is, what it stands for, why it matters and where my interest lies in the law. We studied. We made mistakes, and today here we are. In our not so distant yet not so certain future, one thing is certain. That the things we acquire in the SLW be of assistance in the future. Be it logical thinking. Be it the continuous learning. Be it this certificate of graduation.”



The graduation ceremony marks the beginning of a new journey for the graduates. The SLW is confident that the graduates have what it takes to succeed and wishes them the very best and look forward to hearing about the wonderful things that we know they will do.

The graduation booklet can be downloaded [here](#).