

CityU Law School Signs Fellowship Agreement with Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

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Mr. Christian M.J. KRÖNER(left) and Professor WANG Guiguo(right) signs the agreement

On 27 October 2011, CityU Law School signed an agreement with Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), Hague, which provides recent law graduates from CityU Law School a unique opportunity to work one year at the PCA's International Bureau in the Peace Palace, The Hague. CityU Law School is the first law school in Asia to form a partnership with PCA.

The agreement envisages CityU Law School selecting three candidates through a competitive application process and the PCA selecting one of them to participate in the Fellowship Program provided there is sufficient capacity to accommodate the fellow.

Professor **WANG Guiguo**, Dean and Chair professor of Chinese and Comparative Law of CityU Law School and **Mr. Christian M.J. KRÖNER**, Secretary-General of PCA, former Netherlands ambassador to the USA, France and Italy, signed the agreement.

Professor Wang thanked Mr. Kroner for giving us the privilege of being institution in Asia to collaborate with the PCA. He said that opportunities like the one that is created in collaboration with the PCA expose our students to new institution, new legal systems and new cultures—which the globalization demands of legal education.



Mr. Kroner delivered in his address entitled *International Arbitration: A Universal Vocation* said that in recent years recourse to international arbitration for the peaceful resolution of disputes has increased dramatically. “Such a growing



demand calls for increased scrutiny of the arbitration process and for the promotion of the study of arbitration worldwide. Increased education is critical for the preparation of the next generation of counsel and to ensure the global availability of professional arbitrators. “

The PCA is an intergovernmental organization with over one hundred member states. Established in 1899 to facilitate arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution between states, the PCA has developed into a modern, multi-faceted arbitral institution that is now perfectly situated at the juncture between public and private international law to meet the rapidly evolving dispute resolution needs of the international community. Today the PCA provides services for the resolution of disputes involving various combinations of states, state entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties.