

Korea Consulate in HK and CityU Law School Holds Dinner Reception for LLM Chinese Judges and Korea Judicial Trainees

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Professor WANG Guiguo (middle in the front row) and Mr. Jun Ok-hyun (4th from left in the front row) with LLM Chinese judges and Korea judicial trainees

Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Hong Kong and CityU Law School jointly hosted a dinner reception for 30 LLM Chinese judges from CityU Law School who have just been back from a study trip to the United States and Korea, as well as a group of 30 judicial trainees from Judicial Research & Trainee Institute (JRTI) at the Supreme Court of Korea. The judicial trainees from JRTI are on a five-day study tour in Hong Kong to visit the local judicial organs and examine the different legal system in Hong Kong.

Prof. WANG Guiguo, Dean of CityU Law School attended the reception, along with **Mr. Gu Minkang**, Associate Dean, **Dr. Mark D. KIELSGARD**, Assistant Professor, **Mr. David Chan**, Teaching Fellow and **Ms. Anna Lui**, Lecturer of CityU Law School.

Mr. Gu Minkang gave the Korea judicial trainees a briefing about the differences of legal practice in Hong Kong and China, sources of law in Hong Kong, the unique judicial system as well as courts structure. He dwelled on the case of the suspension of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge to shed lights on the judicial independence of Hong Kong and its implications.



Mr. Gu Minkang gives lecture to Korean judicial trainees

Mr. Jun Ok-hyun, Consul-General of the Republic of Korea in Hong Kong, emphasized on exchanges in judicial field between the two countries in his welcoming remarks: “Under the circumstances of vigorously expanding and deepening relations between Korea and China, Korea and Hong Kong, I am greatly inspired to host a reception tonight...Among other things, we need to be mindful that quite a number of citizens and business people of both countries have pointed out the need to deepen the mutual understanding of legal systems through the exchanges in the judicial field.”

He stressed his appreciation to Prof Wang and CityU Law School for the dedication to enlarging exchanges in legal education between China and Korea. He believes that “The Korean Consulate in Hong Kong, in close partnership with CityU, will also exert effort to play a part in strengthening the friendship between Korea and China.”

Professor WANG responded: “The friendship among people from different nations, especially young people, is essential to every democracy. Today is a special occasion for the communication between our LLM Chinese judges and Korea judicial trainees for the first time in Hong Kong, which marks the beginning of a high-level and long-lasting exchange between judiciaries in both countries. We call for more dialogues and interactions in the future, not only among young judges, but also senior judges, to nurture new ideas and insights. ”



Ms. Lee Han-Gil, judicial trainee from JRTI

Mr. Chen Zhiyong, an LLM Chinese judge from Hubei Province and **Ms. Lee Han-Gil**, judicial trainee from JRTI, expressed their

deep gratitude for such a precious experience in their study life. Mr. Chen said: “The study tour last week in Korea has enhanced our understanding of Korea legal system and the culture. We’re impressed by the intelligence and diligence of Korean judiciaries. Today’s reception offered us another opportunity to have a closer communication with our Korea counterparts. We hope to learn from each other in the future, for the betterment of a fair and democratic legal system in both countries.”



Mr. Chen Zhiyong, LLM Chinese judge

The Judicial Research and Training Institute (JRTI) was established by the Supreme Court of Korea to further the education of those who have passed the Korean Bar Examination before entering the legal profession. At present, 99% of judges and 100% of prosecutors and 83% of lawyers are graduates of JRTI.