

Secondary School Students take roles in a murder trial in City University of Hong Kong

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Mr Huen Wong (seventh from the left), Mr Upham (middle) and Prof Cooray (eighth from the right) had pictures with the finalists.

The School of Law (SLW) supported the 2010 Secondary School Mock Trial Competition which was organized by Joint School Mock Trial Club. The competition embarked on 19 January 2010 and had the final round on 15 May 2010. There were 21 school teams participated in the competition. Each team consisted of six to twelve students at F.3 or above. They worked on various fictitious criminal cases and portrayed witnesses testifying in the courtroom and advocates acting for either the prosecution or the defendant.

In the final round, the Diocesan Girls' School (DGS) and St Paul's Convent School (SPC) advocated for prosecution and defendant respectively on a fictitious murder case. Both teams argued forcibly for their respective sides. Apart from the argument presented by the advocates, the witnesses gave an equally impressive performance at the mock trial. Mr Huen Wong, President of the Law Society of Hong Kong served as the honourable judge of the trial. He gave valuable comments to both teams.



Witnesses waited anxiously to testify

In the end, the prosecution side, DGS, had proven beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant was guilty of murder. The closing advocate, Miss Natalie So also won the Best Lawyers overall. Miss Renee Yeh of SPC won the Best Witness overall. Professor Anton Cooray, Associate Dean of SLW and Anthony Upham, Honorary Advisor, Joint School Mock trial Club presented prizes for the teams.

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