

Eminent Speaker talks on “Security Rights and Intellectual Property in International Context”

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The School of Law, City University of Hong Kong was pleased to have Professor Toshiyuki Kono to give a talk on Eminent Speaker Lecture Series on 7 October 2010.

Professor Toshiyuki Kono is the Distinguished Professor of Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan); LL.M. (Kyoto); Vice President of the International Academy of Comparative Law; Director of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law; and Chairman

of the Committee for Cultural Affairs of the UNESCO National Commission Japan.

Professor Kono gave a lecture on “Security Rights and Intellectual Property in International Context”. He illustrated a complex topic with examples and clear line of thoughts. Participants could well grasp the multifaceted aspects of security rights in intellectual property (IP) issues.

The lecture illustrated and analyzed three issues with a focus on choice of law issues. First, why the negotiations were so difficult; second, whether the conclusions of the UNCITRAL Working Group VI (security interests) were desirable; and third, if it was not desirable, what solution would be more appropriate.

An updates of the work on IP by the United Nations Commission of International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was given. Professor Kono shared his ideas on the dichotomy on choice of law between traditional school of thought with specific focus on *lex protecionis* and grantor’s location. The seminar led to a heated yet stimulating discussion.

