

Generous Donation Supports Chinese Judge Programme

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Cheque Presentation Ceremony

The School of Law (SLW) of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) has received a donation of more than HKD9 million from the Fu Tak lam Foundation Ltd on 18 October 2010. The donation is to support the Master of Laws Programme (LLM) for Chinese judge provided by SLW in 2010 and 2011.

The SLW is entrusted with the task of educating the Chinese judges and enhancing their professional capabilities. The LLM Programme has been running

for the third consecutive years. 30 Chinese judge students will arrive at CityU for a one-year LLM programme to get a comprehensive picture of Hong Kong's common law system.



Mr Adrian Fu

An official cheque presentation held today was attended by Mr Adrian Fu, Chairman of the Fu Tak lam Foundation Ltd., Dr Simon Ip, Vice Chairman of the Fu Tak lam Foundation Ltd., and Co-Chairman of the International Advisory Board of the Law School, Professor Arthur Ellis, Provost of the City University of Hong Kong; and Professor Wang Guiguo, Dean of the Law School

In his remarks on behalf of the Fu Tak lam Foundation Ltd., Mr Fu said, "the LLM programme for Chinese Judges has been profressing by itself. The Fu Tak lam Foundation is pleased to support the programme as the training of the Chinese

judges is an investment in the future of China legal system. It is envisaged that the LLM students studying in CityU will be messenger and trainer for the next generation for a sound legal system to China. Dr Simon Ip shared the view that "the Foundation embraces the idea of the programme and the success of it is out of proper alignment of the staffs".



Dr Simon Ip



Prof Wang Guiguo

Professor Wang expressed gratitude to Fu Tak lam Foundation Ltd for their generous support to SLW. He said, “the friendship between the Foundation and the CityU Law School though young, we are like a family having the same mission. The Foundation is thoughtful and insightful in the future of Chinese judiciary. With their assurance and support, our colleagues will double our effort to make their investment with good return. At the moment, the LLM programme is internationally recognized. The programme is only a small step

on our side, but it is going to project big improvement to the Chinese judiciary.”

Professor Ellis noted that the LLM programme was transformative in nature. It transformed the life of the students as well as their counterparts in the long run.

After the cheque presentation ceremony, a forum was held with the Chinese judge students. They actively participated in the discussion. In addition to showing their thankfulness for the opportunity to study in CityU, they also gave valuable comments for the improvement of the programme.



Prof Arthur Ellis

The class monitor Judge Yi shared that “the courses of the programme require quite a lot of time for case study. Yet, I considered it has been my achievement in the past few months to be able to cope with the demanding workload despite studying in a totally different jurisdiction.”

Another judge who worked in Guangdong Maritime court praised that “the programme lets us have close contact and communication with HK legal practitioners. We therefore have the opportunities to tell the progress of the Chinese judiciary to those who do not have thorough understanding of it.”



Discussion Forum

In addition, a judge appraised the opportunity to study in CityU. She said “studying common law in a common law jurisdiction helps me to better understand and see the development and interaction between two legal systems. Eventually, I can help my own country to review our legal system and get the best out of both systems.”