

## Conference Reviews on Chinese Civil Code

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School of Law (SLW) of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) hosted an international conference on *Towards a Chinese Civil Code: Historical and Comparative Perspective* on 22-23 October 2010.

The Conference was attended by renowned international legal scholars and academics from the perspectives of legal history, comparative law, and private law from Europe, US, UK, South Africa, mainland China and elsewhere in Asia. The Conference was inaugurated by **Professor Remco van Rhee**, Chair of Legal History and Comparative Civil Procedure, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University; **Professor Wang Liming**, Vice –president of the Renmin University of China, **Professor Wang Weiguo**, Dean of School of Civil, Commercial and Economic Laws, China University of Political Science and Law, **Professor Wang Guiguo**, Dean of School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, **Professor Anton Cooray** and **Gu Minkang**, Associate Deans of School of Law, City University of Hong Kong.

The Conference's purpose is twofold. First, in an age of globalization, comparative law is ubiquitous. China is undertaking a titanic task to make its own Civil Code. The Chinese legal community is in a process of learning or borrowing legislative ideas from other experienced jurisdiction. It is hoped that with this conference, the historical and comparative approaches can shed some light on this. Second, this conference is dedicated to commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the first western-influenced and civil-law-oriented Civil Code in China.

The Conference furthered and contributed to the understanding on the Chinese civil law tradition from comparative and historical perspective. The major outcome of the Conference was to provide a platform for the international leading experts to share their views and expertise relating to civil law tradition in Chinese Private Law.

