

Chief Prosecutor of Seoul High Prosecutor's Office visits School of Law

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Mr Han Sang-Dae (right) and Prof Wang Guiguo,
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Mr Han Sang-Dae, Chief Prosecutor of Seoul High Prosecutor's Office, visited School of Law of City University of Hong Kong during the week of 25-29 October 2010. Mr Han has started to serve in the Seoul Prosecutor's Office since 1983. He was assigned to various roles in Korean government, such as legal attaché to the Korean Embassy in the United States of America and Director of Legal Affairs Office of the Ministry of Justice.

During his visit to the Law School, he shared with us his extensive experience in prosecution service in the Republic of Korea through a Staff Seminar and as a speaker of our Eminent Speaker Lecture Series.

In the staff seminar, which was held on 27 October 2010, Mr Han shared with our Law School faculties as well as research students the "Overview of Korean Jurist Society". During the seminar, he elaborated on two big challenges that the Korean jurist society was facing. One is concerning the opening of the legal market and the other is related to adopting American law school system. During the discussion session, our Law School faculties shared their ideas on legal education reform to tackling the pressing issue on law school system.

On 28 October 2010, Mr Han talked on "Many Roles of the Attorneys in a Government" at the Eminent Speaker Lecture Series. In his lecture, he gave an overview of the Korean legal system and the work of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Justice. He then elaborated on the roles of lawyers took in the Government of the Republic of Korea. Those functions of attorneys in the government can be classified broadly as legislation, legal advising, litigation and international activity. Practically the Korean government is facing several missions to meet the necessity of lawyer's work in the government with clear efficiency. They are setting up policy to recruit, train and provide attorneys. Furthermore, the challenge of how the government lawyers to cooperating with the jurists in other fields such as judges, law school professors and practicing lawyers remains a challenge.

