

Public Lecture Series by SLW and CJER – New Development in Judiciary

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The School of Law (SLW), CityU and the Centre for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), CityU jointly held two public lectures on 11 and 12 April 2017. **The Hon Mr Justice Godfrey Lam**, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court and **Judge Anselmo Reyes**, International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court were invited to deliver the two public lectures to share their knowledge and experiences on the latest development in judiciary.

Justice Godfrey Lam introduced the role of Hong Kong Competition Tribunal and the Competition Commission. Compared with other jurisdictions, Competition Law is relatively new in Hong Kong. Before that, measures were made only against unfair competition in telecom and broadcasting industries. Justice Lam explained some Guidance in the Competition Ordinance and illustrate them with real-life examples.



The lecture on 12 April evolved from the phenomenon of the rising of international commercial courts in a number of jurisdictions. Taking Singapore International Commercial Court as an example, Judge Reyes discussed the advantages and disadvantages of litigating (as opposed to arbitrating) cross-border commercial disputes. Besides, Judge Reyes also shared his own view on the procedural, evidentiary and enforcement issues faced by international commercial courts.



The Q & A Sessions following the two lectures engaged the attending students, scholars and legal practitioners in lively discussion. The Chinese judge students of LLM and JSD Programmes who are experienced in trial work also took this opportunity to exchange ideas with the two judges working in different jurisdictions.



This is the first time for SLW and CJER to have jointly hold public lectures which are well received by the public.