

The 14th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges

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City University of Hong Kong has collaborated with the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and National Judges College since 2009. Together they have organized a number of programmes for Chinese senior judges and have educated elites in the field. The Opening Ceremony for the 14th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges cum the Closing Ceremony for the 9th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges was successfully held on 21 May 2019 at Joseph Lee Hall (LT-3505), Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building.

Prominent experts in the law field in Hong Kong and mainland China have attended the ceremony. The officiating guests included **Dr LI Xiao-min**, Vice President, National Judges College; **Prof Julie LI Juan**, Associate Provost (Academic Planning and Undergraduate Education); **Mr TANG Yi-hoi Hermes, C.M.S.M**, Commissioner of Customs and Excise; **Mr WONG Kwok-hing**, Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Services; **Mr LIU Chun-hua**, Director-General, Department of Law, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; **Mr Stephen WONG Kai-yi**, Commissioner, Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong; **Dr Kennedy WONG Ying-ho, BBS, LLD, DCL, JP**, Managing Partner, Philip K H Wong, Kennedy Y H Wong & CO.; **Mr GUO Jian-an**, General Manager, China Legal Service (H.K.) Ltd.; **Prof Geraint HOWELLS**, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, and **Prof LIN Feng**, Director, Centre for Judicial Education of Research cum Associate Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong.



In her welcoming speech, **Prof Julie LI Juan** mentioned that she has confidence in the judges, who can bring what they have learnt into practice thus devote their knowledge to the society. She also promised that CityU will strive to educate more elite judges, and will allocate more resources in legal education, to contribute to the rule of law, the prosperity, and the stability of the society.



Dr LI Xiao-min expressed his gratitude towards CityU's effort towards educating legal professionals. He wished graduates could share what they have learnt in Hong Kong among their peers, in order to improve the trials of social cases in mainland China, and service the people in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area with high quality trial services.



Mr LIU Chun-hua hoped that students could apply what they have learnt in their work, hence contribute to the country's legal system, and facilitate legal exchanges and cooperation between Hong Kong and mainland China.

	<p>Mr Stephen WONG Kai-yi mentioned that it is now the best time to integrate the legal systems between Hong Kong and mainland China. We should grasp the unique advantages of One Country, Two Systems and show the world the results from the rapid progress of judicial reform in Hong Kong and mainland China.</p>
	<p>Prof Geraint HOWELLS thanked the organizations for their support towards the Chinese judges programmes. He also wished the judges could succeed in their careers and promote the rule of law and the spirit of justice, so that the people from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao could see the future of the legal systems in Mainland.</p>

The 23 Chinese senior judge participants came from 20 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions; they have attended various meetings and lectures during the period of 21-31 May 2019.

Through these judicial exchanges, the senior judge participants conducted in-depth discussions with the Hong Kong legal community thus further advanced their knowledge in common law and the differences between the two legal systems. CJER has specially arranged four lectures on Civil Justice and Criminal Justice for the delegation of senior judges.

Besides **Prof Lin Feng**'s lecture on the core and hotspot issues of Hong Kong Basic Law, we have also invited **Justice Wally Yeung Chun-kuen**, Chief Judge of the High Court (Atg.); **Ms LEE Sau-kong**, Deputy Solicitor General (Policy Affairs); **Mr Wesley WONG, SC**, Solicitor General; **Mr Paul HO**,

Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (II), and **Mr NG Wing-kit**, Public Prosecutor to conduct lectures on their fields of expertise.

During the two-week Programme, the participants have learnt about the Legislation and Judiciary systems in Hong Kong through various visits, including visits to the China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd., the Audit Commission, the Ombudsmen, the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department, the High Court, the Court of Final Appeal, the Department of Justice, the Legislative Council, the ICAC, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, the Legal Aid Department, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR, the Correctional Service Department, and the Law Society of Hong Kong.

It is our honor to have **Mr DU Mao**, Chairman of the Board, China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd., **Justice CHU Fun-ling**, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, **Mr LEUNG Kwan-yuen**, President of the Legislative Council, **Dr ZHOU Lu-lu**, Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, and **Mr C.M. CHAN**, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, to meet and exchange views and ideas with the delegation of Chinese senior judges.

The 14th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges was successfully concluded on 31 May 2019. Participants of the programme enthusiastically joined the seminar held in the School of Law. The Chinese senior judges have concluded what they have learnt from the programme, as well as voiced their opinions and suggestions. The leader of this programme, **Ms CAI Jin-fang**, Cadre of the Research Office of the Supreme People's Court have described and summarized this visit with five key words: "Beautiful, Endearing, Orderly, Rule of Law, and Development". On the other hand, the class monitor of this programme, **Mr SHENG Yong-qiang**, Deputy Secretary and cum Deputy Director of Shanghai Higher People's Court, expressed that joining this programme has expanded his knowledge on Hong Kong and its legal system. Through this visit, he has also experienced how Hong Kong is an energetic place that cultivates creativity and innovation.



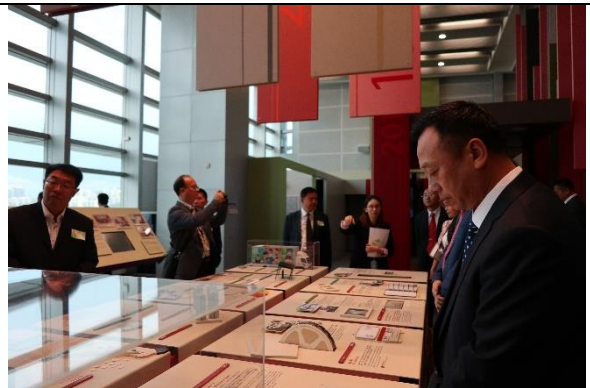
Meeting **Mr Stephen WONG Kai-yi**, Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data at the Office of PCPD.



Group photo with **Dr ZHOU Lu-lu**, Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR.



Group photo at the Legislative Council



Visit to the ICAC



Meeting **Mr LEUNG Kwan-yuen**, President of the Legislative Council



Visit to the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department