CCCL and JERI: Dialogue with LOCPG Legal Director (26 April 2023)

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Since 2009, the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU), the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, and the National Judges College have jointly organized judicial education programs for Chinese judges. Towards the end of the semester in 2023 Spring, the Centre for Judicial Education and Research cum Identification of Hong Kong Law (JERI) and the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law Studies (CCCL) of the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong organized a Dialogue with People’s Government in the HKSAR (LOCPG), including Legal Director Liu Chunhua, and the SJD candidates at the Chinese Judges Programme of the City University of Hong Kong School of Law. The topics include the work and functions of the LOCPG Legal Department, the application of the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law, and possible collaboration between the LOCPG Legal Department and the Chinese judges at CityU School of Law. The event was hosted at the SLW Seminar Room LI-6301 on 26 April 2023.

We invited Professor Wang Jiangyu as the event moderator and Mr. Liu Chunhua, Legal Director of the LOCPG as main speaker, and Mr. Wang Jianyuan, Legal Deputy Director of the LOCPG, and Mr. Hu Guang, Legal Assistant Manager of the LOCPG, Dr. Ding Chunyan, Associate Dean of CityU, Professor Liu Qiao of CityU, Dr. Wang Shucheng of CityU and Dr. Peter Chan of CityU as guest speakers.

The Chinese judges who participated in the discussion included Chen Qingrui (Senior Judge III, President of the Criminal Division II of the Hebei High People's Court), Mei Yu (Senior Judge III, International Commercial Court of the Fourth Intermediate People's Court of Beijing), Lan Shiwen (Senior Judge IV, Intellectual Property Court of the Shenzhen Intermediate People's Court of Guangdong Province), Zhang Yanhong (Senior Judge IV, Vice President of the Bao'an District People's Court of Shenzhen, Guangdong Province) Ms. Zhang Yan (Senior Judge II, President of the Criminal Division, Chengdu Intermediate People's Court, Sichuan Province), Ms. Mai Jiachao (Senior Judge III, President of Sanshui District People's Court, Foshan City, Guangdong Province), Ms. Liu Jianhong (Senior Judge III, President of the Administrative Division, Foshan Intermediate People's Court, Guangdong Province), Ms. Rong Yan (Senior Judge IV, Vice President of the Liquidation and Bankruptcy Division, Nanjing Intermediate People's Court, Jiangsu Province), Ms. Hou Xu (Senior Judge IV, Enforcement Bureau, Shenzhen Intermediate People's Court, Guangdong Province), (Senior Judge, Fourth Grade, Executive Bureau, Shenzhen Intermediate People's Court, Guangdong Province), Liu Yan
Professor Wang was invited to deliver a welcome speech.

Mr. Chunhua Liu started the meeting by briefly introducing the main work of the legal department of the Liaison Office, which not only keeps an eye on the political development of Hong Kong, but also liaises with the legal and judicial sectors in Hong Kong to organize visits of judges to the wisdom courts in the Mainland and to provide legal support to the Liaison Office in performing its functions in Hong Kong. At present, the legal department of the Liaison Office maintains relatively close ties with the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Bar Association, and the Association of Notaries Public, as well as the three law schools in Hong Kong. Although the legal department of the Liaison Office has been established recently, they are still willing to exchange ideas with Chinese judges on how the legal profession in Hong Kong can develop in a progressive manner by utilizing their strengths.

The seminar ended with the closing remark by Mr. Liu Chunhua who again thanked all the participants for their active participation and valuable comments made during the event. Overall, the seminar gathered valuable opinions from Chinese judges on the rule of law in China and was not only fruitful but also laid the foundation for a seminar series in which Chinese judges from law programs will represent the main actors in the future.
Mr. Liu Chunhua

Professor Wang Jiangyu

Mr. Wang Jianyuan, Mr. Hu Guang and Dr. Ding Chunyan.