

The 19th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges

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The Centre for Judicial Education and Research cum Identification of Hong Kong Law (JERI) at City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK) has collaborated with the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and its National Judges College since 2008. Together we have organized a number of programmes for Chinese judges and have educated elites in the field. The Opening Ceremony for Doctor of Juridical Science for Chinese Senior Judges, Master of Laws for Chinese Judges and Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges 2026 was successfully held on 21 September 2026 at Benjamin & Anny Kwok Conference Room, CityUHK.



Group photo of officiating guests

Prominent experts in the law field in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland have attended the ceremony. The officiating guests included **Mr. SUN Zhenping**, Head of the Political Department of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; **Mr. ZHANG Junwen**, Deputy Head of the Political Department of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; **Mr. LIU Chunhua**, Director-General of the Legal Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HKSAR); **Mr. ZHOU Jiahai**, Director General of the Research Office of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; **Mr. LI Chengyu**, President of the National Judges College and President of Judicial Case Academy of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; **Ms. SI Yanli**, Deputy Director General of the Research Office of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; and **Mr. XU Guangming**, Vice-President of the National Judges College.

In addition, we were also honoured to invite authorities from the HKSAR government and legal sector, **Mr. LAM T K Paul, GBS, SC, JP**, Secretary for Justice of Department of Justice; **Ms. LIU Changchun**, Chairman of China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd.; **Mr. Victor DAWES SC**, Former Chairman and Current Co-chairman of the Standing Committee on Mainland Affairs of Hong Kong Bar Association; and **Mr. Roden M.L. TONG, BBS**, President of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Mr. David HO Chi-hoo, BBS, JP, CityUHK Deputy Council Chairman; **Professor Chun-Sing LEE**, CityUHK Acting President; and **Professor LIN Feng**, Dean of CityUHK School of Law, also attended and officiated the ceremony.



Mr. SUN Zhenping, in his address, expressed heartfelt gratitude to colleagues at CityUHK School of Law and praised the Chinese Judges Programmes co-organized by the CityUHK School of Law, the Supreme People’s Court, and the National Judges College. The programmes fully leverage Hong Kong’s advantages of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world, and have established a platform for exchanges and mutual learning about the rule of law between the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong. Over the past 19 years, we have successfully conducted 17 batches of the Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges, 14 batches of the Doctor of Juridical Science Programme for Chinese Senior Judges, and 19 batches of the Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges, training more than 1,000 judges and judicial assistants from 30 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities across the Chinese Mainland. The National Judges College is eager to continue collaborating with CityUHK to advance the Chinese Judges Programmes, achieving greater results and broader impact, thus contributing to the deepening of rule of law cooperation between Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland and supporting the steady and enduring implementation of “One Country, Two Systems.”



Mr. LAM T K Paul, GBS, SC, JP, congratulated the successful opening and thanked the CityUHK School of Law and JERI for providing judges from the Chinese Mainland with opportunities for study and exchange on common law, international law, and the Hong Kong's legal system over the years. He praised the ongoing contribution to cultivating talent in foreign-related rule of law for the country. He also expressed his hope that all participants would

achieve valuable learning outcomes from the programmes and enhance their knowledge of cases involving foreign-related adjudication.



Professor Chun-Sing Lee extended a warm welcome and expressed gratitude to all the guests for their presence. He emphasized that CityUHK is honoured to have gained the trust of the National Judges College and highlighted the importance of close collaboration with the institution. **Professor Lee** stated, “As the only higher education institution in Hong Kong offering training programmes for judges from the Chinese Mainland, we are acutely aware of our significant responsibilities and feel greatly honoured. Through the sincere cooperation between the Supreme People's Court, the National Judges College and CityUHK, our Chinese Judges Programmes will continue to be optimized and evolve with the times, producing more judicial elites who are well-versed in common law and international law for the country.”



Lastly, **Mr. David HO Chi-hoo, BBS, JP**, in his vote of thanks, expressed gratitude to the Supreme People's Court and the National Judges College for their trust in CityUHK, and thanked the central government's institutions stationed in Hong Kong, the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong legal sector for their consistent support for the programmes. He wished all participants fruitful outcomes and pledged to continuously optimise the programmes and strive for excellence.



Welcoming dinner following the opening ceremony

During the one-week programme, 27 senior judges from 26 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions across Chinese Mainland have learnt about the legislative and judicial systems in Hong Kong through various visits. Visited organizations included the Commissioner's Office of China's Foreign Ministry in the HKSAR (OCMFA); Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (LOCPG); the Court of Final Appeal; High Court; the Legislative Council; Department of Justice; the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed); the Administrative Appeals Board; the Correctional Services Department; the Customs and Excise Department; Hong Kong Bar Association; the Law Society of Hong Kong; and the China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd.

In addition, we were honoured to invite different legal professionals to meet and exchange views and ideas with the delegation of Chinese senior judges. They included **Mr. LI Yongsheng**, Deputy Commissioner of OCMFA; **Mr. LIU Chunhua**, Director-General, Legal Department of LOCPG; **Dr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, SBS, JP**, Deputy Secretary for Justice; **Professor Teresa Cheng, GBM, GBS, SC, JP**, Secretary-General of IOMed; **Hon Ms Justice Carlye CHU Fun-ling**, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal of the High Court; **Hon Mr Justice AU-YEUNG Ho Wing**, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court; **Mr. NG Chiu Kok, CDSM**, Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Services (Rehabilitation and Management); **Ms. WONG Wai Chuen, CDSM**, Deputy Commissioner of Customs & Excise (Management and Strategic Development); **Professor Hon Nick CHAN Hiu-fung, BBS, MH, JP**, Member of the Legislative Council; **Mr. Llewellyn MUI Kei Fat, JP**, Solicitor General of Department of Justice Constitutional and Policy Affairs Division; **Mr. Roden M.L. TONG, BBS**, President of the Law Society of Hong Kong; **Ms. LIU Changchun**, Chairman of the China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd.; **Professor LIN Feng**, Dean of CityUHK School of Law; and **Professor WANG Jiangyu**, Associate Dean of CityUHK School of Law .

The 19th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges successfully concluded on 29 September 2026. 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 head of the delegation of this programme, **Justice QIAN Xiaochen**, Chief Judge of the Case-Filing Division and Member of the Adjudication Committee of the Supreme People's Court, expressed his gratitude to the National Judges College and the CityUHK School of Law for the valuable opportunity at the closing ceremony.



**Meeting with Mr. LI Yongsheng,
Deputy Commissioner, OCMFA**



Visit to High Court



Visit to LOCPG



Visit to Law Society of Hong Kong