CityU and Renmin University Hold Graduation Ceremony for Joint Master of Law Programme

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A graduation ceremony was held on 1 July on CityU Campus for 52 graduates of the Master of Law (LLM) Programme jointly offered by CityU and Renmin University of China (Renmin U), which aims to nurture a new breed of specialists on the mainland legal system and promote exchanges between legal profession in the mainland and Hong Kong.

CityU and Renmin U launched the LLM Programme in 1995 in response to the need for more specialists on the mainland legal system. The programme, renowned in the fields of education and law, is recognized by Ministry of Education of the P.R.C and Education Bureau of The Government of HKSAR. Up to now, over 800 students have registered in this programme and 404 of them successfully obtained the Master Degree, 70% to 80% of who entered the legal profession in Hong Kong.

The graduation ceremony was officiated by Professor Yuan Wei, Executive Vice President of Renmin U; Professor Han Dayuan, Dean of Renmin U Law School; Professor Long Yifei, Vice Dean of Renmin U Law School; Professor Hu Jinguang, Vice Dean of Renmin U Law School; Professor Zhu Jingwen, Director of Center for Law and Globalization Studies, Renmin U; Professor Yao Hui, Director of Civil and Commercial Law Teaching and Research Center, Renmin U; Professor Han Liyu, Director of International Law Teaching and Research Center, Renmin U; Professor Shi Jichun, Director of Economic Law Teaching and Research Center, Renmin U.
CityU academics invited to witness the ceremony include: Dr. David Cheng, AVP, Mainland and External Affairs Office; Mr. Gu Minkang, Acting Dean of CityU Law School; Dr. Priscilla Leung and Dr. He Xin, Associate Professor of CityU Law School.

In the ceremony, The Hon Elsie Leung Oi Sie, GBM, JP, Vice Director of Hong Kong Basic Law Committee, was conferred an Honorary Professorship from Renmin U to recognize her lifetime dedication to legal development and public service in Hong Kong.

Ms. Leung highly acclaimed the jointly offered LLM Programme in her acknowledgement. She addressed: “After the establishment of the programme, it has continuously contributed to the local society with a pool of specialists on Chinese legal system. The unique programme provided a platform for Hong Kong local students to get an insightful understanding of “One Country, Two Systems” principle and its practices.

Mr. Gu Minkang said: “In 1995, Professor WANG Guiguo, Dean of CityU Law School entered into the groundbreaking agreement with Renmin U to jointly offer the LLM Programme. 16 years has passed from then and we still keep a benign relationship with Renmin U in academic exchanges, research projects and programme development. Today, I’m glad to inform you that besides the LLM Programme, the jointly offered Doctoral Programme will be on track soon.”

Before the ceremony, the delegation from Renmin U paid a visit to CityU Law School. Mr. Gu Minkang together with Dr. David Cheng, Dr. He Xin, Dr. Wan Ke and Dr. Ding Chunyan, Assistant Professor received the guests.
In the meeting, Professor Han Dayuan noted: “With the close cooperation with CityU, a highly internationalized university in Asia, Renmin U speed up its process of internationalization. The LLM Programme is a showcase of our progressive cooperation. With the resources offered by CityU and Renmin U, our students received systematic and comprehensive education on the mainland legal system. Our students now become the backbone of legal practitioners proficient in mainland and Hong Kong legal systems, which will contribute to the smooth implementation of “One Country, Two Systems” principle in Hong Kong.”