CityU Team Claims Runner-up Trophy in Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (Asia Pacific Regional Rounds)

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The CityU team participated in the 2012 Manfred Space Law Moot Court Competition (Asia Pacific Regional Rounds) and was the major Runner-up. The Competition was held on June 22 to June 24 in Hyderabad, India.

Around 40 teams participated in the Asia-Pacific zone with the top 18 selected to take part in the oral round based on scores of written submissions. Teams competing included the National Law School Bangalore, the National University of Singapore, Universitas Indonesia and Chinese University of Political Science and Law, Beijing. The CityU team lost to University of Bangalore from India by a slim margin in the Grand Final of the competition.

Under the guidance of Dr. Vernon Nase, Associate Professor, the team was composed of MA Hok Lam (LLB 2008), LEUNG Charmaine Kitty (LLB 2010) and LI Fun Chin (LLB 2008). It was the debut of the students in an international mooting competition. MA Hok Lam was also awarded the Best Oralist in the Final.

This year, the students argued about a case concerning orbit collision, non-cooperative satellite removal, and damages. The aims of the Competition are to promote the interest in, involvement in and knowledge of space law among students by providing a fair and competitive environment for the exchange of thoughts and the deepening of understanding of space law. This year, the competition attracted 61 teams from North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and Africa to register.