CityU Team Seizes Runner up in 2017 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (Asia Pacific Regional Rounds)

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The School of Law at City University of Hong Kong is pleased to announce that their team performed magnificently in 2017 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (Asia Pacific Regional Rounds) held at the Adelaide Law School, Australia, from 18 to 21 April 2017. They made it through to the grand final and returned with the trophy for the first runner up and the award for the second best memorial in the competition. Chung Chun Wai also won an oralist award.
Under the guidance of Dr Mark Kielsgard, Assistant Professor and the Director of Mooting of the CityU Law School, and Dr Vernon Nase, Visiting Fellow of the CityU Law School, the CityU team consisted of Chung Chun Wai, Ting Darryl Chadlyn and Ho Mondi Man Hay from Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LLB).

Around 40 teams participated in the Asia-Pacific zone with the top 30 selected to take part in the oral round based on scores of written submissions. Teams competing included the host Adelaide Law School, Murdoch University (Perth, Australia), the National University of Singapore, Gujarat University (India), the China University of Political Science and Law (Beijing) and the University of Hong Kong. The CityU team lost to National Law School of India University (Bangalore) by a slim margin in the Grand Final of the competition.

The Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition is organized annually by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL). The aim of the Competition is 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 students argued about a case concerning lunar facilities, mining of the moon, liability for collisions on the Moon and withdrawal from the Outer Space Treaty.