Student Orientation 2019: Welcome to CityU School of Law

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More than 450 new students from LLB, JD, PCLL, LLM, and LLMArbDR programmes attended the CityU Law School’s orientation on 27 August 2019. The orientation included a series of activities meant to introduce new students to the University’s resources, facilities, and opportunities, and to help them get prepared for their new start.

Prof. Geraint Howells, Dean of the Law School, warmly welcomed the new students to the Law School family in the orientation. In his speech, he advised the students to take advantage of opportunities that the School provides. To LLB and JD students, he strongly recommended them to take part in the G-LEAP programme, legal placement, and international mooting competitions. “Make lasting friendships. Enjoy your study. Develop your skills, soft networking skills included. Keep your options open. Gain international exposure and look out for opportunities.” Prof. Howells hoped that students not only study law, but also engage with the law and a wide range of activities.
Prof. Tan Cheng Han, S.C., Incoming Dean of the Law School, also welcomed the new students and thanked Dean Howells for raising the reputation of the school over the last five years. Under his deanship, he noted, our Law School has become highly ranked in Asia. He said that he looked forward to moving our Law School further upwards in the coming future.

Later on, the LLB, JD, and PCLL programme directors also welcomed the new students and set out their expectations. The LLB Programme Director and Associate Director, Prof. Kelvin Low and Ms. Anna Lui, encouraged the freshmen to read a lot and widely. The JD Programme Director and Associate Director, Dr. Mark Kielsgard and Ms. Sara Tsui, reminded the new students to ask teachers questions if they do not understand course material. The PCLL Programme Director and Associate Director, Ms. Theresa Low and Dr. Peter Chan, advised the newcomers to enjoy their studies and manage time well.

After the luncheon were the introductions on international mooting and advocacy, the CityU Law Review, the law library, professional development, and e-learning. Mr. Kay Chan, the Chairman of the Alumni Association of CityU School of Law, was invited as a guest speaker to share his experiences in legal practice with the students.

The Orientation for LLM and LLMArbDR students was held in the evening. Dean Prof. Geraint Howells and Incoming Dean Prof. Tan Cheng Han, S.C. welcomed the newly admitted students. Dean Howells also introduced the history of the programmes, including the LLM programme for incumbent Chinese judges, and the collaboration with University Paris 1 and the University of Fribourg. The LLM and LLMArbDR students met their programme directors afterwards.

The Student Orientation was a great success. Students got to become familiar with their new environment and gain information useful to their studies at CityU. Welcome all new students again to CityU School of Law! Your fascinating CityU journey has now begun.