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25 Years' Hong Kong SAR: Transformation and Continuation Academic Conference

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(Ms. Elsie Leung Oi-sie delivered the keynote speech at the opening ceremony)

The year 2022 marks the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China and the implementation of the Basic Law of the HKSAR. In the past 25 years, there have been profound transformations in the political, legal and social situations in the HKSAR, Mainland China, regionally and internationally. It is the right time for reflection on the implementation of the policy of "One Country, Two Systems" and the Basic Law in the HKSAR.

On 25 and 26 November 2022, the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) and the Centre for Public Affairs and Law (CPAL) of the City University of Hong Kong jointly held an international conference: 25 Years' Hong Kong SAR: Transformation and Continuation.



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This conference gathered 30 distinguished academics and former government officials from the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macau to discuss fundamental issues relating to Hong Kong's political, legal, and social transformation and the future.

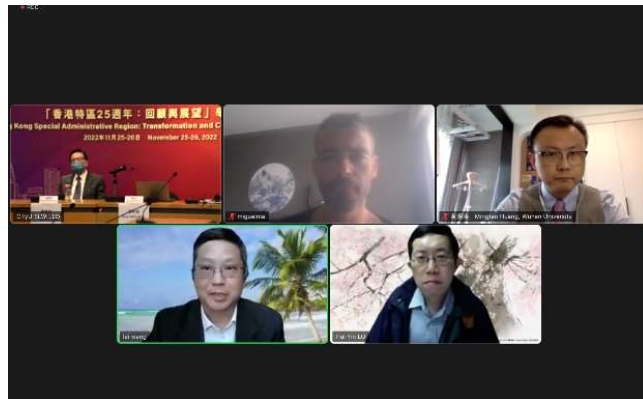
The conference was kicked off with welcome speeches by **Prof. Guobin Zhu**, Director of the CPLR, and by **Prof Edmund Cheung**, Co-Associate Director of the CPAL. **Ms. Elsie Leung Oi-sie**, former and the first Secretary of Justice of the HKSAR Government and **Mr. Dayuan Han**, Professor of Law at Renmin University of China's School of Law and Member of the Hong Kong Basic Law Committee of the NPCSC, delivered their theme-based opening speeches. They stressed the importance of upholding the rule of law, persisting in the continuation and development of the common law, and the pursuit of the value of freedom in Hong Kong.



(Prof. Dayuan Han delivered the keynote speech)

Centred around the transformation and continuation of the HKSAR in the last 25 years, the conference was divided into five sessions. Each session focused on one topic, and the topics covered by the conference ranged from constitutional law and order, sovereignty and democracy, governance, the rule of law, human rights and national security, etc.

Prof. Jihong Mo, Prof. Mingtao Huang, Prof. Minghui Chen, Prof. Feilong Tian, Prof. Miguel Angelo, Prof. Yang Sun, Prof. Stuart Hargreaves, Dr. P Y Lo, Prof. Xiaobo Zhai, Prof. Ying Liu, Prof. Xiang Zhang, Prof. Xiaoshan Zhang, Prof. Junzhi He, Prof. Jingxian Chen, Prof. Yanying Bi, Prof. Guobin Zhu, and Ms. Wenting Huang presented their papers in this conference via zoom.



(From left to right: Prof. Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Prof. Miguel Angelo, Prof. Mingtao Huang, Prof. Lei Wang, Dr. Pui Yin LO)



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Prof. Ryan Mitchell, Prof. Albert Chen, Prof. Sonny Lo, Prof. Hualing Fu attended the conference at City University of Hong Kong. At the end of each session, there were Q&As and discussions. All speakers and audiences had heated debates on relevant issues.



(From left to right: Prof. Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Prof. Ryan Mitchell, Prof. Sonny Lo, Prof. Hualing Fu, Prof. Albert Chen)

The conference ended with the concluding remarks of **Prof. Albert Chen** who is also a Member of the Hong Kong Basic Law Committee, and by closing remarks by **Prof. Zhu** on behalf of the organisers. They highly praised the quality presentation of all the speakers, and thanked the speakers and participants for taking part in this conference.



(Prof. Albert Chen delivered a keynote speech)



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