

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges 22nd October, 2019

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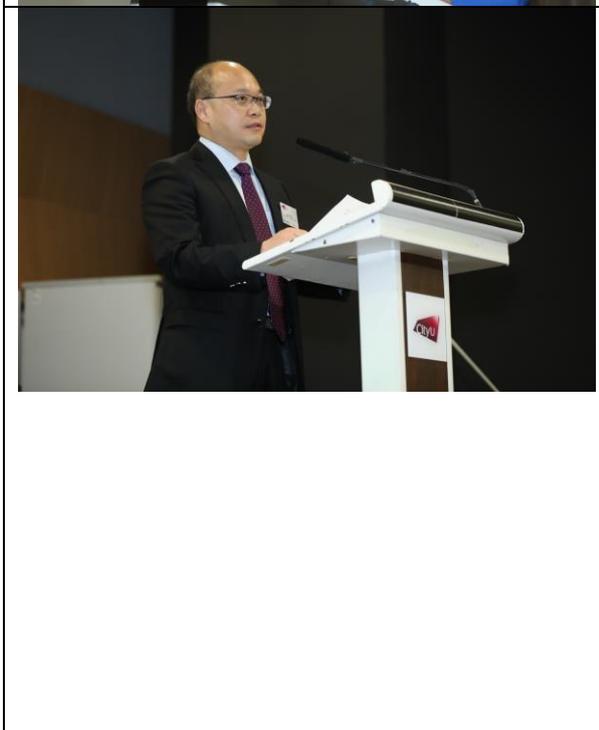
City University of Hong Kong has collaborated with the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and its National Judges College since 2009. Together they have organized a number of programmes for Chinese senior judges and have educated elites in the field. The Opening Ceremony for the 7th Doctor of Juridical Science Programme for Chinese Senior Judges, the 10th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges and the 15th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges was successfully held on 9 October 2019 at Joseph Lee Hall (LT-3505), Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building.

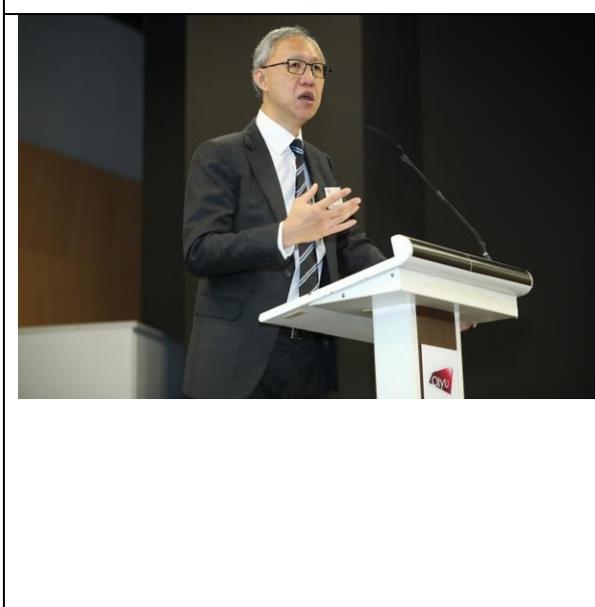


Group photo of officiating guests and participants of 15th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges

Prominent experts in the law field in Hong Kong and mainland China have attended the ceremony. The officiating guests included **Ms. FENG Wen-li**, Vice President, National Judges College; **Mr. LIU Chun-hua**, Director-General, Department of Law, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the

HKSAR; **Mr. WANG Chen**, Deputy Director, Department of Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China in the HKSAR; **Mr. WONG Wai-chung, Wesley, SC, JP**, Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Hong Kong; **Mr. C. M. CHAN**, Vice President, The Law Society of Hong Kong; **Mr. Stephen WONG Kai-yi**, Commissioner, Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong; **Mr. GUO Jian-an**, Chairman of the Board, China Legal Service (H.K.) Ltd.; **Professor TAN Cheng-Han**, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, and **Professor LIN Feng**, Director, Centre for Judicial Education and Research, City University of Hong Kong cum Associate Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong.

	<p>In her welcoming speech, <b>Ms. FENG Wen-li</b>, mentioned that the Chinese judges programmes have opened a window between the legal fields in mainland China and in Hong Kong that allows both parties to communicate and exchange ideas.</p>
	<p><b>Mr. LIU Chun-hua</b> hoped to encourage students with three points. Firstly, to demonstrate the rule of law by using rationality and wisdom in adjudicating legal issues in mainland China and Hong Kong under the principle of “one country, two systems”. Secondly, to actively promote and facilitate exchange and cooperation between China and Hong Kong, so as to learn from each other with an international perspective. Thirdly, to cherish any learning opportunity by imposing self-discipline in order to make greater contributions to the rule of law in the two places.</p>

	<p><b>Mr. CM Chan</b> expressed that the judges programmes have established a very important platform for judicial communication between mainland China and Hong Kong. He also hoped that these courses could continue to be carried out, in order to promote close cooperation between the two places and to contribute to the prosperity of the societies.</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Stephen WONG Kai-yi</b> believed that although there are many irreplaceable advantages in the legal system in Hong Kong, the turmoil in the past few months has also reflected its inadequacies. He asked students to shoulder the responsibility of developing a harmonious society, to safeguard the rights of the people, and to help sustain Hong Kong's special status as the legal capital.</p>
	<p><b>Professor TAN Cheng-Han</b> thanked all the individuals and institutions that have helped us with the Chinese judges programmes over the years. He also pointed out that these programmes represent the School of Law's commitment to work with the Chinese judiciary to facilitate the development of world-class judges who can come up with fair and practical solutions to difficult legal and social issues. In the end, he wished all the participants a fruitful learning journey.</p>

The 22 Chinese senior judge participants came from 17 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions; they have attended various meetings and lectures during the period of 8-19 October 2019.

Through these judicial exchanges, the senior judge participants conducted in-depth discussions with the Hong Kong legal community thus further advanced their knowledge in common law and the differences between the two legal systems. CJER has specially arranged four lectures on Civil Justice and Criminal Justice for the delegation of senior judges.

Besides **Prof. Lin Feng**'s lecture on the core and hot issues of Hong Kong Basic Law, we have also invited **Justice Wally Yeung Chun-kuen**, Chief Judge of the High Court (Atg.); **Mr. Karl SUEN**, Government Counsel; **Mr. Wesley WONG, SC**, Solicitor General; **Mr. William TAM, SC**, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (IV), and **Mr. NG Wing-kit**, Public Prosecutor to conduct lectures on their fields of expertise.

During the two-week Programme, the participants have learnt about the Legislative and Judicial systems in Hong Kong through various visits, including visits to the China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd., the Ombudsmen, the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department, the High Court, the Court of Final Appeal, the Department of Justice, the Legislative Council, the ICAC, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR, the Correctional Service Department, and the Law Society of Hong Kong.

It is our honor to have **Mr Zhuang Zhong-xi**, Consultant, China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd., **Justice CHU Fun-ling**, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, **Mr LEUNG Kwan-yuen**, President of the Legislative Council, **Dr ZHOU Lu-lu**, Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, **Mr Zhao Jian-kai**, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, and **Mr C.M. CHAN**, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, to meet and exchange views and ideas with the delegation of Chinese senior judges.

The 15th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges was successfully concluded on 18 October 2019. Participants of the programme enthusiastically joined the seminar held in the School of Law. The Chinese senior judges have concluded what they have learnt from the programme, as well as voiced their opinions and suggestions. The participant of this programme, **Judge Fan Deng-**

**feng**, Deputy Director of Hunan Changsha Intermediate People's Court cum Divisional Chief, Intellectual Property Tribunal, Hunan Changsha Intermediate People's Court, expressed that joining this programme has expanded his knowledge on the implementation of Basic Law in Hong Kong. He also quoted Confucian Book of Rites, as he reminded students to “study extensively, inquire prudently, reflect carefully, and practice earnestly”.

	
<p>Meeting <b>Mr. Stephen WONG Kai-yi</b>, Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data at the Office of PCPD</p>	<p>Visit to the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department</p>
	
<p>Meeting <b>Mr. C.M. CHAN</b>, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong</p>	<p>Visit to the ICAC</p>



Meeting **Mr. LEUNG Kwan-yuen**,  
President of the Legislative Council



Visit to the Department of Justice