



## **CHINA AS IP GAME CHANGER?**

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Over the last four decades, China has undergone a remarkable transformation from an intellectual property (IP) follower to a game changer. The story of China's journey in the realm of intellectual property is both fascinating and complex. The nation's progression is intricately woven into its political and economic shifts. Narrating this tale requires navigating the swirling currents of China's dynamic reality, where any perspective is inevitably shaped by one's global views and background.

Responding to this critical need, the School of Law at the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) has forged a talk. Professor Liu Kung-Chung, renowned for his extensive expertise in intellectual property law, brought a wealth of knowledge and a unique perspective to the symposium. Serving as the discussant for this enlightening session was Professor Eliza Mik from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Guiding the symposium's proceedings with finesse and expertise was Professor He Tianxiang from the City University of Hong Kong.

In an enlightening presentation, Professor Liu Kung-Chung provided a historical perspective on the People's Republic of China's (PRC) journey from establishing legal foundations to ascending the intellectual property (IP) high ground. Delving into the National Intellectual Property Strategy (2008-2020), he highlighted the nation's evolution into an IP powerhouse. Professor Liu then explored the PRC's current position as a global IP gamechanger, focusing on its strategic initiatives outlined in the "Guidelines on Building an IPR Power (2021-2035)." The comprehensive set of IP laws, integration into the Civil Code, administrative protection mechanisms, and assertive judicial system were discussed, underscoring the PRC's influence across various industries. The talk concluded with insightful suggestions for the PRC's continued advancements in the realm of intellectual property.

During the concluding Q&A session, Professor Eliza Mik actively engaged with the audience, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas. Her insightful queries and thoughtful responses added an enriching dimension to the symposium, allowing participants to delve deeper into the complexities of China's evolving intellectual property landscape.

As the symposium drew to a close, the profound insights shared by Professor Liu Kung-Chung and the engaging discussions led by Professor Eliza Mik left participants with a heightened appreciation for China's transformative journey in intellectual property. Under the adept moderation of Professor He Tianxiang, the event concluded on a high note, symbolizing a successful exploration of China's legal evolution and its pivotal role in shaping the global intellectual property landscape.



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