

## The Opening Ceremony for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Doctor of Juridical Science Programme for Chinese Senior Judges, the 9<sup>th</sup> Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges and the 13<sup>th</sup> Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges was Held Successfully in CityU

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The Opening Ceremony for the 5th and 6th Doctor of Juridical Science Programme for Chinese Senior Judges, the 9th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges and the 13th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges was held on 19 October 2018 in the Connie Fan Multi-media Conference Room at the City University of Hong Kong.

The officiating guests attending the Ceremony included **Ms. Teresa CHENG Yeuk-wah**, GBS, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice, Department of Justice, **Prof. HUANG Wenjun**, President, National Judges College, **Prof. Way KUO**, President and University Distinguished Professor, CityU, **Mr. LIU Chunhua**, Deputy Director-General, Department of Law, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, **Dr. ZHOU Lulu**, 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. CM CHAN**, Vice President, The Law Society of Hong Kong, and **Prof. LIN Feng**, Director, Centre for Judicial Education and Research and Associate Dean, School of Law, CityU.





President Way Kuo: CityU is the best university because she humbly acquires good practice in her interaction with the society as well as through cooperation with other institutions. However, being the best university doesn't mean she is perfect. CityU is willing to embrace her imperfection and will keep making progress. Prof. Kuo anticipates to see continuous support from the society for CityU as well as the Chinese Judges Programmes.

Ms. Teresa Cheng Yeuk-wah: there are strength as well as drawbacks in both common law and statute law. She encourages the Chinese judge students to share their experiences in statute law with practitioners in Hong Kong and in the meanwhile she also urges the students to seize the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in common law.



President Huang Wenjun: with the continuous support from the government of the HKSAR and various government bodies, the Chinese Judges Programmes will further promote the judicial cooperation between Hong Kong and the mainland. He looks forward to seeing integration of values in future as well as the fulfillment of the value of law.

Mr. Liu Chunhua: so far, the City University of Hong Kong has trained more than 700 Chinese judges, more importantly, she has established a new mode of cooperation in legal education between Hong Kong and the mainland, making great contribution to China's legal construction.





Mr. CM Chan: CityU's Chinese Judges Programmes have achieved win-win situation for the judiciary in both Hong Kong and the mainland. The Programmes are not only special but rather competitive. The judge students can expand their horizon by enrolling in such a well-arranged and tailor-made programme.

Judge Zhang Kaixin (student representative of the 6th Doctor of Juridical Science Programme for Chinese Judges and Vice President of the High People's Court of Shandong Province): it is a privilege to become one of the selected senior judges to pursue a doctoral degree in CityU. The University provides not only professional education, internationalized environment for study and manifests high standard and reputation as well. And that explains why CityU has become a dream school for many students.



Judge Li Yaxin (student representative of the 9th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges and assistant judge of the Beijing Tongzhou District People's Court): it is very challenging to study common law in English. Our timetable is very tight at CityU which enables us to learn and practice common law knowledges in a comprehensive manner. The Programme has given them confidence in facing and dealing with difficulties in their career.

Judge Yin Yong: (participant representative of the 13th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges and President of the Shanghai Pudong New Area People's Court): the Advanced Programme has actively responded to the new needs arise in judiciary as the international economy develops. The Programme covers both judicial practice and theoretical study. It would be a rewarding and fruitful experience for us.



Prof. Lin Feng: besides paying gratitude to the Supreme People's Court of the PRC, the National Judges College and the legal bodies in Hong Kong for their continuous support for our Chinese Judges Programme, I also want to specially extend my gratitude to the Chinese judge students for their strong aspiration for knowledges. They let us see the future of China's judiciary and it is their sincere attitude and determination that encourage us to continue to perfect the Programmes.