



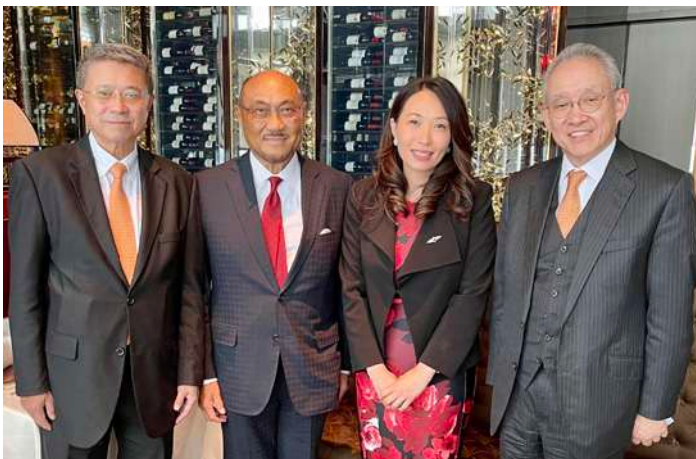
The New “A Fireside Chat with the Masters” Seminar Series

The City University of Hong Kong School of Law Students’ Professional Development and Public Service Programme (“the Programme”) has launched a new seminar series entitled “A Fireside Chat with the Masters” (“the Series”). The series is the brainchild of Mrs. Scarlet Fung, Adjunct Professor and Director of the Programme (“Programme Director”). She explained:

“The Series is unique as it features prominent members of the legal profession with a long list of accomplishments in their career and engagements in public service. The seminars in the Series are not merely career talks as featured practitioners also shared lessons from their professional journeys and life experiences and students could learn from the speakers’ words of wisdom and advice gleaned from their many years of practice and public service experience.”

A Fireside Chat with the Masters – Dr. Chow Wing Kin, Anthony, SBS, JP, Mr. Paul Tan and Mr. Fred Kan

On 8 April 2021, “A Fireside Chat with the Masters - Dr. Chow Wing Kin, Anthony, SBS, JP, Mr. Paul Tan and Mr. Fred Kan” was held as a star-studded beginning of the Series. Dr. Anthony Chow, currently the Senior Consultant of Guantao & Chow Solicitors and Notaries, was formerly the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong and Chairman of The Hong Kong Jockey Club. Mr. Paul Tan was the Managing Partner of Baker McKenzie and Vice-President of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Mr. Fred Kan is the Founder and Senior Partner of Fred Kan & Co. and formerly Council Member of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Held virtually in light of Covid, the event attracted over 95 attendees.



From left: Mr. Paul Tan, Mr. Fred Kan, Adjunct Professor and Programme Director Mrs. Scarlet Fung and Dr. Chow Wing Kin, Anthony.
左起：陳傳仁先生、簡家驄先生、特約教授及課程主任馮曹海賢女士和周永健博士。

「與大師爐邊對話」新講座系列

香港城市大學法律學院學生專業發展及公共服務課程（課程）推出了名為「與大師爐邊對話」的新講座系列（系列）。該系列乃是由特約教授及課程主任馮曹海賢女士（課程主任）精心創建的。她解釋說：「這個系列是獨一無二的，因為參與講座的嘉賓都是法律界的精英翹楚，他們在專業和公共服務方面都有長足的成就。該系列的講座並不止是普通的職業講座，因為參與講座的法律專業人士還分享了他們的專業歷程和生命經驗，而學生們可以從講員，根據累積多年的法律工作及公共服務經驗，所發的智慧之言及建議中得到啟發。」

與大師爐邊對話 —— 周永健博士，SBS，JP、陳傳仁先生和簡家驄先生

課程於 2021 年 4 月 8 日舉辦了「與大師爐邊對話——周永健博士，SBS，JP、陳傳仁先生和簡家驄先生」講座，作為這星光熠熠系列的開端。周永健博士現任觀韜律師事務所（香港）的高級顧問，並曾任香港律師會會長和香港賽馬會主席。陳傳仁先生曾任貝克·麥堅時律師事務所的管理合夥人和香港律師會副會長。簡家驄先生是簡家驄律師行的創辦人 and 高級合夥人，並曾任香港律師會的理事會會員。鑒於新冠疫情，該活動在線上舉行，吸引了超過 95 名與會者。



Students listened attentively to the sharing of the three speakers during the webinar.
同學們在線上講座中專注聆聽三位講員的分享。

During the seminar, Dr. Chow, Mr. Tan and Mr. Kan discussed a wide range of topics, ranging from which practice areas might prosper in the near future, advice on career development, public service to precious life advice. For example, when asked to share one piece of advice to students, Mr Kan reminded students to have a correct attitude towards handling mistakes: *"To err is human...I'm sure you made mistakes, and you will make mistakes..... When we realise that we have made a mistake, what should we do? I will ask you to face up to it. If you have a superior, report it to your superior. Don't hide it. Don't sweep it under the carpet. Deal with it immediately and find remedial measures. You will find out that things are not as bad as you think."*

Besides, the guests stressed that one should not engage in public service out of selfish motivations like advancing one's reputation or career. Instead, Dr. Chow shared an anecdote of the relationship between his passion and public service and how his love for horses had led to him becoming the Chairman of the Hong Kong Jockey Club: *"I fell in love with horses. I never realised that I could combine my legal knowledge with horses.....I was asked to sit in hearings to judge on jockeys' conduct and trainers' conduct because of my understanding of the racing industry. That was what took me up the ladder.....This is a primary example of where my passion could take me."* In response, Wong Koon-yan, a third year LLB student wrote that *"[The speakers] truly encouraged us to do what we like and engage in public service based on our true passion instead of what others tell us to do."*

All three speakers also highlighted the importance of integrity: *"As a lawyer, what is going to make you last is to resist temptation and be honest about things, and that leads to one word which is integrity"* said Dr. Chan, echoing the advice given by Mr. Tan and Mr. Kan.

Touched by the Masters' sharing, Grace Chiu Hui-kee, a third year LLB student, expressed that *"This event is indeed very different from the other webinars that I had attended before. Instead of sharing a lot on job application skills, they reminded us, as potential professionals, to maintain our integrity and follow our heart in making career decisions."*



The three guests met and continued their sharing with some law students in small groups after the webinar.
三位嘉賓在線上講座之後與一些法律學院同學會晤，進行小組分享。

在講座中，周博士、陳先生和簡先生討論了廣泛的話題，從哪些法律業務領域在不久將來可能會蓬勃發展，對於學生職業發展和參與公共服務的建議到他們寶貴的人生經驗。例如，當被邀請與學生分享一條建議時，簡先生提醒學生對處理錯誤要有正確的態度：「犯錯是人之常情……我相信你曾犯錯，你也將會犯錯……當我們意識到自己犯了錯，我們應怎樣做？我會建議你應勇敢地面對它。若你有上司，應向你的上司報告。不要隱藏它，不要掩蓋它。立即處理它，尋找解決的方法。你會發現事情沒有你想像的那麼糟糕。」

此外，嘉賓特別強調，一個人不應為了提升個人聲譽或事業等一己之利而從事公共服務。相反，周博士分享了他的熱忱與公共服務間的關係，以及他對馬匹的熱愛驅使他成為香港賽馬會主席的軼事：「我愛上了馬匹。我從未意識到我可以將我的法律知識與馬結合起來……因為我對賽馬行業的了解，我被邀請參加聽證會，評核騎師和教練的行為。這讓我更上一層樓……這是說明我的熱忱可以引領我達到新的境地的一個例子。」對此法學學士三年級學生黃冠欣寫道：「嘉賓們真正鼓勵我們做自己喜歡做的事，並根據自己的真正的熱忱，而不是聽從他人參與公共服務」

三位嘉賓都強調了誠信的重要性。陳博士同意陳先生和簡先生的建議，並說：「作為一名律師，能讓事業持久的關鍵是抵制誘惑，抱誠守真。這都歸結為一個詞語——誠信。」

法學學士三年級學生崔曉祈被大師們的分享所感動，她表示：「這次活動確實與我之前參加的其他線上講座大不相同。講員沒有分享很多求職技巧，反而是提醒我們，作為未來的專業人士，需要保持誠實正直，並在做職業決定時遵循自己的本心。」



A Fireside Chat with the Master – Mr. Lester Garson Huang, SBS, JP

In September 2021, the Series made a splendid return through a concerted team effort by Adjunct Professor and Programme Director Ms Scarlet Fung and 29 CityU law students throughout the summer. On 9 September 2021, Mr. Lester Garson Huang, SBS, JP, Partner and Co-Chairman of P.C. Woo & Co. and Council Chairman of CityU shared his rich and diverse legal practice and public service experience with over 125 attendees in "A Fireside Chat with The Master- Mr. Lester Garson Huang, SBS, JP". This event was held in a hybrid format, in-person at CityU and online. Professor Way Kuo, President of CityU and Professor Tan Chenghan, Dean of the School of Law, also attended the event.



Mr. Lester Huang and Adjunct Professor and Programme Director Mrs. Scarlet Fung as the host and interviewer.

黃嘉純先生及作為主持人的特約教授及課程主任馮曹海賢女士。

Not only is Mr. Huang a seasoned legal practitioner and prominent member of the legal profession, he is heavily involved in public service. He was the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong and is currently the Chairman of the Social Welfare Advisory Committee of the HKSAR Government, a Non-Executive Director of the Securities and Futures Commission, and an Honorary Legal Advisor to a number of organisations and companies, among others.

During his informal "Fireside Chat", Mr. Huang shared some life lessons from his professional journey and public service, and offered students some advice on professional development.

One piece of advice was for students to develop a "universal" interest. "I used to check out my hallmates' books and even look up their reading lists. I found myself going to the library to look for the books they were reading," Mr. Huang recalled. "I spent time doing things other than law, which is actually very important for legal practice. For every facet of life, I ask myself: What does law have to do with it?" Mr. Huang added.

His words of wisdom and advice enlightened students, enabling them to gain a deeper understanding of not only the legal profession, but also of work and life in general.

與大師爐邊對話 —— 黃嘉純先生，SBS，JP

系列於 2021 年 9 月在特約教授及課程主任馮曹海賢女士和 29 位城大法學生在整個暑期的合作努力下閃亮回歸。城大校董會主席、胡百全律師事務所合夥人兼聯席主席黃嘉純先生，SBS，JP 於 9 月 9 日出席「與大師爐邊對話——黃嘉純先生，SBS，JP」講座，與逾 125 名與會者分享他豐富的法律工作與公職經驗。是次活動以線上線下混合方式進行。城大郭位校長及法律學院院長陳清漢教授均有出席是次講座。



Mr. Huang shared his life lessons from his professional journey and public service, and offered students advice on professional development.

黃嘉純先生與學生分享其事業歷程及投身公職的經驗，並為他們提供專業發展意見。

黃先生為資深律師，在法律界深受尊崇，更熱心參與公共服務。他曾擔任香港律師會會長，現為香港特別行政區政府的社會福利諮詢委員會主席、證券及期貨事務監察委員會非執行董事，以及多家機構及企業的榮譽法律顧問。

黃先生在輕鬆的「爐邊對話」氣氛下，與一眾學生分享其專業歷程及投身公職的經驗，並為他們提供專業發展意見。其中一項意見是鼓勵學生培養全面的興趣。他說：「我過去常常留意我的室友看甚麼書，甚至翻查他們的閱讀清單。我會特意去圖書館尋找他們要閱讀的書籍。」他又說：「我會花時間做法律以外的事情，這其實對法律執業非常重要。對於生活的各方面，我都問自己：這與法律有甚麼關係？」

黃先生睿智的講話對學生有所啟發，讓他們更深入了解法律專業之餘，亦對工作與人生有更深一層的體會。

法律學院四年級生李海琦說：「我衷心佩服黃先生的謙虛和對自我改進的熱忱。對於黃先生在大學期間追求跨學科知識，及在法律職涯期間獲得教育碩士學位，我感到非常驚嘆。我現在知道世上的知識是無限的，人們應該保持好奇心，不斷學習、日新又新。」

"I truly admire Mr. Huang's humility and his passion towards self-improvement. I was quite amazed at Mr. Huang's pursuance for multi-discipline knowledge during his university days and for a Master's degree in Education during his legal career. I have come to know that the well of knowledge in the world is infinite and one should always be curious to learn more," expressed Garnet Li Hoi-kei, a final-year LLB student.

What also struck students was Mr. Huang's view on the value of integrity. Janice Choy Sin-hang, a first-year LLB student, shared, "Mr. Huang mentioned how he values integrity a lot. I originally thought that he would give advice on our studies or career paths but it turned out to be a simple value. His words reminded us again that we first need to be a good person before becoming a good lawyer."

After the main session, 55 students had the precious opportunity to interact with Mr. Huang, three other partners and three associates-to-be from P.C. Woo. & Co. in a small group session during which Mr. Huang shared an inspirational story on integrity.



Mrs. Scarlet Fung and a team of 29 School of Law students spent two months putting the event together.
馮曹海賢女士及 29 名法律學院學生組成的團隊，為是次活動籌備達兩個月。

Fireside Chat with the Masters – The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Au, JA and Mr. Richard Khaw, SC

On 23 September 2021, the Programme organized "A Fireside Chat with the Masters – The Honourable Mr. Justice Au, JA and Mr. Richard Khaw, SC", the third event in the Series.



From left: Adjunct Professor and Programme Director Mrs. Scarlet Fung as the host and interviewer, Mr. Richard Khaw, SC and The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Au, JA. 左起：是次講座的主持特約教授及課程主任馮曹海賢女士、許偉強資深大律師和上訴法庭法官區慶祥。

黃先生對誠信價值的看法也特別觸動學生。法律學院一年級生蔡善行表示：「黃先生提到他非常重視誠信。我本以為他會就學習或職業發展路徑提供建議，但他談的卻是簡單的價值觀。他的話再次提醒我們，我們首先要成為一個有誠信的人，才能成為一名好律師。」

在對話環節結束後，55 名學生亦得到寶貴機會，與黃先生、胡百全律師事務所的三名合夥人及三名準律師作小組對話。期間黃先生亦分享了一則關於誠信的故事，令學生深受啟發。



Professor Way Kuo, President of CityU and Professor Tan Cheng-han, Dean of the School of Law attended the event.
城大郭位校長及法律學院院長陳清漢教授出席是次講座。

「與大師爐邊對話 —— 上訴法庭法官區慶祥和許偉強資深大律師」

本課程於 2021 年 9 月 23 日舉辦了「與大師爐邊對話 —— 上訴法庭法官區慶祥和許偉強資深大律師」講座。這是系列的第三講。



The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Au, JA shared his life and work as a judge with students. 上訴法庭法官區慶祥與學生分享他作為法官的生活及工作。

During the event, The Honourable, Mr. Justice Thomas Au, JA shared his journey of pursuing legal study at law school while practicing as a physiotherapist, highlighting how his professional training as a physiotherapist had actually helped him with his legal study and practice. He offered students advice on practising law, reminding students to possess "[a] high standard of integrity and intellectual honesty" and to "never lose sight of commitment to the profession". With his candid sharing, Mr. Justice Au, JA also helped students understand the work and life of a judge and what essential qualities, such as a sense of mission, are required of a lawyer to become a judge and encouraged students to envision taking the bench.

Mr. Justice Au, JA also reminded students not to be complacent because the law is constantly changing. His insightful and genuine sharing naturally overflowed with a strong sense of mission to uphold justice and fairness. Through his impactful sharing, students were left in awe at his professionalism and dedication as a judge.

The sharing by Mr. Richard Khaw, SC had enriched students' understanding of the work and life of a successful barrister as he introduced his arbitration practice and his four-time experiences of being a Deputy Judge at the Court of First Instance and what he had learnt from such experiences. When asked to give one piece of advice to students, he encouraged students to set short-term "micro-ambitions" for themselves and constantly engage in multi-dimensional thinking:

"Integrity and hard work aside, my advice is that you don't need to have any, say, long-term plans...I think short-term goals are good enough because life is too unpredictable for you to have any long term plans..... Your next goal will be to decide whether you want to join the profession because some students may not eventually become lawyers and you will do something else. That's perfectly alright because different people have different interests to pursue."

In the subsequent small group session, both guests shared further insights with aspiring barristers-to-be, including practical tips on how to perform well during mini-pupillages and how to better prepare pupillage applications. Students also had the precious opportunity to meet and interact with barristers from Temple Chambers and Sir Oswald Cheung's Chambers in small groups.



The two guests and barristers from Temple Chambers and Sir Oswald Cheung's Chambers met and interacted with students in small groups after the seminar.

兩位嘉賓及來自 Temple Chambers 和張奧偉爵士大律師辦事處的大律師在講座之後與法律學院同學作小組會面及交流。

於是次講座，上訴法庭法官區慶祥分享了他作為物理治療師時在法學院學習法律的歷程，並指出他作為物理治療師的專業訓練對他的法律學習和工作很有幫助。他為學生提供了從事法律工作的建議，提醒學生要「把持正直和堅持對真理的追求」及「永遠不要失去對專業的投入及承擔」。區法官亦以真誠分享幫助學生瞭解法官的工作和生活，以及成為一名法官需要哪些基本素質，如使命感，並鼓勵學生憧憬成為法官。

區法官還提醒學生不要自滿，因為法律在不斷變化。區法官精闢而真誠的分享，自然流露出維護正義和公平的強烈使命感。通過他富有影響力的分享，學生們對他作為法官的專業精神和奉獻精神感到敬佩。

許偉強大律師的分享豐富了學生對一個成功大律師工作及生活的理解。他介紹了自己的仲裁事務和四次擔任高等法院原訟法庭特委法官的經歷及對他的啟發。當被邀請給學生一個建議時，他鼓勵學生為自己設定短期的「微觀目標」，並不斷進行多維度的思考：

「除了誠信和勤奮，我的建議是，你不需要有任何長期計畫...我認為有短期目標就可以了，因為人生太難以預料，容讓你作任何長遠的計劃……你的下一個目標將會是決定你是否想加入這個行業。因為有些學生最終可能不會成為律師，而是做其他工作。這完全沒有問題，因為人各有志。」

在隨後的小組討論中，兩位嘉賓與打算從事大律師行業的學生們進一步分享心得，包括怎樣能在實習期間有更佳的表現及如何更好地準備實習申請。學生們也有寶貴的機會與來自 Temple Chambers 和張奧偉爵士大律師辦事處的大律師們進行小組交流和互動。



From left on the last row: Professor Tan Cheng Han, Dean of the School of Law, Ms. Esther Mak, Mr. Richard Khaw S.C., The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Au, JA, Mrs. Scarlet Fung, Mr. Justin Ismail, Mr. Brian Chok and School of Law students who helped organize the event.

最後排左起：法律學院院長陳清漢教授、麥凱淇大律師、許偉強資深大律師、上訴法庭法官區慶祥、馮曹海賢女士、束文浩大律師、石正劭大律師和參與籌辦這次活動的法律學院學生。