A New Journey: CityU School of Law Graduation Ceremony 2017

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The School of Law of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) held its graduation ceremony at the Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall, 5/F Lau Ming Wai Academic Building on 25 November 2017, celebrating the accomplishments of hundreds of new graduates.

More than 500 participants including faculty members and graduates from Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, Juris Doctor, Master of Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Master of Laws, Doctor of Juridical Science and Doctor of Philosophy programmes, along with their parents, relatives and friends participated in this memorable event and witnessed the solemn moment.

Professor Geraint Howells, Dean of CityU Law School presided at the ceremony. Mr. Wong Wai-chung, Wesley SC, JP, Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Professor Howells, and our graduate representative Ms. Poon Hei Tung Kathleen gave addresses.

Mr. Wong said to the graduates: “It is imperative that everyone in society should fulfil the civic duty to uphold the rule of law. This responsibility rests squarely on you, as law graduates”. He emphasized that the reputation of the rule of law in Hong Kong is built on its people. We are fortunate to inherit a legal system renowned for its rule-of-law credentials. He encouraged the graduates to stand strong in defence of the rule of law when confronted with irresponsible acts or speeches that sabotage it.
Professor Howells congratulated the graduates and thanked the faculty of the Law School, who guided them throughout their legal education. He also thanked their families and friends for their endless love and support. “Graduation is not the end; it is the beginning of another new journey.” Professor Howells encouraged graduates to critically reflect on what they have learnt at the School, prepare to learn new things and make a difference.

Graduate representative, Kathleen urged her fellow graduates to keep a balance in work and life. “Balancing is like diversification. Investing in different areas of life makes one less susceptible to everyday fluctuations and improves returns in the form of fulfillment,” she said.

The graduation ceremony marks the beginning of a new journey for the graduates. The School of Law is proud of the graduates and we wish them every success in the next chapter of their lives.