The School of Law marked its 30th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner Celebration

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To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of its establishment, the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong ("CityU") held its Gala Dinner at The Excelsior, Hong Kong on 3 March 2018. Legal Professions in Hong Kong, academic staff, students and alumni from City University gathered to share the joyful moments of this special occasion. The officiating guests included The Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey MA, GBM, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal; The Hon Mr Justice Robert TANG, SBS, Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal; Mr Rimsky YUEN, GBM, SC, JP, Former Secretary for Justice; Mr Andrew LIAO, GBS, SBS, SC, JP, Council Chairman, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Mr Stephen WONG, The Commissioner; Professor Michael HOR, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong; Mr Edward CHAN, SC, JP, Sir Oswald Cheung's Chambers; Mr. Lester HUANG, JP, Council Chairman, CityU; Professor Way KUO, President and University Distinguished Professor, CityU; Professor Alex JEN, Provost, CityU; Professor LU Jian, Vice President (Research and Technology), CityU; Professor Horace IP, Vice-President (Student Affairs), CityU; Professor Paul LAM, Chief-of-Staff, CityU; Professor YAN Houmin, Dean, College of Business, CityU; Professor ZANG Xiaowei, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, CityU; Professor Richard ALLEN, Dean, School of Creative Media, CityU; Professor Geraint HOWELLS, Dean & Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, CityU; Professor LIN Feng, Associate Dean, School of Law, CityU; Dr CHEN Lei, Associate Dean, School of Law, CityU; Ir Dr Raymond HO, SBS, MBE, S.B.St.J., JP, Former Council Chairman, CityU and some distinguished alumni including Mr Hectar PUN, SC, Barrister, Senior Counsel, Denis Chang's Chamber; Mr Richard KHAW, SC, Senior Counsel, Temple Chambers; Ms Bonita CHAN, Former Chairlady, Law School Alumni Association, CityU; Ms Sandy WONG, JP, Advisor to Law School Alumni Association, CityU and etc.
The Gala Dinner was kicked off by the welcome speech of Professor Geraint HOWELLS. Professor Howells first welcomed all officiating guests and alumni who participated in this event. He recalled how he was impressed by the incredible creativity of the School of Law when he first joined the School. “In recent years, the School of Law offers a wide range of legal programmes including Chinese Judges Programme, legal placement course and professional development training, joint degree programme and etc. For the Chinese Judges Programme, we see ourselves with a mission to act as a bridge between common law and Chinese law and promote the understanding of similarities and differences between the two legal systems. Generations of staff have all shared the same dedication to contribute to Hong Kong and make every joint effort to stay ahead of education and research in Hong Kong.” he said. Professor Howells is very proud of the students and alumni for their regular success in international competitions, their enterprise in seeking to publish their work and their achievement in working at high levels of the professions.

The Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey MA congratulated the School of Law on its 30th Anniversary. He stated that Hong Kong is firmly recognized as an established common law jurisdiction. Judges, lawyers and the level of legal education in Hong Kong have made up a good reputation of our legal system, which is internationally respected. Recalling the past, Hong Kong have gone all out to overcome the challenges and difficulties encountered. At present, the challenges faced by the rule of law in Hong Kong requires the concerted effort of all legal professions to deal with. The quality of the law, the independence of the judiciary, the application of the legal system and the spirit of law and the recognition and respect for individual rights are fundamental to the rule of law. Chief Justice Geoffrey MA emphasized that everyone of us should have the obligation to understand these four important principles of law.
As a token of appreciation, Professor Way Kuo presented the “School of Law 30th Anniversary Commemorative Book” to Chief Justice Geoffrey MA and delivered his vote of thanks to the distinguished guests. He thanked all sectors of the community for their continuous support to CityU and the School of Law. “CityU is actively developing into a professional multi-disciplinary university. We all know that CityU has brought great academic accomplishments during the past years, but now we look forward to becoming an even brighter beacon for excellence in our joint endeavour.” he said.

Professor Alex JEN commended the contributions and achievements made by the School of Law in the past three decades and encouraged the School to continue its rapid growth and vibrant development.

Prof. Richard Allen then led the participants to sing a song written by him and Mr Sunny Lee Wai-kwong, Vice-President (Administration), CityU for the School of Law. They presented this gift to mark the milestone of our 30th Anniversary and deliver their blessings to the School.

The Law School Alumni Association, CityU had also arranged a wonderful magic show and singing performance to congratulate the School of Law on its 30th Anniversary.
At last, we wish the School of Law a happy 30th birthday, may the School keep up the good work and strive for greater success in the future.