

Recent Developments of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL)

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The Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) has been devoted to promoting research and academic exchange in relation to Chinese and comparative law. Below are the highlights of the most recent developments of RCCL since the second half of 2017.

New Directorship

Dr. Chen Lei, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of School of Law, was appointed to be the new director of RCCL since November 2017.



Dr. Chen Lei



Co-organized Seminar with CUHK Law Faculty

On 16 March 2018, RCCL co-organized a lunch seminar with the Faculty of Law of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). The seminar, which was part of CUHK Law Faculty's "Greater China Legal History Seminar Series", was delivered by our Centre Director, Dr. Chen Lei. Dr. Chen Lei surveyed and discussed the historical development of the civil law tradition in China from historical and comparative perspectives, followed by his observations on the future developments of Chinese private laws against the background of the making of a future Chinese Civil Code. While this was the first jointly organized activity of RCCL and CUHK Law Faculty, it paves way for further collaborations between the two institutions in the future.

Research Contract with Japan

In February 2018, RCCL reached an agreement with the Institute of Comparative Law in Japan (ICLJ) of Chuo University (ChuoU) under which RCCL will join ChuoU's research project on "Comprehensive Analysis on Diversity of Legal Systems in Asia-Pacific Region and Convergence towards the Establishment of the Rule of Law" as the Hong Kong research partner in return for 2,000,000 Japanese Yen. The research project is headed by Professor Nobuyuki Sato funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in the category of Private University Branding Project. The purpose of this international joint research project is to investigate the diversity of different legal systems within the Asia-Pacific region so as to create a comparative law database, which in turn will lay a foundation for exploring ways to enable the different legal systems to co-exist in a coordinated manner or even converge, hence achieving the rule of law within the Asia-Pacific region. This collaboration with ChuoU clearly demonstrates the endeavor of RCCL in seeking international collaboration to promote Chinese law and comparative law.

New Members

In addition to having a new director, four more School of Law academic staff have also joined RCCL in 2018: Dr. Lin Yi-Hsin became a RCCL Core Member while Dr. Peter Chan Chi Hin, Dr. He Tianxiang and Dr. André Janssen became RCCL Affiliated Members. The joining of these new members definitely would help in further enhancing RCCL's strength in promoting study and research in Chinese and comparative law in Hong Kong, Greater China, and internationally.



Dr. Lin Yu-Hsin



Dr. Peter Chan Chi Hin



Dr. He Tianxiang



Dr. André Janssen