Presentation of Research on Consumer Law in Hong Kong and other Common Law Countries in Asia

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The School of Law of City University of Hong Kong organized a “Presentation of Research on Consumer law in Hong Kong and other Common Law Countries in Asia” on 26 June 2018 at School Conference Room. The attendees included representatives from Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Department of Justice, Customs and Excise Department, Consumer Council and legal experts.
Prof. Geraint Howells (Dean & Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law) first welcomed all the guests and thanked them for their participation. He then presented his research team’s paper “Reforming Consumer Protection in Hong Kong: How to Adequately Protect Consumers?”. The presentation covered a wide range of topics, including the development of Consumer Law in Hong Kong, developing an action plan for Hong Kong Consumer Law.

Dr. André Janssen (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong) and Dr. Mateja Durovic (The Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London), were invited to comment on the topic. Dr. Janssen compared the Hong Kong Consumer Law with the Lemon Law in Singapore. He recommended the Hong Kong policy makers to initiate discussion on Sales Law and look into a more advanced Consumer Law regime to face challenges of the digital age. Dr. Durovic introduced various Consumer Law models in other countries which served as a good reference for reforming consumer protection in Hong Kong.

The invited guests actively participated in the discussion. They provided insightful views and critical comments towards the presentation. All participants had a better understanding of Hong Kong Consumer Law system and how the law can best be regulated to protect consumer adequately. The presentation was concluded with closing remarks from Prof. Howells. He thanked attendees for their enthusiastic participation which made this presentation a great success.