Student Orientation 2018: Welcome to CityU School of Law

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More than 350 new students from LLB, JD, PCLL, LLM, and LLMArbDR programmes attended the CityU Law School’s orientation on 28 August 2018. The orientation included a series of activities meant to introduce new students to the University’s resources, facilities, and opportunities, and help them get prepared for their new start.

Prof. Geraint Howells, Dean of the Law School, warmly welcomed the new students to the Law School family in the orientation. In his speech, he advised the students to take advantage of opportunities the School provides. To LLB and JD students, he strongly recommended them to take part in independent research, the G-LEAP exchange programme, legal placement...
programme, and international mooting competitions. “It is an important stage in your life,” Prof. Howells advised. He pointed out that grades are important, but developing well-rounded personalities is also important. “Make lasting friendships. Enjoy your study. Develop your skills. Keep your options open. Gain international exposure and look out for opportunities.” Prof. Howells hoped that students not only study law, but also engage with the law and a wide range of activities.

Later on, the LLB, JD, and PCLL programme directors also welcomed the new students and set out their expectations. The LLB Programme Director and Associate Director, **Prof. Kelvin Low** and **Ms. Anna Lui**, encouraged the freshmen to study hard, and to read a lot and widely. The JD Programme Director and Associate Director, **Dr. Mark Kielsgard** and **Ms. Sara Tsui**, reminded the new students to participate actively in the classes and tutorials, and ask teachers questions if they do not understand. The PCLL Programme Director and Associate Director, **Ms. Theresa Low** and **Dr. Peter Chan**, advised the newcomers to always plan ahead and manage time well.

After the luncheon were the introductions on international mooting and advocacy, the law library, professional development, and e-learning. **Mr. Kay Chan**, the Chairman of the Alumni Association of CityU School of Law, was invited as a guest speaker to share his experiences in legal practice with the students.

The Orientation for LLM and LLMArbDR students was held in the evening. The Dean, **Prof. Geraint Howells**, welcomed the newly admitted students and introduced the history of the programmes, including the LLM programme for incumbent Chinese judges and the collaboration with University Paris 1. The LLM and LLMArbDR students met their programme directors afterwards.

The Student Orientation was a great success. Students got to become familiar with their new environment and gain information useful to their studies at CityU. Welcome all new students again to CityU School of Law! The fascinating CityU journey has now begun.