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The Workshop on “Marine Insurance: risks and interpretation -- A Chinese-English Law Dialogue” held by the HK Commercial and Maritime Law Centre, City University of Hong Kong took place at the School of Law Conference Room in CityU on 23 November 2018.

The workshop began with the welcoming remarks given by Professor Geraint Howells (Dean, School of Law). Professor Howells emphasized Hong Kong as a leading maritime centre in the world and praised the Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre for being pragmatic and forward looking in responding to the development of maritime law. He presented souvenirs and thanked all participants for their active participation and support. Following the welcoming remarks, Professor Michael Tsimplis (Fellow of Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre) was invited to give an opening remarks for the workshop.
Seven papers were presented under the theme of “Marine Insurance: risks and interpretation”, including:

(i) Reading Marine Policies (H Bennett);
(ii) Insurance for cyber risks- cover, exclusions and interpretation (B Soyer);
(iii) The risks of third party aggressors: e.g. terrorists, pirates, malicious persons, vandals, saboteurs, violent thieves, and barrators (P Eggers QC);
(iv) Risks in shipbuilding and shipbuilding insurance in China (J Hu);
(v) Causation requirement for covered risks under Chinese hull insurance clauses (B Chu);
(vi) The “perils of the seas” under Chinese judicial practice (W Chang) and
(vii) Risks and exclusions in marine insurance contract in China (R Zheng)

Invited speakers presented their papers covering a wide range of topics which brought new insights for participants in the workshop.

The workshop played an important role in exchanging thoughts and views in marine insurance. Speakers and participants actively shared opinions and suggestions throughout the discussion which offered a good opportunity for exploring and developing cooperation among universities and judicial sector in the United Kingdom and China.