An Experiment to Understand Hong Kong's Law
The Course on the Essence of Common Law at PKU Law School
The legal system of the Mainland China is based on that of German, the Soviet Union and traditional China, which is quite different from common law which was adopted by Hong Kong.
To understand the legal system of Hong Kong, to understand common law.
Overview

Mini Pupillage in HK

Scholarships

Case Studies & Assignments

Moot Court

Lectures given by professors from PKU and barristers in HK

Since 2011
## Course Timetable and Requirements

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**Submission of Term Paper**

31 May 2016 (Tue) before 2359 hrs Peking Time

**Moot Court**

17/18 Jun 2016 (Fri/Sat) [9am-12.30pm, 2.30pm-5.30pm]

**Mini Pupillage in HK**

17-30 Jul 2016

(1 day - visit to Judiciary, Legal Aid, Legislative Council)

(1 Sat - go hiking/swimming)
More than twenty practicing barristers, who are specialists in public law and trade litigation, gave lectures on various topics.
Barristers talked about multiple aspects of common law, including theories, principles, legal system and processes.
Teaching Approach

Moot Court

Case Studies

1. Leung v Secretary for Justice
   [2006] 4 HKLRD 211 (20 September 2006)

2. Koo Sze Yiu v Chief Executive of HKSAR
   (2006) 9 HKCFAR 441 (12 July 2006)

3. Chan Kin Sum v Secretary for Justice
   [2009] 2 HKLRD 166 (8 December 2008)

4. W v Registrar of Marriages
   (2013) 16 HKCFAR 112 (13 May 2013)
In 2017, the essay question was about judicial review in Hong Kong.
In each courtroom, three Barristers acted as judges, stimulating court proceedings.
At the end of each session, scholarships are awarded to fifteen extraordinary students. About a hundred students has been awarded so far.
Mini Pupillage in HK

During the two-week pupillage, students were assigned to their tutors/mentors, with whom they had opportunities to work at leading chambers in Hong Kong.
Visit to High Court in Hong Kong
Discussion about the core value of the independence of judiciary in Hong Kong
Visit to Legal Aid Department in Hong Kong

Reflection on legal aid system in Hong Kong
Mini Pupillage in HK

Visit to Department of Justice in Hong Kong

Insight into the history and the development of legal system in Hong Kong
Ms. HR Ouyang, from the Legal Policy Division, introduced the duty of the Department of Justice and situations about the enforcement of law in Hong Kong.
Mini Pupillage in HK

Break Time
Learn More about Hong Kong
Employment Placement (Students with Scholarships)

- Government and Other Public Interest: 25
- SOEs/Business & Industry: 10
- Law Firm: 10
- Advanced Degree: 17
- Judicial Branch: 5

University/Institution

- PKU: 20
- Hong Kong: 5
- Abroad: 0
Employment Placement (Students with Scholarships)

PKU Juris Master (2012)
General office of the standing committee of the National People’s Congress.

PKU JM (2014)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PKU JM (2017) Faegre Baker Daniels LLP’s shanghai office

PKU JM (2014) Faegre Baker Daniels LLP’s Shanghai office

PKU JM (2014) HKU PCLL (2016)
Herbert Smith Freehills LLP’s Hong Kong office

PKU LLB (2015)
Harvard University JD

PKU JM (2014)
PKU JM (2013) Faegre Baker Daniels LLP’s Shanghai office

PKU JM (2014)
The University of Hong Kong PCLL

PKU JM (2014)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PKU LLB (2015)
Clifford Chance LLP’s beijing office

PKU JM (2014)
Kirkland & Ellis LLP’s Beijing office

PKU LLB (2015)
The University of Hong Kong PCLL

PKU JM (2016)
China Law Society
Based on systematical studies about common law, students expand their horizons, who will be able to contribute more to the improvement of legal systems, finding out more possibilities to promote cooperation between two areas.
The differences between the two legal systems that students experienced in person are thoroughly understood by them. Their understanding might be catalyst for the communication between two areas.
Through this course, students from PKU may understand more about the common law in Hong Kong. Meanwhile, barristers may know more about the law as well as the development and improvement of legal system in Mainland China.
THANK YOU

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