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## **HKU Law Students become Champion of the Lawasia Moot Competition in heated arguments over cross-border child abduction**

Law students The University of Hong Kong (HKU) emerged the winner today (June 7) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawasia Moot Competition, after having engaged in heated arguments over cross-border child abduction for two days with 10 other teams. Taylor's University, College of Malaysia became the runners-up.

A total of 11 teams from universities in nine countries/regions in Asia Pacific (Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and the Russian Federation) participated in the Competition held from June 6 to 7 in Hong Kong.

The Competition is held in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> Lawasia Biennial Conference at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). HKU is the host for the Competition and the Law Society of Hong Kong is the official sponsor.

The Competition provides law students with an excellent opportunity to develop and present arguments on issues of international and regional interest. The subject for this year is cross-border child abduction. The various rounds were adjudicated by eminent judges, practitioners and academics.

The Final Round of the Competition today was presided by eminent judges from New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong. They are: The Right Honourable Dame Sian Elias GNZM, Chief Justice of New Zealand, The Honourable Chief Justice Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of Australia and The Honourable Mr Justice Bokhary, Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong.

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