Conference

Legal Development in East Asia: China – Vietnam Compared

Hosted by
The Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong and
The Asia Pacific Business Regulation Group, Department of Business Law and Taxation
Monash University

Thursday and Friday, 4-5 December 2008
Council Chamber, 8/F Meng Wah Complex, University of Hong Kong

Programme

Day One – 4 December 2008 (Thursday)

9:30-9:40 Welcome
Professor Johannes Chan, SC, Dean, Faculty of Law, HKU

9:40-10:10 Introduction
Professor Albert Chen, Faculty of Law, HKU
Professor John Gillespie, Dept of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University

10:10-10:30 The East Asian Model and the Sequencing Debate: Lessons from China and Vietnam
Professor Randall Peerenboom, Director of the China Rule of Law Programme for the Oxford Foundation for Law, Justice and Society; Associate Fellow, Oxford University Center for Socio-Legal Studies; Chair Law Professor. La Trobe University

10:30-10:50 Discussion

10:50-11:00 Coffee break
Chair: Simon Young, Faculty of Law, HKU

11:00-11:45  Session 1: A Conceptual Overview of Legal Development in China and Vietnam

Professor Albert Chen, Faculty of Law, HKU
Professor John Gillespie, Dept of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University

11:45-12:00  Comments: Professor Zhang Xianchu, Faculty of Law, HKU

12:00-12:20  Discussion

12:20-2:00  Lunch

Chair: Dr Li Yahong, Faculty of Law, HKU

2:00-2:45  Session 2: Developing an Administrative Law System

Dr Zheng Ge, Faculty of Law, HKU
Matthieu Salomon, Consultant on Governance Projects, Hanoi

2:45-3:00  Comments: Dr Jonathan London, Assistant Professor in Sociology, City University of Hong Kong

3:00-3:20  Discussion

3:20-3:30  Coffee Break

Chair: Professor Richard Cullen, Faculty of Law, HKU

3:30-4:15  Session 3: Public Access to Justice

Professor Fu Hualing, Head, Dept of Law, HKU
Pip Nicholson, Associate Professor, Law School, University of Melbourne

4:15-4:30  Comments: Nicholas Booth, Policy Advisor (Rule of Law and Access to Justice), UNDP, Vietnam

4:30-5:00  Discussion

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Day Two – 5 December 2008 (Friday)

Chair: Dr Guanghua Yu, Faculty of Law, HKU

9:30-10:15  Session 4: Commercial Regulatory Reforms

Dr Leng Jing, Faculty of Law, HKU
Melanie Beresford, Associate Professor in Economics, Macquarie University

10:15-10:30  Comments: Professor Donald Clarke, George Washington University
10:30-10:50  Discussion
10:50-11:00  Coffee break

Chair: Dr Chao Xi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, CUHK

11:00-11:45  Session 5: Legal Education and the Legal Profession

Professor Alison Conner, University of Hawaii School of Law
Bui Bich Thi Lien, Deputy Field Director, JUDGE Project

11:45-12:00  Comments: Professor Jerry Cohen, New York University
12:00-12:20  Discussion
12:20-2:00  Lunch

Chair: Dr Zhao Yun, Faculty of Law, HKU

2:00-2:45  Session 6: Legal Diffusion: the Role of Non-State Actors in Shaping the Regulatory Environment

Nguyen Hung Quang, Managing Partner, NHQUANG & Associates
Dr Scott Kennedy, Director, Research Center for Chinese Politics & Business, Indiana University (on “Business Lobbying in China in Comparative Perspective”)

2:45-3:00  Comments: Professor Michael Dowdle, Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore
3:00-3:15  General Comments on the Conference: Allison Moore, Country Director, Vietnam Program of the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative
3:15-3:30  Coffee break
3:30-4:00  Discussion
4:00-4:30  Concluding Remarks

Professor John Gillespie, Dept of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University
Professor Albert Chen, Faculty of Law, HKU