

**British Institute of International and Comparative Law signs a Memorandum of
Understanding with The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Establishing Collaboration in Law Research and Knowledge Exchange**

On the 22 July in Hong Kong, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a partnership in academic and professional activities. The MoU was signed by Keith Ruddock, Chair, Board of Trustees of BIICL and Professor Rocky S. Tuan, Vice-Chancellor and President of CUHK.

Under the MoU, BIICL and CUHK will cooperate in knowledge creation and exchange in various fields of law, such as international and comparative law. In addition, both parties will co-organise events and develop professional training and continuing professional development across the legal, governmental and non-governmental communities in Hong Kong and Asia.

Keith Ruddock, Chair of BIICL's Board of Trustees said, "The establishment of our first presence outside the UK is a very important development for BIICL and we are very much looking forward to a productive relationship with The Chinese University of Hong Kong. In particular, we want this relationship to be the basis for a hub which facilitates the exchange of ideas that have genuine societal impact and relevance at national, regional and global level. In deciding to form this relationship with CUHK, it was very important to us that we share the same values, the same respect for the rule of law, and have the same focus on impartial evidence based research and analysis."

Professor Spyros Maniatis remarked, "BIICL wishes to become much more visible internationally and, in particular, to be a hub which facilitates the exchange of ideas. Hong Kong being a hub in itself is best placed to offer BIICL its first home away from London."

Professor Rocky S. Tuan, Vice-Chancellor and President of CUHK remarked, "I am delighted to see CUHK join hands with BIICL to engage in research, knowledge transfer, and professional development and training, by tapping into each other's strengths, resources and expertise. I have every faith that our partnership will yield plentifully in the years to come."

Professor Christopher Gane, Dean of the Faculty of Law of CUHK said, "This partnership with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law opens up new opportunities for both the Faculty and the Institute. We look forward to working with the Institute in the development and communication of research, knowledge transfer and continuing professional development."

An inaugural seminar – "International Dispute Resolution: Reflections and Redirections" was held following the MoU signing ceremony to celebrate the establishment of BIICL's first Asian based office. Speakers at the seminar included The Rt Hon The Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, former President of the UK Supreme Court, senior lawyers, international arbitrators and academics from Hong Kong, Australia and the United Kingdom. They spoke of their views on international arbitration, investment arbitration as well as international dispute resolution. The seminar concluded with a closing speech by The Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, GBM.