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Symposium on Judicial Review and Civil Society

Date: Monday, January 14, 2013
Time: 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus
The University of Hong Kong
Co-organisers: HKU-HKJC ExCEL3, Faculty of Law and Centre for Civil Society and Governance

TIME	PROGRAMME
3:00pm	Welcoming Address by Professor Cecilia Chan, Director, HKU-HKJC ExCEL3
3:05pm	Introduction, Recent Development and Application of Judicial Review in Hong Kong by Mr. Benny Tai, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong
4:00pm	Q & A Session
4:15pm	Tea Break
4:30pm	Panel Discussion Discussants Mr. Chu Hoi Dick, Founder, Land Justice League Case Study on Judicial Review on the Queen's Pier Professor Eliza Lee, Director, Centre for Civil Society and Governance, The University of Hong Kong Mr. Benny Tai, Faculty of Law Mr. To Kwan Hang, Executive Committee Member, League of Social Democrats Case Study on Judicial Review on the Link REIT Moderator: Miss Karen Kong, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong
5:25pm	Souvenir Presentation and Group Photo

P.S. The Symposium will be conducted in Cantonese.

Biographies

Speaker

Mr. Benny Tai

Mr. Benny Tai (戴耀廷) was born and educated in Hong Kong. He graduated at the University of Hong Kong and got his LL.B. in 1986 and P.C.LL in 1987. He then joined the Department of Law of the Citypolytechnic of Hong Kong as an assistant lecturer. In 1989, he went to London to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science and got his LL.M. (major in public law) in 1990. In 1991, he joined the Department of Law of the University of Hong Kong as a lecturer/assistant professor and is now an associate professor in Law at the University of Hong Kong. He specializes in constitutional law, administrative law, human rights law and law and religion. He was the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong from 2000 to 2008. His current research projects include rule of law and legal culture, political legitimacy and constitutional development, governance and law, law and religion.

Panel Discussants

Mr. Chu Hoi Dick

Mr. Chu Hoi Dick was born in Hong Kong in 1977. After graduating from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1999, he went on to work as a newspaper editor and reporter covering news in several Persian-speaking countries. Since 2006, Dick has been involved in local heritage and environmental issues like the movement to protect Queen's Pier. In early 2009 he and his friends formed the Choi Yuen Tsuen Support Group to stand on the side of the villagers in opposing their forced relocation and helping them to rebuild their new eco-village. In the middle of 2011, he took part in setting up the Land Justice League, a community movement organisation, and has been engaged in grassroots work in Pat Heung, San Tin and "the North East New Territories New Development Areas".

Professor Eliza Lee

Professor Eliza Lee obtained her B.Soc.Sc. from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and her Ph.D. from Syracuse University. Her current research interests are the politics of social policy development, civil society organizations, participatory governance, public management and gender, with particular focus on Hong Kong and its comparison with selected Asian states. Her articles have appeared in *Governance, Policy and Politics, Journal of Social Policy, Voluntas, Public Administration Review, Asian Survey, and International Review of Administrative Sciences*. Dr. Lee is currently the Director of the Centre for Civil Society and Governance. She is a member of the editorial board of *Voluntas* and Nonprofit Policy Forum, and an associate editor of the *Asian-Pacific Journal of Public Administration*. She is currently the principal investigator of a GRF project entitled "The Politics of Social Policy Development in Hong Kong: Societal Mobilization in a Semi-Democracy". Prior to joining HKU, she taught at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Mr. To Kwan Hang

Born in 1966, To Kwan Hang spent his humble childhood in a grass-root family of Choi Hung Estate. He was a keen lover for sports, especially long-distance running during his teenage years in La Salle College. In 1989, when a groundbreaking student movement gathered momentum in Beijing, To was then the Chief Secretary of Hong Kong Federation of Students (HKFS) and supported the movement by organizing rallies and raising funds. In 1991 he joined United Democrats of Hong Kong (now known as Democratic Party) and got elected as a District Councilor in Wong Tai Sin. Since then he had been re-elected for 4 times and served the local residents, mostly poor and elderly, for over 20 years. In 2005, To stood firm on the side of estates residents by opposing the securitization project of public housing shopping centres and car parks (The LINK REIT). In 2006 he co-founded a leftist coalition in League of Social Democrats with lifelong comrade Longhair Leung Kwok-hung, and thus originated the Five Constituencies Referendum Movement (Legco By-election) in 2010. Having a master degree in Public Policy and Management at City University, To is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and currently running an audit firm beside his enthusiasm for social movement.

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