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## CJER Held a Roundtable Conference on Reasons for Different Judgements in Similar Cases under the Current Round of Judicial Reform in China

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On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Centre for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) held a Roundtable Conference on Reasons for Different Judgements in Similar Cases under the Current Round of Judicial Reform in China in Haikou. Fourteen judge students of the JSD Programme for Chinese Senior Judges and **Judge SONG Jiafa**, Vice President of the Haikou Intermediate People's Court, **Judge WU Xueli**, Vice President of the Haikou Intermediate People's Court and **Judge GUO Chaoyang**, Full-time Committee Member of the Haikou Intermediate People's Court participated in the discussion.

Five teaching staff from School of Law, CityU also joined the Roundtable, including **Prof. HE Xin**, **Prof. GU Minkang**, **Dr. CHEN Lei**, **Dr. DING Chunyan** and **Dr. John HO**.

**Prof. LIN Feng**, Director of the CJER delivered the Opening Address to welcome all the participants. The Roundtable Conference was conducted in the form of free discussion where the participating judges exchanged their views and outlook on the topic.

The Roundtable Conference provides a platform for the mainland judges coming from various cities and regions to draw on practical experiences from one another. It also enables SLW teaching staff to collect relevant first-hand data on the current round of judicial reform in China.

It is really a good opportunity for the teachers and students to learn from each other.