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## Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Asian IP Work-in-Progress Conference 2020

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On 9 January and 10 January 2020, Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre (HKCML), School of Law, City University of Hong Kong (CityU) and Applied Research Centre of Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia (ARCIALA), School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU) jointly organized a two-day conference entitled the “5<sup>th</sup> Asian IP Work-in-Progress Conference 2020”. The conference has since been successfully held in 4 consecutive years. With the aim of making the conference a truly Asian event, it was the first time that the conference was co-hosted by SMU and CityU, both leading Asian universities.

The conference aims to provide an open annual forum for scholars across Asian economies researching and writing on Asian IP laws and regimes to present and discuss their works-in-progress in a more relaxed and interactive manner. The conference had also secured sponsorships for Asian IP Scholar Awards to promote and encourage the study of Asian IP Laws for the betterment of IP regimes in Asia and beyond.

The conference began with the welcoming remarks given by **Prof. Cheng-Han TAN** (Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, CityU). Professor Tan extended a warm welcome to all of the participants and wished this significant conference a great success. Following the opening address, **Prof. Kung-Chung LIU** (Director of ARCIALA) explained the background and the objectives of the conference, and thanked HKCML for co-hosting the conference.

The conference consisted of keynote lectures and panel sessions that were designed to facilitate the discussion of different aspects of IP laws and regimes. The discussion started off with a keynote lecture under the theme of “Trade War of IP” given by **Prof. Jyh-An LEE** (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, CUHK) and end with the keynote lecture given by **Prof. Yahong LI** (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, HKU) under the topic “A forward-

looking and Cross-disciplinary Approach towards IP Research in the Internet Era”. Throughout the two days conference, more than fifty papers addressing the following topics were presented:

- IP Licensing
- Trade and TRIPS
- Asian Aspects of IP
- Artificial Intelligence and IP
- Commercialization of IP
- Personal Data
- General IP Issues
- Copyright: General Issues
- Patent: General Issues
- Internet Intermediaries Liabilities
- Patent, Pharmaceuticals and Public Health
- Trademarks Issues
- Enforcement of IP

The conference atmosphere was inspiring and interactive, insightful presentations were delivered by the presenters and the participants responded and discussed enthusiastically by critiquing the idea presented and posing thought-provoking questions to the presenters.

The two days conference ended with a general discussion hosted by **Prof Kung-Chung LIU** and **Prof. Tianxiang HE** (Assistant Professor and Fellow of HKCML, School of Law, CityU) drawing out the overarching themes that connect different panels and discussing the provision of the next IP Work-in-Progress Conference. They again thanked everyone for their participation and contribution.





Professor Jyh-An LEE



Professor Yahong LI



Group Photo of Guests and Staffs