

Inclusion in Education: The Implementation of Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Saturday, 28 November 2009, 9:00am - 5:00pm Wang Gungwu Lecture Hall, Level P4, Graduate House The University of Hong Kong

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities came into force in May 2008 and has applied to China, including Hong Kong, since August 2008. Article 24 of the Convention provides for a right to education and requires states parties to ensure inclusion in education at all levels. This conference will explore legal, policy and educational issues related to the implementation of Article 24 at the domestic level. Speakers include the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, legal academics, education experts, and others involved in ensuring the right to inclusion for students with disabilities.

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MORNING SESSION 上午		
8:30 - 9:00	Registration 登記	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcoming Remarks and Introduction 致歡迎辭 Johannes Chan, S.C., Dean, Faculty of Law Chong Chan-yau, Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), University of Hong Kong	
9:15-10:45	Session 1/第1節: The Right to Inclusion in Education in International Law ********** Chair: Johannes Chan, S.C., Dean, Faculty of Law Speakers 講者: • Vernor Munoz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education • Thierry del Prado, UN Office of the High Commisioner for Human Rights	
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee Break 小休	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 2 / 第2節: Equality and Inclusion: Domestic Legal Frameworks and Mechanisms ********** Chair: Simon Young, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong	
	 A. Wayne MacKay, Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia Carole J. Petersen, Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution and the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii Kelley Loper, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong Cyd Ho Sau Lan, Chair, Education Panel, Hong Kong Legislative Council 	

Lunch 午膳

12:30 - 1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION 下午	
	Session 3 / 第3節: Implementing Inclusion: Education Perspectives
1:30 - 3:00	******** Chair: Puja Kapai, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong
	 Speakers 講者: Eugenie Woo, Education Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government Filiz Polat, Faculty of Education, University of Hong Kong Kim Fong Poon-McBrayer, Hong Kong Institute of Education Anu Naidu, Special Educator, Watchdog Early Learning and Development Centre
3:00 - 3:15	Coffee Break 小休
3:15-4:30	Session 4 /第4節: Implementing Inclusion: Challenges and Opportunities ********** Chair: Carole J. Petersen, University of Hawaii
	 Speakers 講者: Ferrick Chu, Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission Chong Chan-yau, CEDARS Andrew Kwok Lup Chun, Case Manager, Radio Programme Host Maria Wong, Chairperson, The Special Education Society of Hong Kong
4:30	Commentary 總結 Vernor Munoz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

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