

Conference: Freedom and National Security – Has the Right Balance been Struck?, 14-15 June 2003

Co-sponsored by The Hong Kong Bar Association, the Faculty of Law and the Centre for Comparative and Public Law at The University of Hong Kong, and the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Day One: 14 June 2003 (Saturday)

9:00-9:20 am Registration
9:20-9:30 am Opening Remarks
Professor Johannes Chan, Dean, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Session 1: The Debates

Moderator: *Dr Christopher Forsyth, Director, Centre for Public Law, University of Cambridge*

9:30-11:00 am The National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003: Pros and Cons
HKSAR Government
Mr. James O'Neil, Deputy Solicitor General (Constitutional), Department of Justice
Mr. Timothy Tong, JP, Deputy Secretary for Security

Mr. Philip Dykes SC
Mr. Alan Leong SC
The Hong Kong Bar Association

11:00-11:15 am *Morning Break*

Session 2: The Academic Views

Moderator: *Dr Lin Feng, Associate Professor, School of Law, City University*

11:15-1:00 pm Administrative Law and National Security
Dr Christopher Forsyth, Director, Centre for Public Law, University of Cambridge

Freedom of Information, Market Development and Wealth Growth
Dr Chen Zhiwu, Professor of Finance, Yale University

1:00-2:15 pm *Lunch Break*

Session 3: The Professional Views I

Moderator: *The Hon Audrey Eu SC*

2:15-3:45 pm Commentary on the Bill
Mr. Nicholas Howson, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Human Rights: A Comparative Overview
Prof Nicole Fritz, Joseph Crowley Program in International Human Rights, Fordham Law School

3:45-4:00 pm *Coffee Break*

Session 4: The Professional Views II

Moderator: The Hong Kong Bar Association

4:00-5:00 pm Commentary on the Bill (by Video Conferencing)
Lord Brennan QC, Michael Birnbaum QC and Charles Haddon-Cave QC, The Bar of England and Wales

Day Two: 15 June (Sunday)

Session 5: The Users' Views

Moderator: Ms. Carole Petersen, Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, The University of Hong Kong

9:30-11:15 am What Does Loss of Press Freedom do to a Society?
Professor Perry Link, Professor of East Asian Studies, Princeton University

Press Freedom and National Security
Lin Neumann, Asian Consultant, Committee for Protecting Journalists

11:15-11:30 am *Morning Break*

Session 6: Closing

Moderator: *The Hon Margaret Ng*

11:30 am Mr. Robert Allcock, BBS, JP, Solicitor General, Department of Justice
Dr. Christopher Forsyth, Director, Centre for Public Law, University of Cambridge
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