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Conference

Legal Development in East Asia: China – Vietnam Compared

Hosted by

The Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong and
The Asia Pacific Business Regulation Group, Department of Business Law and Taxation
Monash University

Thursday and Friday, 4-5 December 2008

Council Chamber, 8/F Meng Wah Complex, University of Hong Kong

Programme

Day One – 4 December 2008 (Thursday)

- 9:30-9:40 **Welcome**
- Professor Johannes Chan, SC, Dean, Faculty of Law, HKU
- 9:40-10:10 **Introduction**
- Professor Albert Chen, Faculty of Law, HKU
Professor John Gillespie, Dept of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University
- 10:10-10:30 **The East Asian Model and the Sequencing Debate:
Lessons from China and Vietnam**
- Professor Randall Peerenboom, Director of the China Rule of Law Programme for
the Oxford Foundation for Law, Justice and Society; Associate Fellow,
Oxford University Center for Socio-Legal Studies; Chair Law Professor.
La Trobe University
- 10:30-10:50 **Discussion**
- 10:50-11:00 Coffee break

Chair: Simon Young, Faculty of Law, HKU

11:00-11:45 **Session 1: A Conceptual Overview of Legal Development in China and Vietnam**

Professor Albert Chen, Faculty of Law, HKU

Professor John Gillespie, Dept of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University

11:45-12:00 **Comments:** Professor Zhang Xianchu, Faculty of Law, HKU

12:00-12:20 **Discussion**

12:20-2:00 *Lunch*

Chair: Dr Li Yahong, Faculty of Law, HKU

2:00-2:45 **Session 2: Developing an Administrative Law System**

Dr Zheng Ge, Faculty of Law, HKU

Matthieu Salomon, Consultant on Governance Projects, Hanoi

2:45-3:00 **Comments:** Dr Jonathan London, Assistant Professor in Sociology,
City University of Hong Kong

3:00-3:20 **Discussion**

3:20-3:30 *Coffee Break*

Chair: Professor Richard Cullen, Faculty of Law, HKU

3:30-4:15 **Session 3: Public Access to Justice**

Professor Fu Hualing, Head, Dept of Law, HKU

Pip Nicholson, Associate Professor, Law School, University of Melbourne

4:15-4:30 **Comments:** Nicholas Booth, Policy Advisor (Rule of Law and Access to Justice),
UNDP, Vietnam

4:30-5:00 **Discussion**

Day Two – 5 December 2008 (Friday)

Chair: Dr Guanghua Yu, Faculty of Law, HKU

9:30-10:15 **Session 4: Commercial Regulatory Reforms**

Dr Leng Jing, Faculty of Law, HKU
Melanie Beresford, Associate Professor in Economics, Macquarie University

10:15-10:30 **Comments:** Professor Donald Clarke, George Washington University

10:30-10:50 **Discussion**

10:50-11:00 *Coffee break*

Chair: Dr Chao Xi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, CUHK

11:00-11:45 **Session 5: Legal Education and the Legal Profession**

Professor Alison Conner, University of Hawaii School of Law
Bui Bich Thi Lien, Deputy Field Director, JUDGE Project

11:45-12:00 **Comments:** Professor Jerry Cohen, New York University

12:00-12:20 **Discussion**

12:20-2:00 *Lunch*

Chair: Dr Zhao Yun, Faculty of Law, HKU

2:00-2:45 **Session 6: Legal Diffusion: the Role of Non-State Actors in Shaping the
Regulatory Environment**

Nguyen Hung Quang, Managing Partner, NHQUANG & Associates
Dr Scott Kennedy, Director, Research Center for Chinese Politics & Business,
Indiana University (on “Business Lobbying in China in Comparative
Perspective”)

2:45-3:00 **Comments:** Professor Michael Dowdle, Visiting Professor, National University of
Singapore

3:00-3:15 **General Comments on the Conference:** Allison Moore, Country Director,
Vietnam Program of the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative

3:15-3:30 *Coffee break*

3:30-4:00 **Discussion**

4:00-4:30 **Concluding Remarks**

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Professor Albert Chen, Faculty of Law, HKU