

法律學院學生獲選為 2007全球青年領袖

Law student selected as Young Global Leader 2007

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香港城市大學（城大）法律學院學生陶榮先生獲「世界經濟論壇」選為2007全球青年領袖，以表揚他的專業成就和對社會的貢獻。

在城大法律學院修讀多年的陶先生，是本年度唯一獲此殊榮的香港人士。

陶先生現任城大法律學院和電子工程學系的特約教授，也是香港國際仲裁中心的秘書長，正修讀城大法律學深造證書課程。他分別於1996年及2006年取得城大仲裁及爭議解決學文學碩士及法律學榮譽學士學位。

陶先生致力建立香港成為亞洲區內首屈一指的仲裁中心，而他選擇在城大法律學院修讀，是因為學院提供的課程獨特，師資優良。

他說：「城大是一所具遠見的院校，深明社會對仲裁專業人士的需求會不斷增加，因而在亞洲首辦仲裁及爭議解決學文學碩士課程。」

香港處理仲裁個案的數量在全球排行第四，僅次於內地、美國及歐洲。

法律學院院長兼仲裁及爭議解決學文學碩士課程主任馬培德教授表示，仲裁及爭議解決課程是學院的強項之一，而他們與陶先生及國際仲裁中心經常合作，推廣這項專業。

馬教授說：「陶先生是優秀的畢業生和學生，亦是學院的朋友，經常協助學院培育學生。」

在城大修讀法律碩士課程，是陶先生由工程師搖身一變成為仲裁專業人士的轉捩點。1998年，年僅29歲的陶先生獲前高等法院法官嘉柏倫先生之邀，擔任香港國際仲裁中心秘書長一職。嘉柏倫先生乃陶先生修讀的碩士課程的榮譽教授。

陶先生因感自己太年輕而曾有一絲猶豫，但最後決定接受挑戰，並無悔當初所作的決定。自此，他便致力推動香港成為國際仲裁中心。在他的努力下，香港處理的仲裁個案數目不斷上升，網絡管理機構「互聯網名稱與數字地址分配機構」（ICANN）更授權香港處理包括.com、.org及.net等的域名爭議。

總部設於瑞士日內瓦的「世界經濟論壇」是國際性非牟利組織，致力吸納不同地區的領袖，參與推動全球性、地區性及工業事務。

「世界經濟論壇」每年均會選出250位41歲以下的傑出青年領袖，以表揚他們的出色表現及貢獻。今年共有4,000名人士獲提名。

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A postgraduate law student at City University of Hong Kong (CityU) has been selected as a Young Global Leader 2007 by the World Economic Forum in recognition of his achievements and contributions to society.

Mr Christopher To Wing, who has been trained extensively in law at CityU, is the only nominee from Hong Kong to receive the honour this year.

Mr To is an Adjunct Professor in both CityU's School of Law and Department of Electronic Engineering, and Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). He is currently studying for the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws at CityU. He graduated from the Master of Arts in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution and the Bachelor of Laws degree programmes at CityU in 1996 and 2006, respectively.

Renowned for helping establish Hong Kong as the region's leading arbitration centre, Mr To said he was motivated to receive training in law at CityU because of the distinguished programmes on offer and the quality of the teaching staff.

"CityU is the first university in Asia to offer the MA in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, demonstrating its foresight in nurturing professionals to meet an increasing need for experts in arbitration," he said.

Hong Kong now ranks fourth in the world in terms of arbitration caseload, following the mainland, the US and Europe.

Professor Peter Malanczuk, Dean of the School of Law and the leader of the MA programme, said arbitration and dispute resolution was one of the strengths of the School, and it had been working closely with Mr To and HKIAC to promote the profession.

"Mr To is an outstanding graduate and student, who is a close friend of the School and has spent time helping and working for it," Professor Malanczuk said.

Taking the MA programme at CityU helped steer Mr To from the engineering profession to his current career.

In 1998, at the age of 29, he was invited by a former High Court Judge, Mr Neil Kaplan, an Honorary Professor on the MA Programme that Mr To attended, to take up the post of Secretary-General of the HKIAC.

At first Mr To hesitated, considering he might be too young for the job, but he decided to accept the challenge, and he has had no regrets. Since then, Mr To has been heavily involved in promoting Hong Kong as a world-recognized dispute resolution centre. The number of arbitration cases handled has grown and Hong Kong has been authorized by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers to handle top-level domain name disputes such as .com, .org, .net, and so forth.

The World Economic Forum is a not-for-profit international organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, committed to engaging leaders in shaping the global, regional and industry agendas.

The Forum bestows the Young Global Leader award annually upon 250 of the most distinguished young leaders around the world who are below the age of 41. This year a total of 4,000 nominations were made.

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