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The Hochelaga Lectures 2015: The Judiciary's Role in Safeguarding the Well-being of the Child

The Hochelaga Lectures commemorate the life and interests of the anonymous donor's father. Previous Hochelaga Lecturers have included Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin PC CStJ; Professor Gareth Jones QC; Professor Andrew Burrows QC; Professor Lawrence Lessig; Professor Martha Nussbaum; Professor K. Anthony Appiah; Professor Raul Pangalangan; Professor Madhavi Sunder; Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart; Professor Bruno Zeller; and the Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Roth of the English High Court. The Hochelaga Lectures 2015 will comprise a series of lectures on the theme of *The Judiciary's Role in Safeguarding the Well-Being of the Child.* As part of this series, Justice Victoria Bennett has spoken about parental responsibility disputes in the Australian Family Court; and Chief Justice Diana Bryant AO of the Family Court of Australia will be speaking on the challenges of safeguarding the welfare of the child across international borders.

Second Lecture:

Legislation and Adjudication of Juvenile crimes in Mainland China

(中国大陆未成年人犯罪的立法与司法)

Judge Huang Yong-wei

President of National Judges College of PRC

Please note that this lecture will be delivered in Putonghua. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided to English.

Friday 30th October 2015, 18:00 – 19:30 PM 11/F Academic Conference Room Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

In this Hochelaga lecture, Judge Huang Yong-Wei, President of National Judges College of the People's Republic of China, reviews the evolution of the law and courts relating to juvenile offenders in Mainland China over the past 30 years and anticipates its necessary developments in the near future. Judge Huang finds that during this period there have been significant improvements in the way in which juvenile matters in Mainland China are handled. Charting China's course from a time when no specialized juvenile provisions existed to the proliferation today of various rights protection mechanisms, Judge Huang explores how both duplicating other countries' modes of juvenile trial and inventing its own to reflect the cultural uniqueness of Chinese policy has enabled China to develop a series of effective principles and rules related to juvenile law, which has in turn influenced other areas of criminal law. However, Judge Huang demonstrates that despite these advances, there remain gaps in the law; the lack of a comprehensive system dealing with expunged criminal records, concerns surrounding the principle of non-recidivism for minors, and the lack of a comprehensive composite juvenile court system are all issues that he concludes should be addressed next in order to consolidate the existing gains that Mainland China has made in recent decades.



Judge Huang Yong-wei is the current President of National Judges College of the People's Republic of China. He is also the Adjunct Professor of Southwest University of Political Science. Before serving as the President of NJC, Judge Huang served as the Vice President of the Supreme People's Court of PRC. He also served as the Party Secretary of the Intermediate People's Court of Hebei Province in 2003. Judge Huang graduated from Southwest University of Political Science and holds a doctorate degree in Procedural Law (诉讼法学博士).

