

## CityU Hosted the First Annual Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot

The School of Law of City University of Hong Kong recently hosted the Willem C Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

The goal of the annual three-day competition is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes. The competition runs in conjunction with the original Willem C Vis Moot, started in 1993 and held annually in Vienna. The Vis problem always involves questions concerning the 1980 Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

Over 100 law students and coaches from universities in Australia, Germany, Japan, India, Thailand, the United States and Mainland China took part. In the Finals, Tsinghua University of Beijing edged out Loyola University of Chicago (USA). Oral arguments were presented before a distinguished tribunal consisting of Fali Nariman, President of the Bar Association of India (Chairman of the tribunal); Neil Kaplan, Chairman of the HKIAC; and Prof Peter Malanczuk, Chairman of CityU's School of Law.

The CityU Vis Moot team also took part in the Vis competition in Vienna.

## 城大舉辦首屆 Willem C Vis (East) 國際商業模擬仲裁比賽

香港城市大學法律學院最近舉辦 Willem C Vis (East) 國際商業模擬仲裁比賽。

該每年舉行的一連三天比賽，目的是鼓勵對國際商業法律及仲裁進行研究，以協助解決國際商業糾紛。該項比賽於 1993 年開始，每年均連同原來的 Willem C Vis 模擬比賽在維也納舉行。Vis 的考題通常涉及 1980 年維也納國際貨物銷售公約。

比賽有超過 100 名來自澳洲、德國、日本、印度、泰國、美國及中國大學的法律學生及其導師參加。最後清華大學險勝美國的 Loyola University of Chicago，奪得是次大賽的冠軍。說話技巧項目的評判團，由印度大律師公會主席 Fali Nariman 先生（評判團主席）、香港國際仲裁中心主席 Neil Kaplan 先生及城大法律學院講座教授 Professor Peter Malanczuk 所組成。

城大法律學院的 Vis 模擬仲裁代表隊亦參加了於維也納舉行的賽事。



Tsinghua University's winning team receives the award from Fali Nariman, (third from right); Neil Kaplan (second from right); Prof Peter Malanczuk, (fifth from right) and Louise Barrington, Vis (East) Director and Assistant Professor of CityU's School of Law (left).

清華大學代表隊獲 Fali Nariman 先生(右三)、Neil Kaplan 先生(右二)、Professor Peter Malanczuk 教授(右五)及 Vis (East) 總監暨城大法律學院助理教授 Louise Barrington(左)頒發冠軍獎項。

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Dear Louise,

**Re: Vis Moot (East)**

I thought I would write simply to express my congratulations to you on having organised such a good event. I am sure we all recognise the enormous personal contribution you made to the conception of the event and its execution and you deserve our unreserved thanks for this.

It all seemed to go very smoothly. Most participants I spoke were already looking forward to the next event! As I mentioned to you in passing, there were one or two comments about the common law focus of the arbitrators and a desire for more civil law emphasis given the nature of some of the teams.

We were proud to sponsor the event and I am sure we would consider doing so again in the future.

Best regards,



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