

Press release

Montreal, October 10th, 2016 - The Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law continues to train Chinese judges for the third consecutive year

From the 12th to the 29th of October 2016, Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law will welcome fifteen Chinese judges for an introduction to the leading principles of Canadian law and their judicial application. The judges' stay in Montreal results from a cooperation agreement that was entered into in May 2014 between the Faculty of Law and China's National College of Supreme Court Judges during a mission to China by the former dean Guy Lefebvre.

Pursuant to this agreement, three cohorts of about twenty judges will be trained in Montreal by law professors and judges. This year marks the arrival of the third cohort and the 2016 theme is "Canadian Rules and Practices for Efficient Case and Trial Management". Lectures will address the coexistence of civil law and common law in Canada, as well as various questions pertaining to civil law, constitutional, law administrative law, and criminal law. Issues arising in the course of the administration of justice will also be discussed. In addition to these discussions, there will be visits to various courts and administrative tribunals as well as meetings with foremost members of the Canadian judiciary. This training program will allow Chinese judges to compare their own system of law with that of Canada, which could eventually inspire reforms to the former and reinforce the rule of law.

The Faculty of Law is proud to collaborate with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) on this project. This cooperation agreement has been renewed by the partners for a new period of three years. The agreement also provides that Canadian judges and law professors will go to China to give further lectures to judges. This cooperation agreement bears witness to the significant efforts that the Faculty of Law, the Université de Montréal, and the Canadian judiciary have made to strengthen academic and judicial exchanges between Canada and China for the last fifteen years and more.

About the Faculty of Law of Université de Montréal

Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law consists of about sixty professors, approximately 1,300 students and hosts eight major research chairs. Its curriculum covers a large spectrum of professional and academic law studies as well as numerous original programs, namely in business law, international law, electronic commerce and information technologies law. A recent addition to the Faculty's offerings is its *Juris Doctor* in North-American *common law*, a unique program in Québec and Canada. www.droit.umontreal.ca

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