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### **The Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law trains Chinese judges**

***Montreal, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014*** - From October 13-31, 2014, the Faculty of Law of the Université de Montréal will host seventeen Chinese judges for an introduction to the main principles of Canadian law and their judicial application. The judges were invited to Montreal thanks to a cooperation agreement that was signed in May of this year between the Faculty of Law and China's National College of Supreme Court Judges. This event is organized in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice.

Under this agreement, three cohorts of about twenty judges will be trained in Montreal by local law professors and judges. Lectures will address the coexistence of civil law and common law in Canada, as well as various questions pertaining to civil law, constitutional and administrative law, and criminal law. Issues arising in the course of the administration of justice will also be discussed. These lectures will be supplemented by visits to various courts and administrative tribunals, as well as by 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.

The Faculty of Law is proud to collaborate with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) on this project.

The judges' training program is the first event flowing from the cooperation agreement between the Faculty of Law and China's National College of Supreme Court Judges. The agreement will also see Canadian judges and law professors travelling to China to deliver further lectures to judges there. 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.

## About the Faculty of Law of the Université de Montréal

The Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law consists of some sixty professors, welcomes approximately 1,300 students every year and hosts eight major research chairs. The curriculum covers a large spectrum of professional and academic law studies and offers innovative training programs, most notably in business law, international law, ecommerce law and information technologies law. The Faculty has recently added the *Juris Doctor* in North American common law, a unique program in Quebec and Canada. [www.droit.umontreal.ca](http://www.droit.umontreal.ca)

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