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## Press release

### **Montreal, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – Université de Montréal’s Faculty of Law again provides continuing education to Chinese judges**

From October 12 to 31, 2015, Université de Montréal’s Faculty of Law will welcome eighteen Chinese judges for an introduction to the leading principles of Canadian law and their judicial application. The judges’ Montreal stay results from a cooperation agreement that was entered into in May 2014 between the Faculty of Law and China’s National Judges College (NJC).

Pursuant to this agreement, law professors and judges will provide continuing legal education to three cohorts of approximately twenty judges in Montreal. This year marks the arrival of the second cohort and the 2015 theme is “Open Justice in Theory and Practice”. 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 furthermore be discussed. In addition, visits are scheduled to various courts and administrative tribunals, as well as meetings with foremost members of the Canadian judiciary. This continuing education program will allow the Chinese judges to compare their own system of law with that of Canada, potentially eventually translating into reforms.

The Faculty of Law is proud to collaborate with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) on this second event resulting from its cooperation agreement with China’s NJC. The agreement also provides for Canadian judges and law professors to go to China in order to present further lectures to judges. It bears witness to the fact that the Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, and the Canadian judiciary have made significant efforts to strengthen academic and judicial exchanges between Canada and China.

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

Université de Montréal’s Faculty of Law comprises around sixty 60 professors, has 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 innovative programs in areas such as business law, international law, and electronic commerce and information technologies law. A recent addition to the Faculty’s offerings is its Juris Doctor (J.D.) in North American Common Law, a program that is unique to Quebec and Canada. [www.droit.umontreal.ca](http://www.droit.umontreal.ca)

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