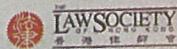


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# Joining Hands to Protect Children's Rights



Law Society's annual Teen Talk 2018 takes the theme of 'Children's Rights', inspiring and educating students across Hong Kong.



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With an increasing number of child abuse cases in recent years and social demands for a recognised Children's Commission in Hong Kong, the Law Society of Hong Kong has aptly made the theme of its flagship event, Teen Talk 2018 on children's rights. Via the program, students are encouraged to voice their opinion and give feedback to the government on this topic.

The three key events include the 'Basic Law & Legislative Procedure Talk', 'Mock Legislative Council Debate and Guided Educational Tour at the Legislative Council' and 'Joint Opening Ceremony of Law Week and Teen Talk 2018'. Students took part in rigorous debates on a mock draft bill on children's rights as government officials and legislative councillors.

"We were able to gain invaluable insight and knowledge of the legal system of Hong Kong and get a much better understanding of how the legislation process works," says

Jamie Lai and Natalie Fung from St. Paul's Convent School, finalist team of the debate. "Each school team were assigned a lawyer from Law Society which helped us to a great extent in familiarizing ourselves with the law, guiding us every step of the way."

"Teen Talk is an exceptional way for us to learn about the law and the intimate relationship it has with our society," says Michael Xu from Queen's College, finalist team of the debate. "Through the mock debate and tour, we were able to not only challenge our critical thinking and learn from other teams, but also learn about law in a realistic scenario and not just from text books, gaining knowledge in an engaging way."

This year the Law Society's Teen Talk received an overwhelming number of participants. Over 80 schools and close to 800 students signed up for this meaningful event. "Hong Kong's stellar legal system is the foundation of its success," says Mr.

Roden Tong, Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong & Chairman of the Organising Committee for Teen Talk 2018. "It is necessary for students to understand the concerns and interests behind each role in order to voice constructive criticisms and comments for our government, which is crucial for the betterment of our society."



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