

## History and High-Tech in Legal Careers 法律專業的歷史與高端技術



Law is often seen as a very traditional profession. But while it is a career that has a history dating back thousands of years it is also adapting to the rapid technological changes of the modern workplace. A group of students from Maryknoll Convent School learned about these developments and as well as a glimpse into the life of a lawyer at a talk by Nicholas Chan, Partner at the global law firm Squire Patton Boggs, on 4 January.

Chan explained what it takes to be a solicitor and barrister in Hong Kong as well as the different work that these two different types of lawyer carry out. He provided some examples of how the law makes use of technology, and the students were particularly interested in hearing how artificial intelligence can help the judiciary become more efficient in predicting possible outcomes.

“I am a science student, and I have also always been interested in law. So I was absolutely intrigued by the idea of incorporating the use of science in the field of law,” said student Sarah Khan. “Mr Chan has inspired me to follow in his footsteps, so I’m very pleased to have had this opportunity to hear him speak.”

This event also marked the launch of the Chamber’s Business-School Partnership Programme for 2019, which matches Hong Kong companies with local schools to help give students a valuable insight into the world of work.

法律常被視為一門十分傳統的職業。儘管這個行業已有數千年的歷史，法律專業也得不斷適應現代職場日新月異的技術變革。環球律師事務所Squire Patton Boggs合夥人陳曉峰於1月4日到總商會演講，來自瑪利諾修院學校的學生了解到法律專業的發展及律師的工作。

陳曉峰講解在香港成為事務律師和大律師的所需條件，以及這兩種不同類型的律師各自從事的工作。他舉出一些法律界活用技術的例子，學生們尤其關注人工智能如何幫助司法部門更有效地預測結果。

簡同學說：「我是一名理科生，一直都對法律感興趣，因此能夠認識到科學在法律界的應用，實在令我大開眼界。陳先生的分享激勵我跟隨他的步伐，所以我很榮幸有機會聽他演講。」

是次活動亦標誌著2019年度「商校交流計劃」正式啟動。該計劃為香港企業與本地學校進行配對，讓學生了解職場的運作。