

## Secretary for Justice visits Oxford (with photos)

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The Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, said in Oxford, the United Kingdom, on May 25 (UK time) that the 20 years since 1997 have witnessed a period of healthy development of common law in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

He said, "With the constitutional guarantee enshrined in the Basic Law and the high quality of our independent Judiciary, common law, together with its underlying spirit of the rule of law, will continue to grow from strength to strength in the years to come."

Mr Yuen made the remarks when delivering a speech entitled "The development of common law in Hong Kong - past, present and future" under the Dr Mok Hing Yiu Memorial Lectureship at St Hugh's College, University of Oxford.

"Besides, the HKSAR will maintain its link with other common law jurisdictions and also the international community, so that judicial dialogue and cross-fertilisation can continue in the mutual interests of all jurisdictions concerned," Mr Yuen said.

Prior to the speech, Mr Yuen met with the Warden of Keble College, University of Oxford, Sir Jonathan Philips, and the Warden of Wadham College, University of Oxford, Lord McDonald.

Mr Yuen will continue his visit in London on May 26 (UK time) to meet with representatives of the Bar Council and the Law Society. He will also take the opportunity to call on the Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Mr Liu Xiaoming, before concluding his visit.

He will return to Hong Kong in the evening on May 27.

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