

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
FACULTY OF LAW

**Professional Ethics Student Essay Competition**

**Regulations**

The MaMa Charitable Foundation Limited (the “Donor”) has agreed to donate HK\$50,000 each year to sponsor the **Professional Ethics Student Essay Competition** (the “Essay Competition”) for three academic years starting from 2021-22. The Essay Competition aims at promoting the awareness of professional ethics among CUHK LAW students through research.

The regulations governing the Essay Competition (the “Regulations”) are as follows:

1. There are six prizes donated by the Donor: three prizes for CUHK LAW undergraduate students (the “Undergraduate Prizes”) and three prizes for CUHK LAW taught postgraduate students (the “Postgraduate Prizes”).

The Undergraduate Prizes and the Postgraduate Prizes comprise respectively:

- (i) One First Prize of HK\$20,000 for the Essay Competition winner,
- (ii) One Second Prize of HK\$3,000 for the Essay Competition first runner-up, and
- (iii) One Third Prize of HK\$2,000 for the Essay Competition second runner-up.

If a prize is awarded to a team then the amount of such prize shall be divided and distributed in equal shares to the members of that team.

2. The Undergraduate Prizes and Postgraduate Prizes shall be known as the “Professional Ethics Student Essay Awards”.
3. The Essay Competition topic for each academic year shall be recommended by CUHK LAW for endorsement by the Donor.

The 2024 Essay Competition Topic is:

**“The most important aspect of legal professionalism for Hong Kong’s lawyers is their duty to the court and to the administration of justice. Discuss”**

4. The Undergraduate Prizes shall be awarded to students who are enrolled in the CUHK LAW LLB programme in the respective academic year and participate (individually or as a team not exceeding two persons) in the Essay Competition.
5. The Postgraduate Prizes shall be awarded to students who are enrolled in the CUHK LAW JD, PCLL or LLM programmes in the respective academic year and participate (individually or as a team not exceeding two persons) in the Essay Competition.
6. Essays must be written in English and be not more than 5,000 words long. Essays must be submitted to the CUHK VeriGuide System for detection of plagiarism. Each essay, together

with a signed academic honesty statement generated by the VeriGuide System, must be sent to CUHK LAW via email at [law@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:law@cuhk.edu.hk) on or before **15 April 2024**. The use of AI tools in writing essays is not permitted and may lead to disqualification.

7. By participating in the Essay Competition students give their consent to CUHK LAW to publish their essays, including the disclosure of their identity as the essay authors.
8. CUHK LAW will select among all Essay Competition participants up to three students or student teams for the award of the respective Undergraduate Prizes or Postgraduate Prizes for the Donor's endorsement.
9. CUHK LAW will issue an award letter to all recipients of an Undergraduate or a Postgraduate Prize.
10. CUHK LAW and the Donor reserve the right not to award any Undergraduate Prize or Postgraduate Prize.

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