



Westlaw HK HKU Newsletter

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Greetings from **Canada!**

One of our Westlaw Student Representatives Tina is currently on exchange. Let us learn more about her life in the Canadian law school !

It has now been more than one month for my exchange life at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada. Kingston is a very pleasant small town with a population around 150,000. Despite its small area and population, it is known as the "prison capital" in Canada since it has a total of 8 currently running prisons. Last week, I worked as a volunteer at the Kingston Penitentiary. I felt really fortunate to be here since this is the first time the penitentiary is opened for public and it is opened for a limited period of 3 weeks only. Being a maximum security prison, special security measures were taken, such as no two doors could be opened at the same time in the whole prison and room arrangement for inmates was specially designed to minimize the chance of riots. Despite the strict security measures, the penitentiary provides plenty of facilities for rehabilitation of inmates ranging from library, school to carpenter shop and metal shop. With a former counselling officer in the prison as a tour guide, his stories impressed me a lot as they demonstrated how much the government has been doing to encourage rehabilitation of inmates. Laws may be different in different countries or even provinces within the same country, but they all share a similar purpose: maintaining social order and encouraging people to become better ones.



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Activity Review: E-Discovery@HKUST Library

A three-day event was held in HKUST Library on 2nd-4th October to promote use and understanding of electronic information resources among students. On the day of exhibition, 12 vendors of electronic databases, including ProQuest and Springer, participated in the event. Thomson Reuters had three booths and I was responsible for the Westlaw one. HKUST students who successfully filled in a number of questions using the online databases, which varied according to curriculum, would be able to join a lucky draw of attractive electronic gadgets ranging from iPod Nano to Macbook Air. The response was overwhelming. My task was to introduce Westlaw to them and assisted those who could not get a correct answer. As HKUST has no law schools, most students was not familiar with Westlaw at all. Thus, it was not surprised to learn that many had a hard time struggling through questions on cases and legislation. It was also a challenge for me to explain to engineering and business students how Westlaw may be useful for them. It was an exhausting but fruitful day. Interestingly, I even met a student who has worked for Westlaw Spain before!



Do you know....

Prosecution Code 2013 is out!

Prosecution Code is a set of statements and instructions to guide prosecutors. The latest code, which is a substantial revision of the 2009 version, is now effective since 7th September, 2013. To find out more, you may visit: <http://www.doj.gov.hk/eng/public/pubsoppaptoc.html>

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