

# HKIoD Speaker Luncheon Meeting with The Hon Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, GBM The Chief Justice, Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal on Thursday 20 April 2017

## Theme

Relevance of the Rule of Law to Business and Investment

## Highlights of address

- Judges interpret the law well to balance the rights for different parties. The court upholds the law to ensure equality is applied to all parties. Decisions of judges are not swayed by public opinions, majorities or the government.
- Element of transparency is important in a healthy legal system. In Hong Kong, anybody can go into a court to attend while a case is on trial. The verdict of a trial is made public and the defendant has the right to appeal the ruling to the Court of Appeal and higher if he or she desires.
- Judicial review was originally intended to give ordinary people a chance of appeal. Now political, social and economic issues pursue judicial review, because society is getting complex. The court will only address legal issues.



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### 演講重點

- 法官詮釋法律以平衡不同人士的利益。法院維護法律以保障所有人士都能得到公平待遇。法官的裁決不為輿論、社會多數聲音和政府所影響。
- 透明度是健全司法體制的重要元素，在香港，任何人都可以都法院旁聽案件審訊。審訊的裁決都會公開，被告人有權向上訴法院或更高級法院提出上訴。
- 司法覆核的原意是讓普通人有權提出申訴。現時有關政治、社會和經濟的爭議紛紛尋求司法覆核，是因為社會變得愈來愈複雜。而法院只會處理有關法律的問題。

