

Ladies and gentlemen, Dear colleagues and friends,
Good Evening!

After two days of meetings and discussions, we are about to conclude our formal program for the Fifth International Conference on Evidence Law and Forensic Science.

As you know, it is the first time this conference has been held outside China, a major step in the internationalization of this event. Our conference has achieved great success, which Prof. Thomas 满运龙 help me to summarize it as 5 “C”s.

First “C”, “Cross-disciplinary”: Our conference reflects true disciplinary scholarship. We covered two major areas: evidence law and forensic science. These two areas of scholarship are closely related as they are the intellectual foundations of the fact finding process of every judicial system. In practice, however, scholars from these two areas of scholarship do not often sit together to exchange views. This also reflects the nature of the International Conference on Evidence Law and Forensic Science. We have similar visions and this makes our conference truly disciplinary.

Second, “Cross-nationalities”: With this I mean that our 220 participants are from 15 countries. Of course, Chinese delegation is the largest. There are 43 legal scholars and forensic scientists from China, including 25 from CUPL. This is an indicator of China’s growing interest and sophistication in taking part in meaningful dialogue with foreign scholars and experts in evidence law and forensic science.

The third “C” refers to “Cross-background”: Our participants not only come from different countries, we also have a wide range of life experience and background: There are legal scholars, forensic

scientists, policemen, prosecutors, judges, lawyers and legal administrators. Because legal scholarship deals with real life issues, the rich life background of our participants greatly enriched the discussion and exchange of views.

Fourthly, “Cross-judicial systems:” Our discussions deal with a number of important judicial systems, including Chinese legal system, common law system, civil law system, and many others. This broad view across different judicial systems helps us to gain a comprehensive perspective on how different legal systems solves the problems involved in fact finding and judicial proof.

Lastly, it is “Common interests:” Even though we come from different intellectual, national and jurisdictional background, we nevertheless share common interests in searching for better ways to deal with practical problems arising from judicial process. We can achieve broad agreement on many fundamental principles of justice, fairness, transparency, and rule of law. This is the foundation for our exchange.

With these 5 “C”s, I would say that our conference has achieved important success. I am sure that after this conference, we all look forward to the Sixth International conference to be held in Maryland in 2017!

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all these individuals who have worked so hard to make this conference a huge success. In particular, I wish to thank the excellent efforts of the organizational committee to make all the arrangements. For CUPL, thanks to “Henry” Zhuhao Wang. For Adelaide, many thanks to Professor David and his brilliant team. ——I just give you an example. ——So I think that David’s team proffer excellent service for the conference. And I will say “Thank you everyone who has contributed to the

success of our conference.

Again, thank you! And see you in 2017!