

Statement by Chief Justice of Court of Final Appeal

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The following is a statement by the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, Mr Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, today (January 16):

"It is with great sadness that I have been informed of the passing of Mr Patrick Yu last Saturday. On behalf of the Hong Kong Judiciary, I would like to express our deepest and sincere condolences to his family.

Mr Yu was for many lawyers in Hong Kong, including judges, barristers and solicitors, an inspiration and represented the ultimate aspiration as to the qualities required in the law. He was an eloquent and thoroughly persuasive advocate, the best of his generation. More than that he was unshakeable in the pursuit of the ideals of the law and of the rule of law itself. He was encouraging to every lawyer who had the good fortune of knowing him and his wisdom influenced many who are in the Judiciary today. Patrick will be much missed but his generosity of spirit and his ideals will live on."