ROLE: origin and context

• Started in 2012 as a Knowledge Exchange initiative
• Law students develop academic materials and other resources for the public
• Primary audience: local secondary school students
• Goal: to promote a better understanding of the rule of law and various basic legal knowledge in Hong Kong
• Programming for AY 2023-24 will begin in January 2024
• In English and/or Cantonese
• Also host a website and annual law essay competition
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Statistics for AY 2022-23

- 28 HKU law students participated
- 14 talks/workshops
- Audience included:
  - 2,700 secondary school students
  - 50 migrant domestic workers
Thematic Topics on the Rule of Law

- Contempt of Court
- Interpretation of the Basic Law
- Legislative Council
- Separation of Powers
- Law Obedience
- Freedom of Expression
- Adolescents and Law Obedience

https://www.role.hku.hk
ROLE benefits and impact

FOR LAW STUDENTS

FOR AUDIENCE / COMMUNITY

FOR HKU
ROLE benefits and impact

FOR LAW STUDENTS

- Reinforces curriculum knowledge
- Public speaking skills
- Ability to effectively communicate complex legal ideas to non-legal audiences (future prof. skill)
- Fosters creativity and problem-solving
- Peer collaboration
ROLE benefits and impact

Based on post-event debriefings and completed post-event questionnaires:

• Gain knowledge about the significance of the rule of law and related legal concepts
• Teachers appreciate variety and lesson plan assistance
• Audience feedback: speakers are well-prepared and passionate about their teaching
ROLE benefits and impact

FOR HKU

- Community connection
- Practical application of the legal curriculum
- Generate additional awareness of the law and interest in the law
- Share relevant legal information beyond campus
Questions?

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