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**RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL  
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THE LOCAL SELF-FINANCING DEGREE SECTOR**

**INTER-INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (IIDS)**

**Completion Report**  
(for completed projects only)

<p><b><u>Submission Deadlines:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The unspent balance, if applicable, and auditor's report: within <u>six</u> months of the approved project completion date.</li> <li>2. Completion report: within <u>12</u> months of the approved project completion date.</li> </ol>
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**Part A: The Project and Investigator(s)**

**1. Project Title**

Restorative Justice: an interdisciplinary research and application of theories on psychology and social neuroscience in the criminal justice process

復和司法：跨學科研究心理學和社會神經科學理論在刑事司法程序的應用

**2. Investigator(s) and Academic Department(s) / Unit(s) Involved**

Research Team	Name / Post	Unit / Department / Institution
Principal Investigator	Dr. LUI Wendy Chit-ying	Department of Law and Business, Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Co-Principal Investigator(s)	Dr. CHIO Jasmine Hin-man	Department of Counselling and Psychology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Co-Investigator(s)	Dr. SIU Nicolson Yat-fan	Department of Social Sciences, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Co-Investigator(s)	Professor WONG Dennis Sing-wing	Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, City University of Hong Kong
Co-Investigator(s)	Dr. LAW Samuel Sau-wai	Department of Business and Hospitality Management, Caritas Institute of Higher Education

**3. Project Duration**

	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Date of RGC / Institution Approval</b> <i>(must be quoted)</i>
Project Start Date	1 January 2022	N/A	N/A
Project Completion Date	31 December 2022	N/A	N/A
Duration ( <i>in month</i> )	12	N/A	N/A
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	31 December 2023	N/A	N/A

**Part B: The Final Report****5. Collaboration with Other Self-Financing Degree-Awarding Institutions**

	<b>Name of Institution(s)</b>	<b>% of Participation</b>	<b>Distinctive <u>Element(s)</u> of the Institution in Responsible Project</b>
<b>Applying Institution</b>	Hong Kong Shue Yan University	100%	All primary roles are undertaken by the Applying Institution.
<b>Collaborating Institution(s) (If any) #</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>100%</b>	

# If no other eligible local self-financing degree-awarding institutions are involved, please input "N/A" in this table.

**6. Project Objectives****6.1 Objectives as per original application**

1. To raise awareness of the practice of RJ and its integration in the legal system to a wider professional communities in Hong Kong;
2. To introduce the discreteness in practice of RJ in overseas jurisdictions and in Hong Kong;
3. To explore and discuss RJ research and practices from the perspective of different disciplines, including law, criminology, psychology and social neuroscience;
4. To provide a platform for knowledge exchange and research development in multi-disciplinary research in RJ

**6.2 Revised objectives**

Date of approval from the RGC: N/A

Reasons for the change: N/A

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**6.3 Realisation of the objectives**

6.4 *(Maximum 1 page; please state how and to what extent the project objectives have been achieved; give reasons for under-achievements and outline attempts to overcome problems, if any)*

1. To raise awareness of the practice of RJ and its integration in the legal system to a wider professional community in Hong Kong;

Scholars and practitioners are engaged in public seminars to shed light on the practice of RJ and its integration in the legal system. The introduction of RJ in the public semester was joined by those who are currently involved in youth delinquency in Hong Kong and their experience in their latest cases has effectively attracted attendees from different professional fields. These include solicitors, barristers, social workers, government officials, academics and students. Participants (a majority young students) learned how the legal system can be relied upon when RJ conferences are used collaboratively by police officers, academics and social workers. This showcase of success of RJ in cases of this scale is unprecedented in Hong Kong, achieving fully the intended outcome of the project. The participants were also invited to the international conference whereby knowledge of the use of RJ were reinforced.

2. To introduce the discreteness in practice of RJ in overseas jurisdictions and in Hong Kong;

The international conference enlighten a wider group of audience in their understanding and knowledge of the latest development in RJ research. The introduction of RJ practices in the UK, Belgium, Singapore, the US and in Mainland China had brought to participants in the audience to appreciate some of the insights on the development of RJ in other countries where RJ was practiced for a much longer period. The development of RJ practice to move beyond the provision of legal framework is highlighted. The intended objective is achieved with this relatively comprehensive introduction.

3. To explore and discuss RJ research and practices from the perspective of different disciplines, including law, criminology, psychology and social neuroscience

The trend of academic study on interdisciplinarity will be enhanced when professionals, academics and practitioners from the field of law, psychology, neuroscience and related field joined in to exchange views on their research and practice. This is achieved through the Research Roundtable discussion. In the session, research teachers and students from different disciplines were engaged to explore the interdisciplinary nature of RJ mainly on the intertwining application of knowledge in law, psychology and neuroscience. The discussion was continued during and after the Conference, and in the training workshop where learners, including lawyers, social workers, teachers and researchers can share the practical knowledge of RJ from multi-disciplinary perspectives. The intended objective is achieved fully.

4. To provide a platform for knowledge exchange and research development in multi-disciplinary research in RJ

Research Roundtable discussion arrangement allowed academics to exchange ideas on further research topics and projects. These platforms allowed effective knowledge exchanges and the creation of new research ideas. For example there was an interesting extension of the discussion to the sociolinguistic perspective that is potentially a research in a study on the importance of narratives in the practice of RJ where a scripted model is used. The objective is achieved.

## 6.5 Summary of objectives addressed to date

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Addressed</b> <i>(please tick)</i>	<b>Percentage Achieved</b> <i>(please estimate)</i>
1. To raise awareness of the practice of RJ and its integration in the legal system to a wider professional communities in Hong Kong	✓	100%
2. To introduce the discreteness in practice of RJ in overseas jurisdictions and in Hong Kong	✓	100%
3. To explore and discuss RJ research and practices from the perspective of different disciplines, including law, criminology, psychology and social neuroscience	✓	100%
4. To provide a platform for knowledge exchange and research development in multi-disciplinary research in RJ	✓	100%

## 6.6 Project progress

<b>Original Implementation Schedule</b>	<b>Revised Implementation Schedule</b> <b>(Date of RGC's Approval)</b>	<b>Updated Progress</b>
Public Seminar (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter)	N/A	The Seminar was held on 26 Mar 2023
Conference (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter)	N/A	The Conference was held on 10 Dec 2023
Research Roundtable Discussion (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter)	N/A	Research Roundtable Discussion held on 9 Dec 2023
Training Workshop (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter)	N/A	Training Workshops held on 13 and 16 Dec 2023

## 6.7 Speaker(s)

<b>Title / Name</b> (Surname in Capital Letters)	<b>Post / Institution</b>	<b>Title / Topic of Presentation / Course</b>	<b>Previous Research Links with Hong Kong Institutions</b> (Nature and Date (Month / Year))
Dr. LUI Wendy Chit-ying	Associate Professor, Department of Law and Business, Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Restorative Justice and Mediation – An Overview	Currently employed at Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Prof. Dennis WONG sing-wing	Professor, Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, City University of Hong Kong	Restorative Justice and Mediation – The Past, Present and Future	Currently employed at City University of Hong Kong
Ms Bob LEE	Supervisor, Youth Crime Prevention, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Restorative Justice Cases in Hong Kong	N/A
Ms. Connie AU YEUNG	Youth Work Officer, Youth Crime Prevention Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups		
Dr. Gilbert WONG	Ex-Commanding Officer, Police Negotiation Cadre The Hong Kong Police Force	Experience Sharing on Negotiation and Restoration	N/A
Dr. Mikhail LYUBANSKY	Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA	Restorative Justice and Positive Psychology	N/A
Dr. Theo GAVRIELIDES	Founder and Director, The RJ4All International Institute, London, UK	Restorative Justice or Group Therapy	N/A
Mr. Leonard Keith NG	Counselor, Lutheran Community Care Service, Singapore	Restorative Justice in Singapore: Community Matters	N/A
Prof. Ivo AERTSEN	Professor, KU Leuven Institute of Criminology, Belgium.	Building a legal framework in the practice of Restorative Justice	N/A
Prof. Deborah DENNO	Professor, Fordham University School of Law, New York, USA	Law, Criminal Justice, and Neuroscience	N/A
Prof. Miranda FORSYTH	Professor School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University, Australia	Institutional Hybridity and Restorative Justice	N/A
Prof. DI Xiaohua	Professor, Department of Law, Nanjing University, China	A Study of the Restoration System in Chinese Criminal Justice	N/A
Prof. Dennis WONG sing-wing	Professor, Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, City University of Hong Kong	Chinese Restorative Justice: Characteristics and Current Practices	See above
Prof. Dennis WONG sing-wing	Professor, Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, City University of Hong Kong	Training workshop: Introduction – principles of restorative justice	See above
Ms. Cindy LEE	Executive Director, Centre for Restoration of Human Relationship	Explaining the process – humanistic dialogue and role-play demonstration	N/A

Mr. Simon SO	Barrister, Simon, S.Y. So's Chambers, Hong Kong	Restorative justice in the criminal justice system – its potential application	N/A
Ms. May LEE Koon-mei	Deputy Chief Executive, Social Rehabilitation & Community Education, The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	Case sharing – RJ in the community	N/A
Mr. Stephen LIAUW Ka-kei	Chief Superintendent of Police, Wanchai Police District Commander, Commanding Officer of Police Negotiation Cadre, Hong Kong Police Force.	Sharing of experience – from the law enforcement perspectives	N/A

- 6.8 Please provide details of the activities organized, including the theme / objectives of the activities, targeted participants, attendance, analysis of participants, e.g. country of origin, research background, etc., evaluation forms of the activities and a summary of the participants' evaluation. Photos of the activities are preferred.)

### **Public Seminar**

The public seminar aims to raise awareness of the practice of RJ and its integration in the legal system to a wider professional community in Hong Kong. The Theme of the Public Seminar is “Restorative Justice in Hong Kong: the Way Forward”. Since the aim is to raise awareness, people from the public are invited. Though the pandemic has ruled-out the possibility of physical presence of professionals, it is gratifying to see online participation of 167 participating parties, including mediators, social workers, solicitors and barristers, academics and students, and officers from the Department of Justice and Law Reform Commission.

### **International Conference**

The International Conference aims at having academics and professionals in various disciplines that relates closely to the principles and practice of RJ to speak on their latest research and practice to enlighten participants on the development of RJ in Hong Kong and other jurisdictions. The Conference title is Restorative Justice: psychology, criminal justice and socio-neuroscience, based on the theme of interdisciplinary research and application of psychology and socio-neuroscience theories in the criminal justice process. Participants include barristers, solicitors, government counsels, mediators, medical and healthcare practitioners, psychological counsellors, senior officers of property developers, insurance professionals, investment, officer from the law reform commission, general business consultants, social work service directors, academics, researchers and students.

The two main events attracted 262 participants, with attendees mainly from local universities and professionals from a range of services related to the practice of restorative justice, including legal professionals, social workers, youth service providers, mediators, and officers from the Department of Justice and the Law Reform Commission in Hong Kong. With the quarantine in place, attendance in person is impossible in the first quarter of 2022, but it was found that online participation was conducive in attracting participation because of convenience. It is also pleasing to have the Training Workshop and the Research Roundtable discussion held on the expected scale which is smaller in size in order for meaningful discussions and interactions to be taking place. While a majority of participating parties are from Hong Kong, the website has been visited by those from

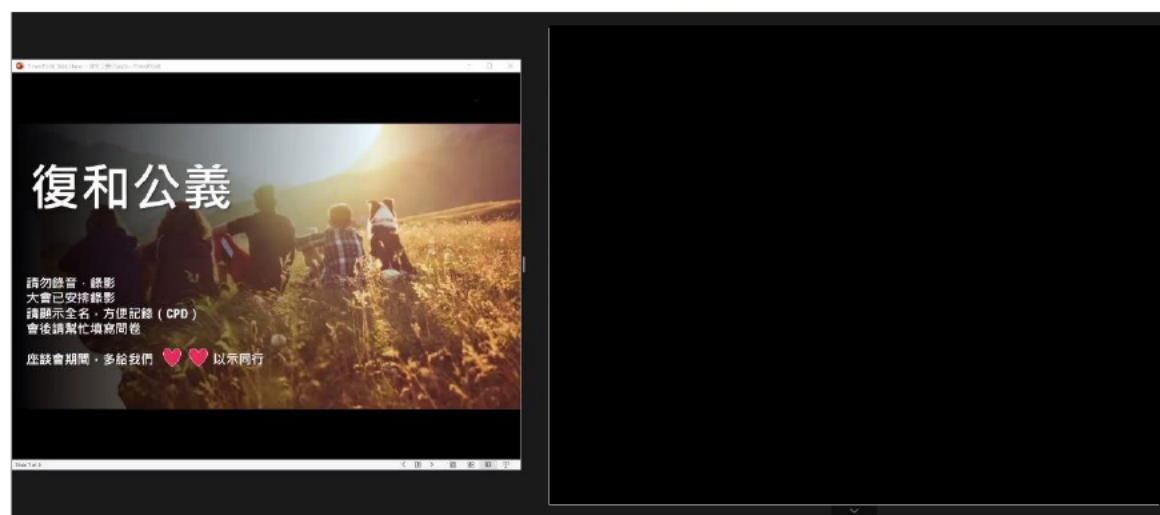
Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Demark, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the USA.

The following table summarizes the participation in the events:

Event	Description of participants	Total
Public Seminar – Restorative Justice in Hong Kong – the Way Ahead (26 March 2022)	HKSYU teachers and students, CityU teachers and students, ELCHK, MC, CRHR, DoJ, Mediators, Barristers and Solicitors	167
Conference (10 December 2022)	HKSYU teachers and students, CityU teachers and students, ELCHK, MC, CRHR, DoJ, Mediators, Barristers and Solicitors	95
Research Roundtable Discussion (9 December 2022)	Academics and research students HKSYU, HKUST, barristers	10
Training Workshop (13 and 16 December 2022)	Teachers from HKSYU / IVE/ HKUST, Research students, barrister, counsellor, social worker, and a journalist	25
	Total	297

## Photos

### Public Seminar held on 26 March 2022









### Research Round Table Discussion on 9 December 2022

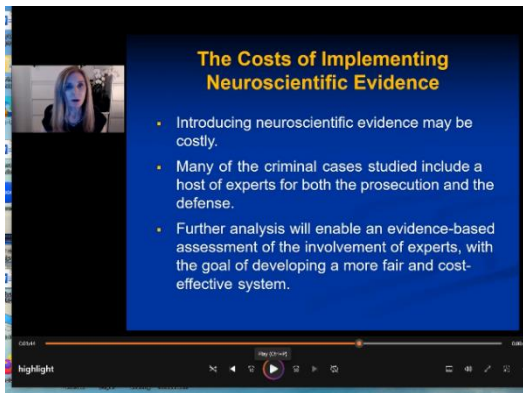


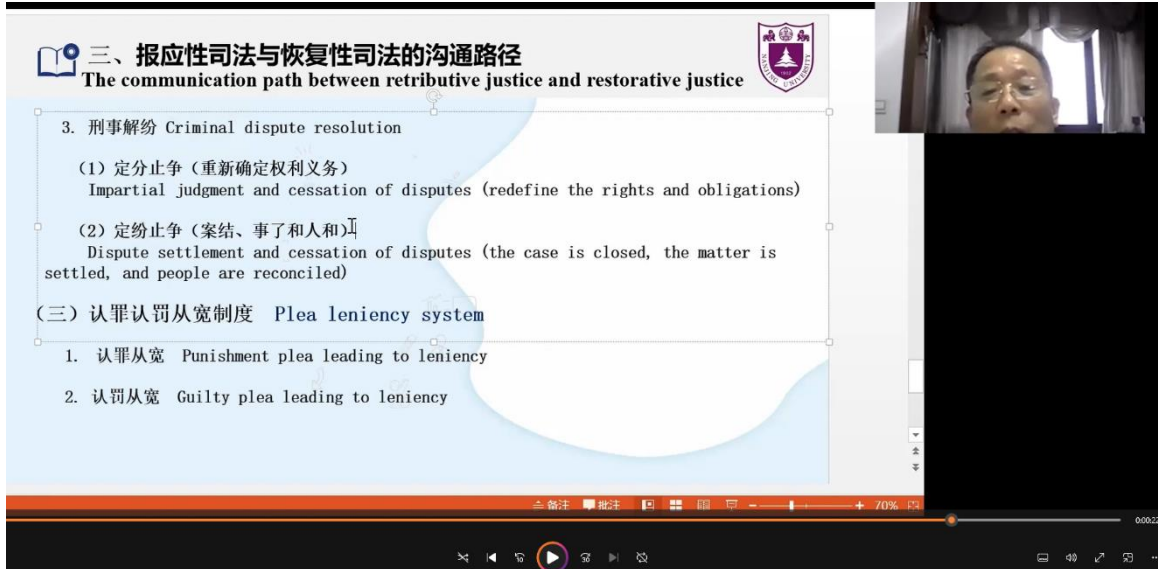


### Conference on 10 December 2022









**三、报应性司法与恢复性司法的沟通路径**  
The communication path between retributive justice and restorative justice

3. 刑事解纷 Criminal dispute resolution

- (1) 定分止争 (重新确定权利义务)  
Impartial judgment and cessation of disputes (redefine the rights and obligations)
- (2) 定纷止争 (案结、事了、人和、心平)  
Dispute settlement and cessation of disputes (the case is closed, the matter is settled, and people are reconciled)

(三) 认罪认罚从宽制度 Plea leniency system

- 1. 认罪从宽 Punishment plea leading to leniency
- 2. 认罚从宽 Guilty plea leading to leniency

### Training Workshop 13 & 16 December 2022

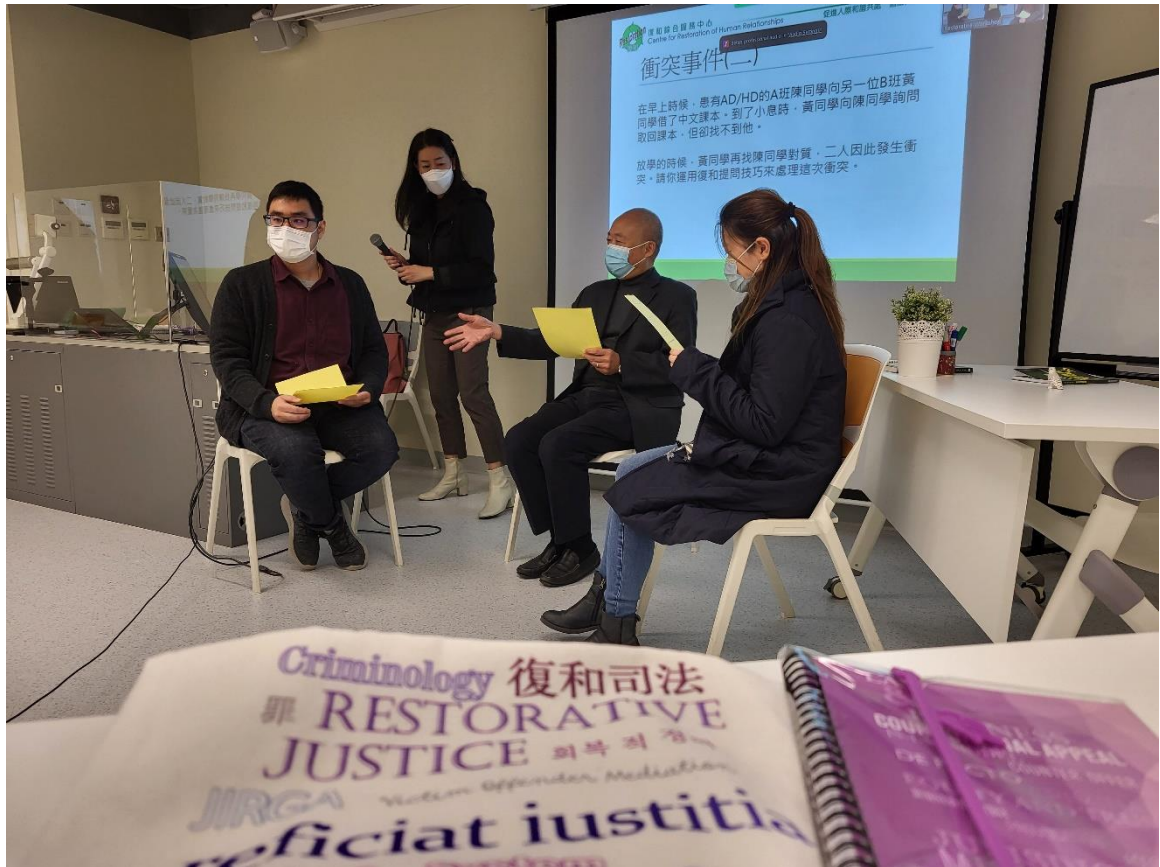














## 法商系舉辦研討會及工作坊 加深公眾認識復和司法概念與實踐

法律及商業學系於12月10日舉辦有關「復和司法」國際會議，邀請海外及本地著名學者，以「復和司法·心理·神經科學」為主題，探討三者之間的關係，以及三者如何幫助社會上不慎行差踏錯的人和罪行的受害者走上復元之路。



復和司法工作坊於研究院綜合大樓舉行。



仁大助理學務副校長、法商系主任呂哲濤博士(左)，致送紀念品予香港警務處警務處副處長黃國榮先生。

繼國際會議圓滿成功，法商系再於12月13日及16日，舉行與復和司法相關的實體工作坊。仁大助理學務副校長、法商系主任呂哲濤博士表示，近年香港青少年犯罪率有上升的趨勢，期望透過一連串講座及工作坊等，令大眾了解復和司法的理論與實踐，從而對年輕的犯罪者給予支持，為他們重新融入社會作準備。

至於12月16日舉行的研討會，分別邀請了蘇信恩大律師分享刑事案例、善導會社區教育及義工服務高級經理李冠英女士分享復和公義在社區的真實個案，以及香港警務處警務處副處長黃國榮先生從執法角度分享復和司法的經驗。其中李冠英女士分享她二十多年來的復和工作經驗與心得時指出，香港至今仍未有刑事調解相關的法律條文，往往只能靠受害人與違法者的自願配合，期望日後有刑事調解手法去處理社區問題，服務社區。



黃成榮教授以「復和公義理念與實踐」為題在研討會上作分享，與「作總結」。



工作坊有活動者為法商系。

警務處分享經驗。

在12月13日舉行的「復和公義理念與實踐」主題講座中，香港城市大學犯罪學教授黃成榮教授以刑事司法制度作切入點，指出現存司法制度目的旨在懲罰性措施，並非令罪犯改過自身，對減低犯罪率並無任何實際作用。因此，需尋求更有效的方法以改善現存的司法制度。「復和公義能彌補現今制度的不足，由於復和公義主張透過補償，使違法者與受害人關係緩和，並以雙方和解作最終目標。」他續指，復和公義講求「復和、克權、重投社會」這三大原則。其中復和概念指對受害人的痛過、修補等，而克權則應受害人與違法者的溝通、討論傷害與賠償，至於重投社會是透過寬恕而各人關係修補，而犯人亦可逐漸重投社會，從而達到復和公義目的，即「解決問題是為了未來，而非在已發生的過失身上」，同時能平衡受害人與違法者的利益。



與會者與法商系同學分享經驗。

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## 7. Research-Related Outcome

### 7.1 Potential for development into research proposal and the proposed course of action (Maximum half a page)

The series of events, in particular discussions in the Research Roundtable and the Conference stimulated thoughts on how new philosophical and interdisciplinary concepts in restorative justice can be applied to explain the how reintegration works, the positive pain in the process, and analysis from practical, psychological and neuroscientific perspectives.

A proposal under the Faculty Development Scheme under the UGC Competitive Research Grant Scheme is prepared for application in the March 2024 round.

## 7.2 Research collaboration achieved

*(Please give details on the achievement and its relevant impact)*

The proposal under the Faculty Development Scheme under the UGC Competitive Research Grant Scheme is a collaborative work that includes input from perspectives of practitioners in RJ, law enforcement officers, and academics (criminology, law and neuroscience). Prof. Dennis Wong, City University of Hong Kong, will be collaborating in the proposed project.

## 7.3 Any new development and/or challenging research topic(s) has / have been identified and any new initiative(s) for future research has / have been inspired.

Though the concrete content of the research might not be fully finalized at the point of writing, research themes in positive psychology and neuroscience are developed that linked to the nuances in the practice of restorative justice in Hong Kong. Neuroscience evidence has played an increasingly important role in the criminal justice system as demonstrated by researches in the west. The use of general neuroscience, neuropsychological testing and imaging tests has been used in especially in mitigation in sentencing phase of criminal proceedings. The intersection of law and neuroscience will be a new area of research topic that is identified, hopefully to be of contribution for a more compassionate criminal justice system.

Initial research was carried out in the use of neuroscience imaging in a mediation advocacy process (Project titled: Mediation Advocacy: A pilot analysis on the neurological activities generated during the process of evaluation and facilitation) and the preliminary findings shows how the use of neuroscience tools can assist the understanding of a process in dispute resolution which is a crucial part of the civil justice procedures. This type of research can be further extended to be used in the criminal justice process.

## 8. The Layman's Summary

*(Describe in layman's language the nature, significance and value of the research activities, in no more than 200 words)*

The significance and value of the series of research activities lie in its timely reunion of researchers and practitioners on restorative justice in the aftermath of the social rallies in Hong Kong. The initiatives of some pioneers of the service were released at an appropriate time to arouse the awareness of many, particularly service providers, on the effectiveness of restorative justice. On the research and practice side, having some devoted academics from the US, the UK, Belgium, Australia, Singapore, China and Hong Kong to come together and discuss the respective development of restorative justice will certainly enhance the acuteness in the knowledge of restorative justice particularly in areas in the world where it is practiced for a long time. This knowledge will definitely of value to the use of restorative justice in Hong Kong where there is a choice of developing the system differently, and more effectively knowing the nuances in practice. Also, the interdisciplinary nature of the discussions will advance not only in research methodology but also in the range of theories applicable for further research to be conducted.

**Part C: Research Output****9. Recognized Conference(s) Paper(s) Related To This Project Was / Were Delivered (As Applicable)***(Please attach a copy of each conference abstract)*

<b>Month / Year / Place</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Conference Name</b>	<b>Submitted to RGC</b> <i>(indicate the year ending of the relevant progress report)</i>	<b>Attached to this Report</b> <i>(Yes or No)</i>	<b>Acknowledged the Support of RGC</b> <i>(Yes or No)</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**10. Research Personnel Trained (As Applicable)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
N/A	N/A

**11. Other Impact (As Applicable)***(e.g. prizes, collaboration with other research institutions, technology transfer, etc.)*

N/A

**12. Statistics on Research Outputs**

	<b>Peer-reviewed Journal Publications</b>	<b>Conference Papers</b>	<b>Scholarly Books, Monographs and Chapters</b>	<b>Patents Awarded</b>	<b>Other Research Outputs (please specify)</b>	
<b>No. of outputs arising directly from this project</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Type	No.
					N/A	N/A

**13. Public Access Of Completion Report**

*(Please specify the information, if any, that cannot be provided for public access and give the reasons.)*

<b>Information that Cannot Be Provided for Public Access</b>	<b>Reasons</b>
N/A	N/A