Project Title: Institutional Policy and Practice of Student Intellectual Property Management in Hong Kong Higher Education

Leading Institution: City University of Hong Kong

Participating Institution(s): Hong Kong Baptist University, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Project Leader(s): Prof Philip J. Ivanhoe, Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong

In order to prepare students with creativity competency, institutions in the Hong Kong higher education sector encourage students participating activities such as undergraduate research and entrepreneurship programs. Students may generate intellectual property (IP) in these activities. Therefore, it is important for institutions to develop and implement institutional IP policies and practices that facilitate the management of student-generated IP.

In this project, a 2-day seminar will be conducted, bringing together senior management, legal advisors, officials and professionals from local and overseas institutions to -

- exchange experiences and share visions on the management of undergraduate student IP;
- examine, analyze and evaluate the policies and practices of different institutions, both local and overseas; and
- develop a best practice that can serve as a standard for the Hong Kong higher education sector.

After the seminar, we will solicit suggestions and prepare a best practice and list of recommendations for IP policy which will help local institutions advance and perfect their institutional IP policies to address the issues of IP generated by undergraduate students while still fostering their creativity and innovation.

We intend to benefit from the previous work and experiences of local as well as overseas institutions but to build upon these in order to produce a more sophisticated, well considered and effective set of policies.