



About 50 Chinese procurators from three regional centres attended the workshop and, as in 2000, there was keen participation by all involved. Professor He from Beijing People's University and a member of the National People's Congress Legal Committee also attended and made significant contributions. The workshop was opened by Liang Guoqing, First Deputy Procurator-General, and Dr Ye Feng, Director General of the International Judicial Cooperation Department of the Supreme People's Prosecution Service, again played a prominent role.

There is an obvious and keen desire on the part of Chinese procurators to learn as much as possible about systems operating in other jurisdictions, with a view to adopting and adapting the most beneficial aspects in China. The country is part way through a complete review of the laws of evidence that is expected to last five years. This workshop was a significant contribution to that process.

It is to be hoped that programmes of this kind and visits by Chinese jurists to Australian jurisdictions will continue.

Continued dialogue at senior levels in the Chinese administration is a force for beneficial change in China in the long term.

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House of Lord Denning of Whitchurch

The photograph on the next page shows the house of Lord Denning of Whitchurch. There are at least nine places named Whitchurch in England. Lord Denning grew up and lived at the town of that name in Hampshire, where his father, Charles, was the town draper.

Lord Denning's house, "The Lawn", is on the River Test, which passes through the town, and enjoys large grounds with a large stand of tall,

mature trees behind a brick fence. He permitted fetes to be held in the grounds.

The house is easily found as, on the same river, about five minutes walk away at 28 Winchester Street, is a water-driven silk mill. The mill was built in about 1815. Its Victorian era machinery has been restored and still produces silk, including that for use in the gowns of senior counsel. Visitors may tour the mill to see it in operation. The mill's introductory video

presentation includes a brief segment showing Lord Denning opening the mill following its restoration.

The town is easily reached on a day trip from London. A leaflet describing walking tours is available from the Town Hall, Library and the Silk Mill.

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Lord Denning's house "The Lawn" in Whitchurch, Hampshire.