

Mainland keen on coming clean

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HKU Space has been approached by several mainland public bodies interested in anti-corruption training after it ran its first such programme in Beijing.

The University of Hong Kong's School of Professional and Continuing Education offered an anti-corruption training programme in January for the National Development and Reform Commission which is responsible for mainland research and development for economic and social policy.

A total of 130 officials from its Office of Key Project Inspectors gained the Postgraduate Certificate in Corruption Studies after taking the eight-day programme.

Teachers included Jean Au Yeung, assistant director of corruption prevention at the Independent Commission Against Corruption, and top officials from mainland judicial bodies.

The course covered topics such as the causes of corruption and its social effects, formulating anti-corruption strategies, combatting corruption through education and in-

vestigations, and a study of successful cases.

Programme head Tony Kwok Man-wai, former deputy commissioner and head of operations at the ICAC, said Space was keen to use Hong Kong's knowledge and expertise to support the drive against graft on the mainland.

"Hong Kong has been very successful in fighting corruption to become one of the cleanest cities in the world," he said. "We have been approached by other similar authorities in mainland China requesting us to offer similar courses."