STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN MALAYSIA’S JUDICIARY: TRAIN-THE-JUDGES PROGRAM (TTJ) 10 - 13 JULY 2017

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

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COURSE ORGANISERS

• Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) is responsible for the delivery of this training course with support from ILKAP, DOE, UITM and IIUM,

• The Asian Development Bank has provided financial support to enable the course to be delivered in ILKAP, Bangi.

• The course is being presented by four local trainers from local universities and other selected trainers from legal and judiciary, and DOE;

• The Course Programme has been developed by all trainers and approved by ADB.
THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

• The Course Programme is developed by a pool of trainers in Malaysia to enhance the knowledge on environmental law and issues in Malaysia’s judiciary.

• The core purpose of this course is to convey substantive environmental knowledge to Environmental Court judges in Malaysia for them to develop and enhance the capacity of the Malaysia’s judiciary in making better informed decision in environmental law cases.

• The course is therefore about the general substance of environmental law and how best to view a case from different perspectives.

• As a result, it will have an emphasis upon the demonstration of various aspects of environmental law that can contribute to a better jurisprudential approach to making judicial decisions.
EXPECTATIONS OF THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS

• Participants have been selected for this course because they are considered to be potential environmental law “judicial champions” who will either:
  
  • If already experienced in judging environmental cases, contribute by giving out potential decisions that create potential impacts in environmental law corpus in Malaysia; or
  
  • If less experienced in judging environmental cases themselves, develop or improve their own environmental law knowledge to arrive at meaningful judicial decisions in the future.

• The more experienced participants will be requested to act as “mentors” during the course to assist those with less knowledge and experience in environmental law to participate effectively in various exercises and activities.
CONTENT OF THE TRAIN THE JUDGES COURSE

• For full details, see the Course Programme.
• Days 1: Overview of the scope and content of environmental law and role of judiciary
• Day 2: Environmental Laws, conduct of a role-play ADR exercise, practitioner’s point of view and investigation
• Day 3: Prevention, management, enforcement and half-day field-trip
• Day 4: Court’s Perspective and Commitment
INTRODUCTION TO IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

1. LEARNING OUTCOMES

• A statement of what is expected to be learned by judges.
• May apply to the overall course, or to particular components of the course.
• May extend beyond gaining a substantive knowledge of particular subject-matter to include an understanding of how the relevant law or related procedure is implemented, its effectiveness and its interaction with other non-legal measures.
2. TEACHING METHODOLOGIES

- Training formats
  - Lectures, seminars, tutorials
  - Small-group activities
  - Flipped classroom

- Training Methodologies
  - Reflective
  - Teacher-based
  - Student centred - participatory
  - Research-based