Overview of the Workshop and the Asian Judges Network on Environment

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Overview of the Workshop

• Day 1
  • Session 1 - Environmental Courts and Tribunals and Pre-workshop Survey
  • Session 2 - Cambodia Environmental Laws and New ENR Code
  • Session 3 – Developing Special Rules for Environmental Cases

• Day 2
  • Session 4 – EIA and Development Planning
  • Session 5 – Dealing with Evidence in Environmental Cases
  • Session 6 – Climate Change Law: General Principles and Best Practices

• Format
  • Lectures and presentations
  • Q&A
  • Interactive Activities (Group Sessions)
The AJNE Website: www.ajne.org
Annual Roundtables

- 2011 – Indonesia
- 2012 – Malaysia and Pakistan
- 2013 – Thailand and Bhutan
- 2014 – Vietnam and Sri Lanka
- 2015 – Cambodia and Nepal
- 2016 – Philippines and Bangladesh
Indonesia Judicial Certification Program on Environment
Philippines
Rules of Procedure for Environmental
Bhutan
Bench Book and Green Benches
Pakistan
- Green Benches
- Environmental Justice Committee &
- Institutionalization of Environmental
Malaysia - Environmental crimes courts - Train-the-judges program
Sri Lanka

Centre on Environmental Rule of Law and Sustainable Green Development; and Judge’s Workshop on Environment and Writ Laws
Impacts of AJNE

- **AJNE** strengthened Judges’ capacity
- **AJNE** provided like-minded support group
- **AJNE** provided for exchange of innovative ideas
- **AJNE** is a neutral forum for all stakeholders
- **AJNE** provided technical, scientific & economic information
- **AJNE** encouraged specialized courts and trained judges
- **AJNE** identified champion “green” judges
- **AJNE** better environmental compliance and enforcement
- **AJNE** website: [www.ajne.org](http://www.ajne.org)
The Need for Continued Judicial Leadership

• Important and crucial role of judges in environmental protection cannot be denied
  • More so because of climate change

• The judiciary can bring all stakeholders together
  • For cooperation, collaboration, and mutual learning

• More cases and litigation are coming...
  • Climate refugees, displacement and migration, use of limited/scarce resources, clashing policies and development priorities

• ...so judges need to prepare and be ready
  • Capacity building, continuous learning, work with stakeholders, be innovative and “bold” with decisions;

• Exercise leadership of the legal profession
Thank you!

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