LAWASIA BUSINESS LAW
CONFERENCE
KEEPING ABREAST WITH ASIAN BUSINESS LAW DEVELOPMENTS

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The Chief Justice's Message

Warmest felicitations to the officers and members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and the Lawasia Philippines, Inc. (Lawasia PH) on the occasion of the 2019 Lawasia Business Law Conference.

Aptly themed Keeping Abreast with Asian Business Law Developments, the Conference underscores trends, key issues, and best legal practices in Asia. As Asian commerce greatly impacts the world economy, it is important that lawyers keep well-informed about the evolving business legal framework in the world’s biggest continent.

I also commend the Law Association for Asia and Western Pacific for undertaking this Conference with the IBP and Lawasia PH. International partnerships, like this Conference, are what the world needs to foster better understanding across countries in the legal field as well as other endeavors.

May all the participants in this Conference be empowered to be agents of economic development in Asia. May the IBP, Lawasia PH, and Lawasia International be blessed with even more success in all their enterprises.

Mabuhay!

Manila, March 8, 2019.

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Lucas P. Bersamin
Chief Justice
LAWASIA President’s Message

LAWASIA, in collaboration with the Integrated Bar of Philippines and the Lawasia Philippines Inc., are delighted to welcome you to the LAWASIA Business Law Conference to be held from 14th to 16th March 2019. We are excited that the conference will take place in the modern vibrant city of Bonifacio Global City in Metro Manila.

It was not too long ago at the start of the new millennium that it became apparent that the first century of this new millennium will come to be described as the Asian Century. This is reflected by the rapid and expansive economic, social and technological growth and development in Asia. The Philippines in particular has seen impressive economic growth in the last few years. According to the World Bank, the gross domestic product growth of the Philippines has been consistently above 6% per annum from 2013 to 2018, and the International Monetary Fund projects Philippines’ gross domestic product growing at the rate of 6.7% for 2019. The law and its development have to likewise keep pace with these rapid economic growth in order to regulate and facilitate such growth.

It is therefore timely for this conference to be held in Metro Manila and which is aptly themed “KEEPING ABREAST WITH ASIAN BUSINESS LAW DEVELOPMENTS”. The sessions in store for us will discuss a range of current topics comprising of, inter-alia, cross border investments, collaborative investment structures, cryptocurrencies, anti-trusts and competition law, data protection, and climate change impact on and human rights responsibilities of businesses. We are delighted to have a lineup of eminent speakers to share with us their experience and knowledge, and I wish all of you a fruitful and enjoyable conference.

Last but not least, please do take the time whilst in the beautiful Philippines to imbibe and partake of the many wonderful sights and foods for which the Philippines is renowned. I look forward to meeting all of you in Manila.

Christopher Leong  
President, LAWASIA
IBP National President’s Message


This conference highlights the importance of keeping abreast of legal developments in the various Asian countries. At the same time, the event underscores the value of preserving and promoting the Rule of Law in order to ensure the sanctity of contract and the predictability of outcome of legal cases.

As the national organization of all Philippine lawyers, the IBP is a strong advocate for the Rule of Law and the Philippine Constitution. The IBP has questioned before the Philippine Supreme Court the legality of the removal of a sitting Chief Justice and the withdrawal of the Philippines as a party to the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court.

As a matter of urgent concern, the IBP has consistently and publicly condemned the ongoing attacks against lawyers, judges, and prosecutors in the Philippines, who have been targeted by reason of their professional duties. These attacks undermine the independence of judges and lawyers, and may help create a climate conducive to the commission of gross human rights violations.

I hope that LAWASIA Business Law Conference 2019 Manila can help create a better Asian business environment as well as promote the Rule of Law in Asia.

Abdiel Dan Elijah Bajardo
National President
Integrated Bar of the Philippines
As Secretary-General of LAWASIA, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Manila and to the LAWASIA Business Law conference. Following months of planning we are delighted to welcome our panel of distinguished international and national presenters, together with delegates and participants.

Held in Philippines’ economic, political and cultural activity hub, and the centre of its industrial development, the conference theme of ‘Keeping Abreast with Asian Business Law Developments’ fittingly describes the program’s objective as it applies to modern day business law practices. The program covers a number of informative and substantive sessions, across a diverse range of topics including data privacy protection; anti-trust and competition law; cryptocurrency; investments in Asia’s emerging and developing markets; a critical evaluation of joint ventures, franchising and other collaborative investment structures in Asia; as well as a practical insight in respect of tax treaties and taxation in a digitised economy. The conference also provides an ideal opportunity for networking and fostering current relationships, as well as developing new ones.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and LAWASIA Philippines, Inc., for their support and engagement as local hosts. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the LAWASIA Business Law Section and LAWASIA Executive Committee Member Dr Gordon Hughes AM, who is also the Chair of the Section, for their significant contribution and participation.

Equally, I would like to acknowledge and express our sincere gratitude to the distinguished judges, lawyers, academics and industry leaders who have joined this conference as speakers and moderators and for sharing your time and expertise so magnanimously. A thank you is also extended to all the sponsoring organisations for providing their generous financial support.

Lastly, on behalf of LAWASIA, we extend our thanks to all the conference participants. We welcome you to Manila and hope that the conference will challenge and inspire you.

Michael Tidball
Secretary-General, LAWASIA
LAWASIA Business Law Section Chairman’s Message

As chairman of LAWASIA’s Business Law Section and as a long-standing member of LAWASIA, it gives me great pleasure to see an important business law event being held in Manila in March 2019 – it has been some time since LAWASIA has held an international event in The Philippines, and this conference has excited considerable interest across the Asia-Pacific region.

This conference, aptly entitled “Keeping Abreast with Asian Business Law Developments”, is of direct relevance to any lawyer from the region who is required to advise clients from time to time regarding current issues involving the practice of business law. It is of equal relevance to non-lawyers who have an interest in, or an involvement with, complex business transactions which require a working knowledge of the law.

Either way, participants in this conference will have the opportunity to hear international experts discuss a range of business law topics, with the opportunity to raise questions at the various sessions and to mix informally with the experts over the course of the conference.

"Business law" is an expression which embraces a wide range of specialist disciplines. LAWASIA has 13 separate business law sub-committees which deal with an expansive range of subject-matter. And a majority of those sub-committees will be show-casing their expertise as part of this conference, addressing and explaining the issues which are currently confronting business lawyers throughout Asia and the Pacific.

One look at the program confirms that attendance at this conference will be beneficial to any lawyer from the region – topics range from broad issues such as the legal business climate in Asia, the impact of the Chinese Belt & Road initiative and the merits of various business structures, to specialized topics such as data privacy and the GDPR, international competition issues, cryptocurrency, cross-border investment and international taxation.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at this conference – existing LAWASIA members and those who may be interested in joining a LAWASIA Section after experiencing the expertise and networking opportunities which LAWASIA has to offer.

I extend my profound thanks the the Integrated Bar of The Philippines and to LAWASIA Philippines for their extensive efforts in bringing this amazing conference to fruition.

Dr. Gordon Hughes
Chairman, LAWASIA Business Law Section
Conference Chair’s Message

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee, I warmly welcome all participants to LAWASIA Business Law Conference 2019 Manila.

This conference is vital for lawyers, judges, government officials, policymakers, and business groups who are keeping abreast of Asian business law developments. The 21st century, named the Asian Century, has seen the rapid rise of Asian nations and regional associations as economic and political powerhouses. And yet, Asia is a region of contrasts, at once experiencing unification and fragmentation, harmonization and diversification, stability and unpredictability, cohesion and conflict.

Through this conference, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) seek to highlight the importance of the Rule of Law to the success of business transactions as well as to the strengthening of economic institutions and the sustainable improvement in the quality of life of billions of the world’s population.

The Bonifacio Global City campus of the University of the Philippines is an appropriate venue for this conference. The academic setting will help foster a deeper analysis of the topics, and the surrounding central business district will underscore the tremendous opportunity provided by business and the Rule of Law to achieve economic growth and attain a better quality of life for Asian countries even as they are confronted with the challenges concerning poverty, conflict, and poor governance.

Prof. Andre Palacios
University of the Philippines
Chairman, International Law and International Affairs Committee, Integrated Bar of the Philippines
Welcome to the Lawasia Business Conference!

Our Conference theme “Keeping abreast with Asian Business Law Developments” seeks to bring together discussants from various countries to thresh out issues affecting new developments in business practices generally a boon to many but a disruption to some and their effects to the industry at large.

The introduction of new technologies has transformed a lot of business practices. We have a new mode of doing business called “The Internet of Doing Things” a practice so popularized in the West and now widely practiced by us. Business trends like Ninetech, Block Chain and others, have revolutionized and changed many business practices. Some businesses and industries have already introduced the paperless transaction, robotic driven cars and several others. While it has been a boon to many particularly in the ease of doing business, resulting into efficiency and speed, it has also caused some disruptions to others like issues endangering privacy and data breaches which have affected both private and public transactions.

Our Conference speakers are composed of legal luminaries and the best legal minds who will discuss these problems and introduce positive solutions. The participants will be free to discuss these new business trends and practices. To keep up with times, we must adapt ourselves to the new modes of doing business by keeping abreast with the new legal developments.

We wish everyone a fruitful and meaningful conference!

Edgar E. Tarriela
President, LAWASIA Philippines
The Integrated Bar of the Philippines

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) is the national organization of over 60,000 Philippine lawyers, including judges, prosecutors, public attorneys, and lawyers engaged in the private practice of law. Every Philippine lawyer is required to be a member of the IBP.

The IBP is an independent, non-governmental organization created by the Supreme Court of the Philippines, and constituted into a corporate entity through legislative powers then exercised by the Philippine President.

The IBP’s fundamental purposes are to elevate the standards of the Philippine legal profession, to improve the administration of justice in the Philippines, and to enable the Philippine Bar to discharge its public responsibility more effectively.
LAWASIA Philippines

The Story of Lawasia Philippines By Edgar E. Tarriela

The Birth of LAWASIA

LAWASIA is an international organization of lawyers, judges, justices, law professors, law societies and bar associations around the Asia-Pacific region. It was formed at the Canberra Conference in August 10, 1966 when lawyers representing 18 countries in the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) initiated its organization. It therefore enjoys a consultative status with the Economic and State Council of the United Nations; observer status with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and operational relations with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Philippine Participation

Philippine participation in LAWASIA started in 1973, when Raul Goco, who was the representative of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, provided a very active Philippine representation in all the subsequent conferences. His efforts were recognized when he was elected the first Filipino LAWASIA President at the Bangkok Conference in 1981. Thereafter he hosted the first Manila LAWASIA Conference in 1983. The year 1996 saw the birth of LAWASIA Philippines Inc. It was organized to promote a more cohesive participation in LAWASIA’s local and regional activities.

Lawasia Philippines Activities

Lawasia Philippines is no stranger in hosting conferences of timely relevance to the political and business landscape of the Asia Pacific region. Apart from the 2019 Lawasia Business Law Conference, Lawasia has hosted the following events: In 1997, Lawasia Philippines hosted the 15th Lawasia Biennial conference. In attendance was former President Fidel V. Ramos, where he addressed 20 chief justices and over 2,000 lawyers, judges and appellate court justices. In 1999, Lawasia Philippines has played host to a 3-day Workshop in Legal Aid at the Intercontinental Hotel Manila. In 2005, Lawasia Philippines held a one-day Forum on the burning issues in the region-e.g. Money Laundering, Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, World Trade Organization Issues and Posthumous Sperm Donation. In 06 June 2006, Lawasia Philippines hosted its 10th Anniversary Celebration, wherein then Canadian Ambassador Peter Sutherland attended as Guest Speaker, and then chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban attended as Keynote Speaker. In September 2008, Lawasia Philippines with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) hosted the “Forum on the Concept of a Constitutional Court". In this Forum, the guest speaker was Professor Dr. Rudolf Dolzer from the University of Bonn, an expert on Constitutional Court. In May 2009, Lawasia Philippines hosted a fund raising concert entitled “the Legal Luminaries and Friends”, wherein known figures from the Philippine legal profession who were also gifted in the musical arts performed in a one of kind, first ever concert in the Philamlife Theatre. Among recent events of Lawasia Philippines is the Joint Symposium on Promoting Intellectual Property Rights in the Pursuit of Progress held on 12 April 2018 at the IBP Main Building. This was a co-hosted by Lawasia Philippines and the IBP, wherein Hon. Josephine R. Santiago, the Director General, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines gave her take on the role of intellectual property rights to the pursuit of progress in today’s business setting.
PROGRAM

MARCH 14

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Welcome Reception & Opening Ceremonies

MARCH 15

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM Registration

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Climate of Business is Changing: Are You Keeping Abreast?

This session will be held in an inter-active panel setting. The experts will discuss the changing climate of the corporate world using the following themes: (i) new climate and its impact on the businesses; (ii) climate litigation risk for corporations; and (iii) human rights obligations of non-State actors (corporations). Four speakers will use interactive discussion method to explore the unchartered and new developments in the area of climate change and the corporate world.


b. Ms. Briony Eales (Knowledge Management Specialist, Law and Policy Reform, Asian Development Bank)


d. Mr. Gregorio Rafael P. Bueta (Legal and Policy Specialist, Asian Development Bank)

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Data Privacy Protection

The European Union has enacted its new General Data Protection Regulation with increased territorial scope, strengthened data subject rights, new consent requirements and stricter penalties. How does Asia’s various data protection regimes compare?

This session will explore the differing treatment of issues arising from data privacy including how "personal information" or "personal data" is defined, how securing incidents and data breaches are dealt with, cross border transfer of data, data sharing and outsourcing, prior consent to marketing e-mail, on-line privacy statements, and many others.

a. Dr. Gordon Hughes (Davies Collison Cave Law, Australia), Moderator

b. Ms. Rose Marie M. King-Dominguez (Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, Philippines)

c. Ms. Adlin Abdul Majid (Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, Malaysia)

d. Ms. Marie Cherylle Z. Hular (Salvador Llanillo & Bernardo, Philippines)

e. Mr. Sunil Abeyaratne (Sri Lanka)
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Networking Coffee Break

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Anti-Trust and Competition Law

Anti-trust and competition laws universally posit as a generally accepted precept efficiency of market competition as a mechanism for allocating goods and services. The State recognizes the need to adopt measures to reinforce and safeguard competitive conditions and to prohibit anti-competitive behavior such as entering into anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position and engaging in anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions.

This session will look at how Asian countries deal with prohibited acts such as price fixing, controlling production, dividing markets, etc. Recent examples of mergers and acquisitions such as Uber by Grab in the ASEAN and Goldilocks by SM in the Philippines that have attracted the attention of the competition authorities will be analyzed.

a. Mr. Francis Lim (Angara Concepcion Cruz Regala & Abello, Philippines), Moderator
b. Mr. Anand Raj (Shearn Delamore, Malaysia)
c. Ms. Krystal Lyn Uy (Director, Mergers and Acquisitions, Philippine Competition Commission)
d. Mr. Andika Edwin Pahlevi (Fidelity Law Office, Indonesia)
e. Ms. Anastasia Skovpen (Lidings Law Office, Russia)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch
Guest Speaker: Mr. Christopher Leong, President, Law Association for Asia and the Pacific

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Corporations, Limited Companies, Other Artificial Persons

New pieces of legislation have recently been enacted in various jurisdictions in Asia relating to corporations, limited companies, partnerships and their governance. The Philippines, for example, has adopted substantial amendments to its Corporation Code allowing for a single person corporation and corporation for life. Taiwan has newly promulgated its Company Act and Limited Liability Company Act. The speakers will discuss significant developments in the rules pertaining to these artificial persons and legal business vehicles.

a. Dean Nilo T. Divina (Divina Law, Philippines), Moderator
b. Mr. Jal Othman (Shook Lin & Bok, Malaysia)
c. Mr. Camilo S. Correa (Office of the General Counsel, Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission)
d. Mr. Shang Congcong (Zhejiang SuHao Law Firm, P.R.C)

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Networking Coffee Break
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM The Collapse Of The Cryptocurrency World: Regulation, Securities Token Offerings, Blockchain Ecosystems and the Way Forward

In the aftermath of the calamitous collapse in cryptocurrency prices, rampant fraud and failed ICOs, regulatory authorities have stepped up oversight and industries are feeling their way forward making blockchain ecosystems work. Our Panel of Experts will address the following issues:

- Is it the end of cryptocurrencies and blockchain?
- Light touch v dead hand of regulation
- Compliance, Risk Management And Ethics
- Securities Token Offerings
- Regulating Cryptocurrency Exchanges
- Blockchain ecosystems and the way forward

a. Mr. Jeff Leong (Jeff Leong, Poon & Wong, Malaysia), Moderator
b. Ms. Anastasia Skovpen, Russia (Lidings Law Office)
c. Mr. Ong Koon Loong (Malaysia)
d. Ms. Jenny Yoon (We & Partners, South Korea)
e. Ms. Lu Yang (Beijing DHH Law Firm, China)

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Speakers’ Dinner (By invitation only)
Participants Free Time

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9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Cross-Border Investments, Arbitration and Insolvency

Asia's emerging and developing markets, including in particular countries in the ASEAN, present a vibrant space for economic opportunities but also pose legal challenges. This session will discuss the legal pitfalls one may face when making investments in Asia's emerging and developing markets. The panel will touch on foreign ownership restrictions, measures designed to skirt legal objections, requirements on hiring local manpower, anti-corruption regulations, choice of language for contracts, dispute resolution strategies, insolvency and other relevant issues.

a. Dean Jose Maria G. Hofileña (Ateneo de Manila University School of Law, Philippines), Moderator
b. Judge Robert McDougall QC (Australia)
c. Dato Nitin Nadkarni (Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill)
d. Dean Tranquil G.S Salvador III (Philippines)
e. Mr. Prashant Kumar (India)
f. Mr. Robert Rhoda (Council Member, The Law Society of Hongkong)

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Networking Coffee Break
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
Joint Ventures, Franchising, and Other Collaborative Investment Structures

Developing economies necessarily bring about growth in commercial transactions. New products and services are created, along with innovative means of doing business. A fundamental question for new and expanding businesses is how to structure initial and additional investments. In determining the appropriate investment structure, numerous factors are considered, such as existing legal and regulatory framework within the applicable jurisdiction, tax efficiency, limitation of liability, costs and fees, and personal requirements or restrictions of the investors, alongside economic realities. Traditionally, the government and financial institutions have focused more efforts on supporting large enterprises. However, there is a growing recognition of the substantial contribution of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) in most economies, particularly in emerging markets.

This session will cover joint ventures, franchising and other collaborative investment structures available in Asia. Panelists will address the need for a regulatory framework that supports limited liability companies and similar types of business vehicles suited for SMEs and MSMEs in recognition of their role in developing economies. There will be a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of each structure which will help participants identify key factors necessary for structuring investments.

a. Judge Robert McDougall QC (Australia), Moderator  
b. Mr. Sarbjit Singh Chopra (Duane Morris, Singapore)  
c. Ms. Kristin Charisse Siao (V&A Law Office, Philippines)  
d. Ms. Katrina V. Doble (V&A Law Office, Philippines)  
e. Mr. Masao Dan (TMI Associates, Japan)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  
Lunch  
Guest Speaker: Mr. Danilo L. Concepcion,  
President, University of the Philippines

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Infrastructure Projects In Asia – “China Belt and Road Initiative” and “Philippines Build, Build, Build” Program

China’s Belt And Road Initiative has received tremendous interest in Asia and around the world. In the Philippines, the "Build, Build, Build" (BBB) Program will rollout 75 "game-changing" flagship projects spending up to P9 trillion in modern infrastructure in the next four years. The Asian Development Bank announced that it will extend US$300 million in loans to boost private sector participation in the infrastructure program. Funding is also expected from China.

This session will examine public-private partnerships (PPP) and the so called "hybrid" PPP approach designed to implement the BBB program and usher in the golden age of infrastructure. The various PPP modalities, laws, policies and procedures and best practices, will be discussed.

a. Mr. Michael T. Toledo (Philippines), Moderator  
b. Mr. Zhang Tianyi (Partner, Yunnan Baqian Law Firm; Representative, China Law Society), Co-Moderator  
c. Prof. Andre Palacios (University of the Philippines; Integrated Bar of the Philippines)  
d. Mr. Davy Shan (Senior Partner, Beijing Yingke Law Firm, Guangzhou Office, China)  
e. Ms. Su Min (Senior Asssociate, Beijing, Dentons China Offices)  
f. Mr. Ong Eu Jin (Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, Malaysia)
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  Networking Coffee Creak

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Taxation in Asia

a. Prof. Serafin Salvador Jr. (University of the Philippines), Moderator

(1) Understanding the nuances and practical application of tax treaties

b. Mr. Jason Tan (Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, Malaysia)

Countries enter into bilateral tax treaties to mitigate or eliminate potential double taxation risks. Although such tax treaties are based on common principles, countries implement tax treaties differently. In this panel, experts from various Asian countries share practical insights and updates from their respective jurisdictions on the benefits and challenges faced by investors when relying on tax treaties.

(2) Transfer Pricing and BEPS

c. Ms. Lea Gracia V. Molina (Salvador Llanillo & Bernardo, Philippines)

BEPS-a By Golly Wow: How the BEPS Action Plans are changing the transfer pricing regulatory landscape in ASEAN

Since the release of the final reports on the BEPS Action Plans in October 2015, many Asian countries have been introducing relevant changes in their transfer pricing legislations and practices. However, limited guidance and experience around most, if not all of the action plan items, have proven to be a challenge for many taxpayers and practitioners. This session will analyze and discuss recent transfer pricing developments and practical issues in the areas of transfer pricing documentation and transfer pricing audit in certain Asian jurisdictions.

(3) Taxation in a Digitized Economy

d. Ms. Carina C. Laforteza (Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, Philippines)

This session will address taxation of on-line transactions, income source rules and permanent establishment issues, and many other hot tax topics.

7:00 PM – 12:00 PM  Farewell Banquet

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM  Tagaytay Excursion for foreign delegates

MARCH 17
SPEAKER PROFILES

CLIMATE OF BUSINESS IS CHANGING: ARE YOU KEEPING ABREAST?

Irum Ahsan completed her legal education from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Before joining the Asian Development Bank (ADB), she practiced on contentious and non-contentious legal matters in Pakistan. In addition, Irum taught law at various prestigious institutions. At ADB, she is the Principal Counsel at the Office of the General Counsel where she leads the law and policy reform Program (LPR) with her projects focused on environmental and climate change adjudication and enforcement, legal literacy for women, corporate governance, energy laws, and regional cooperation. Irum has also published her work in various journals and presented at several platforms. She is a member of ADB’s Governance, Gender and Environment Thematic Groups. Irum is an active advocate for gender consciousness and for women’s rights and passionately steers the gender discussion in ADB. Her work lead to winning the 2018 Financial Times Most Innovative In-House Legal Team Award and Innovation in Rule of Law and Access to Justice Award.

Briony Eales is an Australian law, policy, and reform lawyer. Briony is also working with ADB to advise Lao PDR on its climate change law and climate change strategy. On previous ADB projects, she advised on environmental prosecution, adjudication, dispute resolution, compliance, governance, and enforcement in Southeast Asian countries.

Briony has also advised private sector clients in Asia. She advised Xstrata plc on environmental and social compliance, resettlement, and indigenous peoples’ engagement on a project in the Philippines. In Australia, Briony worked as a solicitor in litigation, acting on behalf of public and private sector clients.

Grip is the expert Legal and Policy Consultant with the Asian Development Bank’s Law and Policy Reform Program. He has extensively worked with judiciaries and legal professionals across Asia on environment and climate change law and adjudication, particularly in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Myanmar, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Grip has also been involved in legal and regulatory reforms in South Asia in areas such as energy trade and corporate governance. Prior to joining ADB, he headed the Strategic Initiatives Management Office in the Office of the President of the Philippines focusing on environment and climate change related government policies and programs.
Maria Cecilia T. Sicangco is an expert Knowledge Management Consultant under the Law and Policy Reform Program of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Her work includes environmental law, climate change law and policy in Asia-Pacific, women’s legal literacy and access to justice in Islamic countries, gender sensitization, and energy and water sector regulation in Southeast Asia and small-island developing states in the Pacific. Prior to joining ADB, Cecille was a Fellow at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), an international organization headquartered in Rome, Italy. She had also served as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and had begun her professional legal career in SyCip Salazar Hernandez and Gatmaitan, the largest full-service law firm in the Philippines.

DATA PRIVACY PROTECTION

Dr Gordon Hughes AM is a partner at Davies Collison Cave, an Australian intellectual property firm, and is based in Melbourne. He is a former president of the Law Institute of Victoria, the Law Council of Australia and LAWASIA and a former chair of the Law Council's International Law Section. He is currently chair of the South Pacific Lawyers Association, and also LAWASIA's Business Law Section. Dr Hughes has authored or co-authored eight legal texts, including texts on technology law, data protection and trade secrets. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his achievements, including the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Australian Law Awards in 2004 and various honorary life memberships of Australian and international professional associations. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law in 2011. In 2017, Dr Hughes was awarded an Order of Australia "for significant service to the law, to professional organizations and to international affairs and legal practice in the Asia-Pacific region”.

Rose Marie M. King-Dominguez is a senior partner of SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, the country’s largest law firm, and helps lead the firm's Telecoms-Media-Technology (TMT) practice. She regularly advises companies in various industries (including IT, media, banking, retail, BPO and service sectors) on data privacy matters. She and her team provide legal support in impact assessments and audits, compliance, preparation and review of policies, data sharing agreements and other privacy law related documentation, registration with the National Privacy Commission, dealing with data security breaches, and general advice. She has been cited in the 2018 IFLR Guide as a highly regarded financial and corporate lawyer, and ranked in the 2019 Chambers Asia Pacific guide. She has also been named as a leading individual in TMT in the 2018 Asia Pacific Legal 500. She is a lecturer at the UP College of Law.
Adlin Abdul Majid is a partner of Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, and heads the Information & Communications Technology / Regulatory & Compliance department of the firm.

Adlin graduated from the University of Oxford, and qualified as an advocate and solicitor in Malaysia in 1999. She commenced her legal career in civil and commercial litigation, with emphasis on contractual disputes and banking litigation. In 2002, she left legal practice to join the Malaysian government agency responsible for the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC Malaysia) initiative and the development of the information and communications technology industry in Malaysia, and headed the compliance and enforcement team there.

Marie Cherylle Z. Hular is a contracts and due diligence expert. She is actively involved in rendering corporate services and regulatory and compliance work with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and has served as Corporate Secretary of a group of companies engaged in the food and beverage industry with numerous branches in Metro Manila. She has likewise advised companies on requirements on initial public offerings (IPO) and pre-IPO restructuring and assisted listed companies on compliance with their disclosure requirements with regulatory bodies.

Ms. Hular worked in Singapore for two years handling regulatory compliance requirements of companies based in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and BVI, which supplements her current practice in assisting foreign corporations seeking to establish a presence in the Philippines. In addition, Ms. Hular has extensive experience in structuring joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions of businesses, along with estate planning and labor practice.

Mr. Abeyaratne enrolled as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in 1986. He obtained LL.M. (Commercial & Corporate Law) degree from Queen Mary University of London; MBA from Indira Gandhi National Open University, India; Diploma in Forensic Medicine, Science and Toxicology from Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. He is a practicing Attorney-at-Law in Sri Lanka and a Justice of Peace & Unofficial Magistrate.

He is the author of the first ever ICT Law book published in Sri Lanka titled Introduction to Information and Communication Technology Law, He has written number of articles related to ICT Law, e-Commerce, Criminal law and Writs for national and international law journals.
ANTI-TRUST AND COMPETITION LAW

Francis Lim is a Senior Partner and a member of the Executive and Special Committees of the Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz Law Offices (ACCRALAW).

Lim is the former president of the Philippine Stock Exchange and the incumbent president of the Shareholders’ Association of the Philippines (SharePHIL). He is also the Chairman, National Competitiveness Committee of the Management Association of the Philippines, Chairman, Judicial System Working Group of the National Competitiveness Council, and a trustee of the CIBI Foundation, Inc., FINEX Research & Development Foundation, Inc. and the Judicial Reform Initiative, Inc., and a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Moderator:
Francis Lim
Angara Concepcion
Cruz Regala & Abello,
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Anand regularly represents and advises MNCs, GLCs, foreign and Malaysian enterprises on Competition Law in industries as diverse as financial services, telecommunications and multimedia, pharmaceuticals, insurance, logistics, hospitality, FMCG, manufacturing and the automotive sector, amongst others. He is actively engaged in conducting competition law audit and review exercises for clients and in reviewing documentation, practices, compliance and risk levels. Anand’s competition clients come from sectors as diverse as consumer goods and services, financial services, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and manufacturing and distribution. Much of the work for these clients has been general compliance work and investigation defence work. Anand regularly conducts trainings and workshops for clients and event organisers and is also active in providing feedback to the relevant authorities and agencies on issues relating to Competition Law in Malaysia. Anand has successfully handled several competition law investigations resulting in closures without findings of infringement including for Giga Shipping and Nexus Mega Carriers, amongst others. Anand has been recognized as an “Expert” in the Who’s Who of Competition Lawyers from 2013 to 2017.

Anand Raj
Shearn Delamore,
Malaysia

Anastasia Skovpen is an Associate in Ldings’ Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property practices. Has an extensive expertise in representing clients in insurance disputes and bankruptcies, intellectual property disputes on trade dress and copyright protection issues. Anastasia also has particular professional interest is fashion law.

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These days she focuses on blockchain industry. She has played an influential role for blockchain projects as a compliance/legal advisor and also covering the whole process of projects starting from giving legal advice on white paper to practice business. She worked as a secretary in the National Assembly in 2017 which exposed her diverse connections. At that time she did a research on FinTech and financial services.

Lu Yang has provided legal services to a number of large Internet finance companies, financial institutions and relevant government regulatory agencies. It mainly includes the "Huitou Network" (Beijing) under the China National Assets Department, the "People's Letter" (Beijing) under the CITIC Group, the "Wanghe Fortune" (Beijing) under the private-owned Wangtai Group, and the "Long Ju Cai Hang" (Shanghai) under the JiuXiao Group and Internet Loan Homes selected a number of Internet financial platform companies including the 2016 Top 100 P2P platforms "Small Rape" (Beijing), "Easy Loan 365" (Nanjing) and "Ai Xue Loan" (Hangzhou). In providing legal services she is highly praised and widely recognized by customers as a partner that customers can trust. At the same time, Lu Yang provides legal services for financial supervision departments, including the Beijing Shunyi District Financial Office and the Hangzhou Shangcheng Financial Office, providing advice on the legal supervision of Internet finance business.

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His practice covers a wide range of dispute resolution, including acting and advising on cross-border commercial and investor-state disputes. Over his 30 years’ experience, Nitin has been involved in cases against state-owned enterprises in all aspects of the construction, engineering, energy, and electricity sectors across the Middle East, North Africa, and even international arbitration hubs, such as Switzerland. He also regularly advises and acts in Malaysian Court proceedings at all higher court levels and has a large arbitration practice, primarily as counsel. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), and is registered on the Asian International Arbitration Centre panels for arbitrators and mediators respectively.
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He has taken keen interest in using technology to carry out legal processes and his firm has developed and worked successfully IT based dispute resolution model for resolving mass auto loan disputes in which statements of claim and documentation is generated in a fully automated manner involving a range of legal and fact variations. Arbitrators are also made available award assist programme, which produces a template award which arbitrators can validate, improve and utilise as a base to pass an appropriate award.

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JOINT VENTURES, FRANCHISING, AND OTHER COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT STRUCTURES

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**INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN ASIA - “CHINA BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE” AND “PHILIPPINES BUILD, BUILD, BUILD PROGRAM”**

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TAXATION IN ASIA

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Jason’s main area of practice consists of trade remedies and customs law, particularly anti-dumping and safeguard duties. He has represented local manufacturers, importers and foreign exporters in various landmark trade remedy actions as well as litigation in Malaysia.

In addition, Jason advises clients on non-tariff trade barriers and export controls. Where Customs law is concerned, he routinely advises importers on Customs compliance, penalties and prior disclosures as well as litigating in Customs disputes.

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University of the Philippines in Bonifacio Global City

The University of the Philippines (UP) is the national university of the Philippines. It has eight constituent universities and 17 campuses all over the country. UP is the highest ranked Philippine university in the global survey of universities. The university has produced six Philippine Presidents, thirteen Chief Justices of the Philippine Supreme Court, thirty-six National Scientists, and forty National Artists.

The UP campus in Bonifacio Global City (BGC) opened in 2016 and is the newest unit of the UP System. It hosts UP students in the Juris Doctor (JD), Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Master of Science in Finance (MS Finance), and Masters of Statistics programs. Beginning August 2019, it will also host Master of Laws (LLM) students.

BGC is located in Taguig City and is the new financial, leisure, and residential district of Metro Manila. The Philippine Stock Exchange and many among the top 100 Philippine corporations have recently relocated to BGC.
The Philippines

The Philippine archipelago is considered a tourist’s paradise. Warm and sunny weather can be enjoyed almost all days of the year. With over 7,000 islands, the country has hundreds of beautiful beaches that rival those on the world-famous Boracay Island.

The Philippines is a strategic center for global commerce and world-class talent. It is located in the heart of Southeast Asia, and serves as a Pacific gateway to the Asian market. The country has a population of over 100 million, with high literacy rate, fluency in the English language, and more than half below the age of 25 years.

In recent years, the Philippines has been among the fastest growing economies. According to the World Bank, the country is on track to achieve upper-income status by 2019. The present Administration has launched a massive public infrastructure program in the hope of achieving a Golden Age of Philippine Infrastructure.

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