

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Faculty Legal Writing Team is appointed International Consultants to the Laos Government

THE Legal Writing Team of NUS Faculty of Law has been appointed International Consultants for the translation of Lao laws into English. This United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project is co-funded by the Singapore Government. The core project team will be led by Associate Professor Eleanor Wong and includes Assistant Professor Helena Whalen-Bridge and Instructors Alex Otis, Jothie Sauntharajah and Lisa Maureen Watkins-Bruegmann. The project team will work closely with Lao legal experts who are in charge of the initial translations. International firm Latham Watkins will also provide several lawyers to assist the core project team on a pro bono basis.

A/P Eleanor Wong heads the Legal Writing Programme at NUS Faculty of Law. The programme was put together to equip law students with comprehensive skills and competencies required for effective service delivery in an increasingly competitive legal environment. In 2002, with the help of her team of legal writing instructors, she launched a fundamentals course in legal analysis, writing and research for first year students. The programme has since evolved to include two second-year modules taught using a "case study" methodology, one focussing on trial advocacy and the other on corporate transactions.