

## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **NUS Faculty of Law wins regional space moot competition**

NUS Faculty of Law won the 2005 Asia Pacific Regional Round of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition in Sydney, Australia, 12-16 April. A record 30 teams participated in the Asia Pacific Regional Rounds, but NUS made it to the Finals to beat the University of New South Wales. The NUS team comprised third-year law students, Rakesh Kirpalani, Joan Lim and Sheik Umar. The team was coached by Assistant Professor Lim Lei Theng.



From left: Rakesh Kirpalani, Joan Lim and Sheik Umar

As regional champions, NUS will proceed to the World Finals in Fukuoka Japan in October 2005. They will pitch their skills against the winner of the European Regional Round, the University of Cambridge, and the winner of the North American Regional Round, George Washington University. Part of the prize for winning the Asia Pacific Regional Round is sponsorship for two members of the NUS Team to the World Finals in Japan by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

NUS has participated in this Competition since 2000, and has reached the World Finals twice before. In 2001, the NUS team comprising Gerardine Goh and Celina Chua won the World Finals. The Asia

Pacific Regional Round is the largest in the competition, with more teams competing than in the European and North American Regional Rounds combined.