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NUS performs well at Space Moot Finals

The NUS Space Moots Team, Joan Lim and Rakesh Kirpalani, won the Best Memorial and Joan Lim won the Best Oralist Prize in the World Finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition on 27 October 2005 in Fukuoka, Japan. The NUS Team had won the Asia Pacific Regional rounds in April 2005 and were sponsored by the JAXA, the Japanese Space Agency, to attend the World Finals. Winning the Best Memorial Prize meant that the NUS team had a direct entry to the World Finals. The North American Regional Winners, George Washington University, and the European Regional Winners, Cambridge University, fought it out in the Semi Finals before George Washington University won the right to plead in the Finals.



The NUS Space Moots Team, Rakesh Kirpalani and Joan Lim

The World Finals were presided over by Judges of the International Court of Justice, Judge Abdul G. Koroma from Sierra Leone, Judge Vladlen S. Vereshchetin from the Russian Federation and Judge Hisashi Owada from Japan. In a closely fought contest, George Washington University were declared the winners.

Joan and Rakesh worked very hard on the competition and were greatly assisted by Assoc Prof Bob Beckman, Assoc Prof Eleanor Wong and former space mooters, notably Tan Kok Peng. In Japan, the team also received assistance from James Teo, an exchange student currently at Kyushu University, and Boey Shao Qiang, currently pursuing an LLM in Kyudai. The team were also assisted greatly by the Dean of the Law Faculty Prof Ago and Mr Mark Fenwick of Kyudai who allowed us to use a researcher's office for practice in preparation for the finals. The team was coached by Asst. Prof. Lim Lei Theng.