

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NUS is one of top 5 teams in 4th Asia-Pacific Red Cross IHL Competition

The National University of Singapore (NUS) participated in the 4th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition for the Asia-Pacific Region in Hong Kong, from 17-18th of March, and was ranked one of the top 5 teams in the Competition. Represented by Law students (from left) Ms Sheryl Wei Kejia and Ms Fong Lee Cheng, the team was accompanied by their coach, Associate Professor Eleanor Wong.



The 4th Red Cross Moot saw the largest number of international teams participating since its inception in 2001, with participants from China, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. The University of Queensland emerged victorious, with the University of Hong Kong as the runner-up. However, all teams benefited from the moot, returning home with a keen understanding and empathy with the Red Cross and its work. NUS won the 2nd Competition when it first participated in 2002.

The Moot dealt with the field of international humanitarian law, the law of wars applicable in an armed conflict. Teams had to submit a written memorial a month in advance of the Competition and undergo two general rounds over two days to display their advocacy skills and knowledge of international humanitarian law. Eminent judges of the rounds included members of the Hong Kong Judiciary such as the High Court and Court of Appeal judges, professors of various universities, as well as representatives from well-known international organisations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross and Mediciens sans Frontiers.

The NUS Faculty of Law congratulates the team on its fine performance. Together with the team, the Faculty also wishes to thank A/P Eleanor Wong, A/P Robert Beckman, Mr Jason Chan and Ms Iris Geddis for their guidance and patience as well as all who have helped in one way or another. Special thanks to the Singapore Red Cross, without whose continuous support the team might not have been able to participate at all.