

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Diploma Ceremony of the 2nd World Trade Organisation Regional Trade Policy Course for Asia-Pacific

After 12 intensive weeks of hard work, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC) for Asia-Pacific 2008 was brought to a successful close on Thursday, 22 May 2008 with the Diploma Ceremony and Closing Dinner hosted at the Level 8 Viewing Gallery of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

The Guest-of Honour for the evening was Mr Ng How Yue, Deputy Secretary (Trade) of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. WTO was represented by Dr Hakim Ben Hammouda, Director of the Institute of Training and Technical Cooperation, while NUS was represented by Faculty of Law's Vice-Dean (Academic Affairs), Associate Professor Victor V. Ramraj.

Following speeches from Vice-Dean Ramraj, Deputy Secretary Ng and Dr Ben Hammouda, the 25 RTPC participants from 24 different countries and regions in Asia-Pacific received their WTO-NUS RTPC diplomas from Deputy Secretary Ng and Dr Ben Hammouda.

A slide show documenting the various activities undertaken by the participants throughout the 12 weeks was screened. The participants gave a group-singing performance, individual song-recitals as well as a poetry recital by Mr Jeev Raj Ghimire from Nepal. It was a very emotional evening for all as strong friendships were formed during the course. Mr. Rajinder Kumar from India gave his appreciation speech on behalf of the participants. He expressed his gratitude to the WTO, the Singapore Government, and the NUS.

Feedback on the RTPC from the WTO staff, regional trainers and participants was extremely positive. The participants were particularly pleased with the NUS facilities, the logistical and administrative support provided, the guidance given and all the various efforts which made their stay in Singapore a memorable one.



WTO RTPC participants with Adjunct Professor Margaret Liang and Ms Dolores Halloran (4th and 5th respectively from left, first row)