

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Assoc Prof Michael Ewing-Chow advises members of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR)

On 13 December 2010, Assoc Prof Michael Ewing-Chow, Head, CIL Trade/Investment Law and Policy, advised the members of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) on the legal implications and policy options for the food security agreement and its consistency with their existing trade obligations.

Senior officials from the ASEAN+3 countries attended the meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. Assoc Prof Ewing-Chow was appointed as the Legal Expert to the APTERR project by the Asian Development Bank which has been tasked to assist APTERR with legal and economic issues.

CIL Research Associate, Liu Gehuan worked with Assoc Prof Ewing-Chow on the legal opinion. In his presentation, Assoc Prof Ewing-Chow addressed legal issues relating to the origin of the rice, the stockpiling of the rice, and the distribution of the rice and the options to ensure APTERR members' compliance with their obligations under the World Trade Organization, ASEAN FTA and other regional agreements.

At the meeting, APTERR members discussed proposed guidelines for the implementation of the agreement to facilitate regional food security in rice.