Team NUS wins Best Memorial and Best Speaker awards at Space Moot World Final

Team NUS has emerged Runner Up in the World Finals of the 19th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, which took place in Prague on 30 September 2010. The team, consisting Zanetta Joan Sit Ying Li (Year 3) and Dominic Tan Wei’An (Year 4), won the Eilene M. Galloway Award for Best Memorial out of the three teams that made it to the world finals, and thus advanced directly to the World Final where Zanetta won the award for Best Speaker.

The team met George Washington University in the World Final, which was judged by three judges of the International Court of Justice.

Team NUS had won the Asia Pacific Regional Finals of the Competition in Sydney, Australia this April, paving the way for the fourth showing by NUS at the World Finals (an unbeaten record) where the team faced the Regional Champions from Europe and the Americas.

About the Competition:
Named after former President of the ICJ (and former Judge of the competition) this niche moot is organized annually by the International Institute for Space Law. Interested teams compete in one of the three regional qualifying rounds – North America, Europe or Asia Pacific. The winning team from region then advances to the World Finals which are held in conjunction with the International Astronautical Congress and the Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space. The finals are judged by three sitting judges of the International Court of Justice.

Participation in this moot has grown exponentially since it was first established in 1992, the cumulative total for all rounds now exceeds 50 teams.