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Team NUS wins the Asia Pacific Regional Finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Moots Competition

Law students Muhammad Aidil B Zulkifli (Year 4), Sit Ying Li Zanetta Joan (Year 3) and Tan Wei An Dominic (Year 3) have won the Asia Pacific Regional Finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Moots Competition in Sydney, Australia this April.

Zanetta was the best speaker in the preliminary round and Dominic was named the best speaker in the Finals round.

Team NUS has consistently done well in this Competition and this will be the fourth time NUS is going to the World Finals (an unbeaten record). The Asia Pacific Rounds are the most competitive of the 3 regionals, as more than 40 teams compete (compared to less than 10 in the American rounds and less than 5 in the European rounds).

The team will go on to Prague in September to face the Regional Champions from Europe and the Americas before judges of the International Court of Justice.

About the Competition:

Named after former President of the ICJ (and former Judge of the competition) this niche moot is organised 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.

NUS Mooting Programme at the Faculty of Law:

The NUS mooting programme aims at providing opportunities for students to take part in a wide range of international competition. While the school has an enviable winning record, it prides itself on, more importantly, consistently reaching an advanced level in virtually every competition it participates in.

NUS teams experienced much success in other moot competitions in 2010. Ben Eoon of Team NUS was named best speaker in the Jean Pictet Humanitarian Law Moot and Team NUS (comprising second-years Erik Widjaja and Moh Heng Xian Kamal Benjamin) also won the NUS-UM Moots in February 2010.

