

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Third year law students Firas Alsuwaigh, Navleen Kaur and Mrinalini Singh have won the Asia Pacific Regional Finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Moots Competition in Tangerang, Indonesia, this April.

Mrinalini was named best oralist in the finals.

Jason Bonin, a PhD candidate, is the Competition Coordinator. The team was coached by alumni - Rakesh Kirpalani'06, Joan Lim'06 and Adam Maniam'08.

Team NUS has consistently done well in this Competition and this will be the fifth time NUS is going to the World Finals (an unbeaten record). A total of 24 teams registered to compete in this year's Asia Pacific Round while 16 teams made it to Indonesia to participate.

Two members of the team will be sponsored by the Japan Space Agency (JAXA) to the World Finals, in Cape Town. The third member will be sponsored by the NUS Faculty of Law.

The Team will go on to Cape Town in October to face the Regional Champions from Europe (Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation) and North America (Florida State University) 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 moot 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.