Closed-Door Seminar on Nature Conservation and Wildlife Laws in Singapore

National University of Singapore
Bukit Timah campus
Law Faculty
Block B
Seminar Room 4-2

31 July 2017
9 am to 3.40 pm

Programme:

8.30 am       Registration

9.00 am to 9.50 am  Introduction to environmental law and international law; the Singapore legal system (the legislature, executive, and judiciary; legislative process, subsidiary legislation, judge-made case law; the application of international environmental law in Singapore (using CITES & CBD as examples); where to find the laws)

Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng

9.50 am to 11.00 am  Nature Conservation: Introduction to the Parks and Trees Act (nature reserves, national parks, public parks, marine parks); the need for legally mandated EIA and public participation in the control of environmentally significant land development

Dr Joseph Chun / Prof. LH Lye

11.00 am to 11.20 am  Tea Break

11.20 am to 12.30 pm  Wildlife Protection: Introduction to Wild Animals and Birds Act; and Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act

Prof. LH Lye / Dr Joseph Chun

12.30 pm to 2.00 pm  Lunch

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm  Presentations by AVA and/or NParks

3.30 pm to 3.40 pm  Conclusion

Note: This event is meant to provide an overview to the legal system in Singapore, the major international laws relating to nature conservation and species protection, and their application in Singapore. It is also to facilitate NGO collaboration with each other, as well as with the relevant government agencies.

* We encourage questions for government agencies but these should be sent to them in advance so that they can better direct their presentation. Please fill up this form if you have questions: https://tinyurl.com/y8qg9aqx
** The morning sessions shall end with a Q & A.

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