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Ensuring Compliance with the Kyoto Protocol: Experience and Prospects

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ABSTRACT
The Kyoto Protocol is widely regarded as one of the multilateral environmental agreements with the most developed system to address issues of non-compliance by Parties. This system became operational in 2006 and has already dealt with a number of concrete cases. As the end of the Protocol's first commitment period is drawing near and negotiations on the future development of the multilateral climate change regime are ongoing, this is an appropriate moment to consider how the existing system has performed and what lessons can be drawn from the experience so far. The talk will introduce the Kyoto Protocol's unique compliance system and analyse the practice of its Compliance Committee to date.

REGISTRATION
If you wish to attend this seminar, please email to lawmaksy@nus.edu.sg. There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. All are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Ms Shirley Mak at Tel: 6516 6246. Directions to the law school may be found at http://law.nus.edu.sg/faculty/Location.htm.