

APCEL News

Highlights: 1 July – 31 December 2013

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New Director, Deputy Director & Members

Assoc Profs LYE Lin Heng and Burton Ong were appointed Director and Deputy Director of APCEL respectively, with effect from 1 July 2013. Former Director, Prof Emeritus Koh Kheng Lian was made Honorary Director.

APCEL welcomes two new members to its Advisory Committee. They are Dr Lena Chan, Director, National Biodiversity Centre, National Parks Board, Singapore; and Justice Brian Preston, Land & Environment Court, New South Wales, Australia.

APCEL welcomes new member Asst Prof Jaclyn Neo who has just returned from the United States and is about to be awarded her doctorate from Yale Law School. Jaclyn has special interest in constitutional law, international law, as well as in human rights law, including its relation to environmental issues.

I. APCEL's Activities and those of its Members

This report is prepared from information supplied by APCEL Executive Committee members (including its associate members)

1. Establishment of the APCEL Specialist Group on Climate Change Adaptation: ASEAN and the World

The Group comprises 18 members from 14 countries, established in 2013. It is in the process of organizing a two-day Workshop in 2014 to discuss the papers for publication.

Ongoing

Chair: KL Koh

Co-chair: Nicholas A. Robinson

2. The Inaugural Asia Environment Lecture "Transitioning Towards Environmentally Sustainable Growth in Asia and the Pacific: Key Issues, Progress and Drivers of Change, 28 October 2013", - by Dr Bindu N Lohani, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank.

This lecture was co-hosted by the National University of Singapore (APCEL; M.Sc. (Env Mgt) [MEM] programme; & Bachelor in Env. Studies (BES) programme) and Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA); and sponsored by Mr Heinrich Jessen of Messrs Jebsen & Jessen.

3. APCEL/Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Workshop on Urban and Industrial Environmental Management, 2-6 December 2013



This is the 13th APCEL/MFA workshop on *Urban and Industrial Environmental Management: The Singapore Model*. It was held from 2 to 6 December 2013 at the Faculty of Law, NUS. E Prof KL Koh was the Course Director and served as a resource person, together with others including members of APCEL, NUS academia from other faculties, and the private and government sectors. Resource Persons were E Prof KL Koh, Assoc Prof LH Lye, Deputy Director, APCEL; Dr Asanga Gunawansa, Adjunct Asst Prof, School of Design & Environment (SDE), NUS and Associate Member, APCEL, NUS; Dr Adhityan Appan, Partner, LBW Consultants, Singapore; Mr Edwin Khew, Chairman, Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore; Dr Geoffrey Davison, Deputy Director, (Terrestrial), National Biodiversity Centre, National Parks Board; Asst Prof Kua Harn Wei, Department of Building, SDE; Dr Malone-Lee Lai Choo, Director, Centre for Sustainable Asian Cities, SDE, Mr Richard C. Reidinger, CEO, Eco Special Waste Management; Assoc Prof Victor Savage, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, NUS and Mr Yong Wei Hin, Project Director, Water Reclamation Department, Public Utilities Board (PUB). There were 18 participants from 15 developing countries worldwide - Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Mexico, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Seychelles and Vietnam.

The topics covered brown, green and blue issues that have progressively turned Singapore into a success story in sustainable development in urban and industrial environmental management. The Workshop considered the many challenges that

Singapore faces, including the impact of climate change and adaptation. The role of Singapore in the regional and global context was also considered.

For the workshop programme, please see <http://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/workshops/UIEM2013.pdf>

II. APCEL Members' Activities

1. Koh Kheng Lian

Appointment

- Member of the *Mekong Intangible Cultural Heritage Project*. It is funded by the International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia Pacific Region (IRCI), Sakai City Museum, 2 Mozusekiuncho, Sakaiku, Osaka, Japan.

Conferences, Workshops, etc

- Presented a paper on "Land Use Change: Eco-Cities as Adaptation to Climate Change Node?" at the Post-IUCN Colloquium on Land Use Change Law and Policy: Environmental Law Symposium in Australia, 1 - 5 July 2013, Armidale, Australia.
- Invited to participate in the World Justice Forum IV 2013, 8-11 July 2013, The Hague, Netherlands.



Breakout Session, World Justice Forum IV 2013, above.

- 25 August 2013 – participated in the *ASEAN Integration Through Law: The ASEAN Way in a Comparative Context - Plenary on Rule of Law in the ASEAN Community*, organized by the Centre for International Law (NUS), Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore.
- Presented a paper on "ASEAN Cultural Heritage: Forging an ASEAN Identity for an ASEAN Community 2015" at the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Rule of Law

Program Asia, & University of Cebu: Environmental Talks II - Crucial Issues Relating to Environment in Southeast Asia with Focus on Forest Management and Mining Laws, 28 August - 30 August 2013, Cebu.; launch of my publication ASEAN Environmental Law, Policy and Governance (Vols I & II). World Scientific Publishing: 2009 & 2012.



Presentation of paper.



Launch and presentation of Koh KL, ASEAN Environmental Law, Policy and Governance to Dean Baldomero C. Estenzo, College of Law, University of Cebu.

- In Conversation: Teaching ASEAN Environmental Law in Law Schools in the ASEAN Region, APCEL Outreach Program – Activities: *Capacity Building in ASEAN Environmental Law in Law Schools in ASEAN Member States*, 31 August 2013, University of Cebu.



In Conversation: Teaching ASEAN Environmental Law in Law Schools in the ASEAN Region.

- Participated at the APEC Pathfinder Dialogue with ASEAN & Pacific Islands Forum Partners - Conference on Combating Corruption and Illicit Trade Across the Asia-Pacific Region, Bangkok, Thailand, 23-25 September 2013.
- Invited to be a moderator for Mr Benoit Mayer in NUS Law Faculty's Doctoral Reading Group "Justifying Climate Cooperation: Competing Narratives in a Divided World" 18 September 2013, Law Faculty.
- Invited to be one of the keynote speakers and presented a paper on 'Climate Justice - Human Rights and Human Security: the ASEAN Context' at the IBA Showcase - *Climate Change Justice and Human Rights - Concepts for Legal and Institutional Reforms*, 6 - 11 October 2013, Boston, USA.



- Invited by the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs to participate at the 13th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights and the Environment, 21-23 October 2013, Copenhagen, Denmark. Submitted a report of the Seminar and Working Group 4 to MFA.



Working Group 4 (some of the over 20 participants in Group 4): Climate Change & Human Rights Implications, above ASEM Seminar.

- Acceptance Speech at the Conferring of the Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law, 14 November, Hotel Alpenhof 2013, Murnau.



Conferring of the Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law, above.

- Invited to present a paper on “ASEAN Cultural Heritage as a Mechanism in Forging an ASEAN Identity for the Realization of an ASEAN Community 2015: An Impossible Dream?” presented at the 3rd *International Symposium of Laureates of the Elizabeth Haub Prizes*, 14-16 November, Murnau (Germany).



Click [here](#) for Law Link write-up. For Acceptance Speech, please click [here](#).

- Invited to give a talk on “Climate Change Justice, Human Rights and Human Security: The ASEAN Context ” at the *Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Rule of Law Program Asia Seminar on Some Current Environmental Concerns in Southeast Asia & Forestry and Mining Issues in Malaysia*, 27-29 November 2013, Kuala Lumpur.



Presenting paper at the KAS Kuala Lumpur Seminar, above.

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Singapore) Course Director and resource person for the APCEL/MFA 13th “Workshop on Urban and Industrial Environmental Management: The Singapore Model”, 2 to 6 December 2013, Singapore. Presented two papers (1) Adaptation to Climate Change; (2) Tianjin Eco-cities.

- Invited to attend at the *Asian Judges Symposium on Environment*, 3 – 5 December 2013, ADB Headquarters, Manila, the Philippines. Attended *Natural Capital: Climate Change Impacts on Key Ecosystems: the State of Climate Change*, 4 December 2013.
- Invited to present a paper on *Adaptation to Climate Change and Eco-cities*, the *Annual Conference of Low Carbon Energy Centre, National Tsinghua University*, 6 December 2013, Taiwan.



- Invited to give two talks on (1) “ASEAN Environmental Law & Possible Inclusion of Forestry Laws in National Curriculum” and (2) *Environmental Law Teaching in Indonesia (inclusion of ASEAN Environmental Law: Content Development & Teaching Method)* at the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) *Rule of Law Program Asia, Seminar on Reconciling Forestry and Mining Management: Some Current Environmental Concerns in Asia*, 10-12 December 2013, Hasanuddin University-Makassar-Indonesia.



Resource persons and government officials at opening of KAS seminar.

Publications

- Nicholas A. Robinson, Lye Lin Heng and Elizabeth Burleson (eds), Chapter 4, Environmental Law in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in *Comparative Environmental Law and Regulation* (Thomson Reuters: 2013).
- Koh Kheng Lian, “A Survey of ASEAN Instruments Relating to Peatlands, Mangroves and other Wetlands: The REDD+ Context” in *International Journal of Rural Law and Policy* (UTS ePress: 2013).

2. Lye Lin Heng

Conferences, Workshops, etc

- 4 to 10 July 2013 – invited to teach in the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law's "Teaching the Teachers" Programme, School of Law, Chong Qing University, China. Represented the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law as Vice Chair of the Governing Board. Also gave a paper entitled “Environmental Law, Governance and Management – The Way Forward”.
- 30 July 2013 – invited as Guest of Honour for the Schools' cluster event on Environmental Sustainability- UN Year of the Water, hosted by Yio Chu Kang Secondary School. Spoke on “The Environment – Our Role as Stewards for Present and Future Generations”.
- 25 August 2013 – participated in the *ASEAN Integration Through Law: The ASEAN Way in a Comparative Context - Plenary on Rule of Law in the ASEAN Community*, organized by the Centre for International Law (NUS), Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. Focused on Environmental Law in ASEAN.
- Represented APCEL in various discussions with the Land Transport Authority to give feedback on the proposed extension of MRT system into the Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Land Transport Authority, Singapore.
- 23 – 25 September 2013 – invited to participate at the *APEC Pathfinder Dialogue with ASEAN/Pacific Islands Forum Partners - Conference on Combating Corruption and Illicit Trade across the Asia-Pacific Region*, Bangkok, Thailand. Presented on "Environmental law, implementation and enforcement - International, Regional and National Perspectives", at the session "Environmental Crimes and Natural Resources: Inter-connections with other Illicit Crimes".



- 28 September 2013 – attended the Singapore Futures Sustainability Symposium 2013, organized by the Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES), NUS, University Town.
- 21-23 October 2013 – invited to participate at the 13th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: “Human Rights and the Environment”, Copenhagen, Denmark (hosted by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Danish Institute for Human Rights).



- 28 October 2013 – co-organised the “Inaugural Asia Environment Lecture: Transitioning Towards Environmentally Sustainable Growth in Asia and the Pacific: Key Issues, Progress and Drivers of Change” by Dr Bindu Lohani, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank. This event is jointly hosted by the National University of Singapore (APCEL; M.Sc. (Env Mgt) [MEM] programme; & Bachelor (Env Studies) programme) and Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA); and sponsored by Mr Heinrich Jessen of Messrs Jebsen & Jessen.



- 31 Oct – 1 Nov 2013 – invited to present a paper on "The Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste - Comparative Perspectives and Corporate Social Responsibility" at the *International Conference on Resource Recycling*, Maioli County, Taiwan. Also presented on "The Management of Wastes in Singapore".
- 8 November 2013 - awarded the inaugural Ministry of National Development (MND) Dedicated Service Award to for 10 years of service on the Strata Titles Board, presented by the Minister for National Development, at the MND Huddle 2013.
- 2 December 2013 – presented three papers as a resource person at the APCEL – MFA Workshop on Urban and Industrial Environmental Management, 2-6 December 2013, viz - "Air Pollution Management - The Singapore Experience", "Transport-Based Air Pollution Management" and "Environmental Laws - Compliance and Enforcement".
- 2-5 December 2013 - Invited to present a paper on "Biodiversity and Protected Areas Laws: Comparative Perspectives" at the *Second Asian Judges Symposium on Environment: Natural Capital, the Rule of Law, and Environmental Justice*, ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines.

Publications

- Koh Kheng Lian, "Singapore" chapter 4 in Nicholas A. Robinson, Lye Lin Heng and Elizabeth Burleson (eds) in *Comparative Environmental Law and Regulation*, 78 pp (Thomson Reuters: 2013).
- Lye Lin Heng & Vinayagan Dharmarajah, "Extending REDD+ to Mangroves and Wetlands for Small Island States: a Case Study for the Conservation of Mangroves and Inter-tidal Mudflats in Singapore" in *International Journal of Rural Law and Policy* (UTS ePress: 2013).

- Monograph – *Environmental Law- Singapore*, Wolters Kluwer, 156 pp.

III. APCEL's Associate Members

1. Jolene Lin

Jolene Lin received the 2013 IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Junior Scholarship Prize for Environmental Law.

IV. Visitors

- Professor Stephen Hockman, QC, Six Pump Court, London, UK, 17 September 2013.
- Professor H. Klonoff, Dean, Lewis & Clark Law School, 27 September 2013.
- Professor Javier De Cendra, Dean, IE University Law School, 27 September 2013.



- Dr James Prest, Centre for Climate Change, ANU College of Law, 27 September 2013.
- Ms Becky Rush, Asia Flyway Policy Officer, Birdlife International, 14 October 2013
- Ms Cristi Marie C. Nozawa, Regional Director, Birdlife International, 14 October 2013.
- Ms Vanessa Chan, Director-General, International Organisations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, 14 October 2013.

- Dr Bindu Lohani, Vice- President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank, 28 October 2013
- Ms Daisy Goh, Prince Albert II, Monaco Foundation, 28 November 2013.

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