

**APCEL News
Advisory and Executive Committees**

Highlights: Jan – July 2009

The report is prepared on information supplied by its members

A. APCEL's activities and those of its members

1. APCEL/MEM Seminar on “An Introduction to Climate Change – Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives”, 16-17 March 2009, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

The following APCEL members served as resource persons and spoke on the topics mentioned below:

- Prof KL Koh (“ASEAN’s Response to Adaptation to Climate Change: What Role Can ASEAN Play”)
- Asst Prof LT Lim (“Overview to the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol”)

2. SEI/MEM/APCEL Environmental Management Executive Programme, 30 - 31 March 2009, ENV Building

The following APCEL members served as resource persons:

- Prof KL Koh (“ASEAN Cooperation in Environmental Management”)
- Assoc Prof LH Lye (“Introduction to Law and to Environmental Law - International and National Perspectives”, “Pollution Laws (II) – Noise, Hazardous Substances, Wastes and Public Health Laws” and “Nature Conservation Laws”)
- Asst Prof LT Lim (“Climate Change Laws and Environmental Alternative Dispute Resolution”)

B. APCEL members' activities

Koh Kheng Lian

Conferences and Workshops

- Presented a paper entitled "Capacity Building in Environmental Legal Education and Sustainability in the Asian Region" and chaired a panel session of the National Sustainability Conference, 20-22 February 2009, NUS Guild House at Kent Ridge.
- Conducted a seminar, "ASEAN's Response to Adaptation to Climate Change: What Role Can ASEAN Play" at the APCEL/MEM Seminar on "An Introduction to Climate Change - Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives", 16 - 17 March 2009, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.
- Conducted a seminar "ASEAN Cooperation in Environmental Management" at the APCEL/MEM/SEI Environmental Management Executive Programme, 30 - 31 March 2009 at the ENV Building.
- Participated at the IUCN "Enhancing FLEG (Forest Law Enforcement and Governance)" in Southeast Asia & the Pacific: Regional NGO Meeting, 28-29 April 2009, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Presented a paper entitled "The Dynamics of Environmental Transboundary Issues: the Role of ASEAN in Shaping Environmental Law, Policy and Governance in Tackling these Challenges" and chaired a panel session at the 6th Asian Law Institute Conference, 29-30 May 2009, University of Hong Kong.
- She is the compiler & editor of *ASEAN Environmental Law, Policy and Governance: Selected Documents (Vol I.)*. World Scientific Publisher: 2009, 713 pages.
- Published an article, "A Breakthrough in Solving the Indonesian Haze?", in Sharelle Hart, ed, Chapter 12, Shared Resources Issues of Governance, IUCN Environmental Law and Policy Paper No 72, pages 225 – 246.

Lye Lin Heng

Conferences & Workshops

- Chaired public seminar by Prof Dan Esty, Director, Yale Centre for Environmental Law & Policy, and Director, Centre for Business and the Environment, Yale University, "Green to Gold: How Smart Companies Use Environmental Strategies to Innovate, Create Value, and Build Competitive Advantage", 17 March 2009.

- 21 May 2009 – participated in Expert Meeting on Climate Change, hosted by the University of Maastricht, Faculty of Law, Netherlands. Presented paper “Climate Change - The Road to Copenhagen: Perspectives from ASEAN and selected ASEAN Countries”.
- 22-23 May 2009 – attended meetings of the Governing Board, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Maastricht, Netherlands.
- 29-30 May 2009 – 6th Asian Law Institute Conference, University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law. Presented paper entitled “Land Law and the Environment: Forging New Rights and Obligations in a Changed World”.
- 6-13 June 2009 – visit to Cebu & Bantayan islands, the Philippines, invited by the Law of Nature Foundation, as expert on environmental law and management, conducted audits on waste management, inaugurated marine sanctuary, made a presentation to members of the Cebu Environmental Lawyers Association entitled “Environmental Law, Governance and Management: Innovative Approaches from Singapore”.
- 18 June 2009 - Presented seminar “Introduction to Environmental Law” to participants at World Leadership Conference 2009, Singapore Management University
- 31 July 2009 – Chaired Inaugural Seminar by Attorney Antonio Oposa, Director, Law of Nature Foundation, “Caring for the Environment – Story of a Rich Grandfather and CPR Economics”, for NUS M.Sc. (Env. Mgt.) Program, 9th intake of students.

C. APCEL’s Associate Members

Asanga Gunawansa

Conference Chair

Chaired Track 3 (Sustainable Development and Construction Industry) at the 15th International Sustainable Development Research Conference held in Utrecht, Netherlands from 04 – 06, July 2009.

Conference Papers (selected)

- “Environmental Concerns Relating to Construction Projects: An ASEAN Perspective”, 6th Asian Law Institute Conference, 29 – 31 May, 2009, Hong Kong.

- “South Asian Initiatives to Deal with Climate Change and Some Recommendations for a Post-Kyoto Mechanism”, 15th International Sustainable Development Research Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands, 04 – 06, July 2009.
- “A Multi-scale Analysis of Possible Conflicts between Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Initiatives” (with Dr. Kua Harn Wei), 15th International Sustainable Development Research Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands, 04 – 06, July 2009.

Invited Talks (selected)

- "Climate Change: Governance, Solutions and Opportunities", Singapore Co-operation Programme Training Awards (SCPTA) and Small Island Developing States Technical Co-operation (SIDSTEC) frameworks administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Environmental Agency, Singapore, June 2009.
- “Understanding Sustainability and Dealing with Current Challenges”, APRU Undergraduate Summer Program, Singapore, July 2009.
- "Sustainable Development and the Role of International Environmental Law", World Leadership Conference, Singapore, 16 – 19 June 2009.
- “The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and International Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol”, MFA-JICA JSPP21 on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency programme, National Environmental Agency, 20 February, 2009.
- “Understanding the Clean Development Mechanism and the Benefits for Developing Countries”, Singapore-Colombo Plan Executive Training Programme on "Climate Change, Energy and the Environment", National Environmental Agency, 16 Feb 2009.
- “Whose Sustainability”, National Sustainable Development Conference, Singapore, March 2009.
- “Understanding the Duties and Liabilities of Construction Industry Professionals”, Centre for Infrastructure and Construction Industry, Hong Kong University, 2 June 2009.

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