

NOTE

EXTERNAL SESSION OF THE HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW HELD IN SINGAPORE, 24 MAY — 12 JUNE 1971

The Hague Academy of International Law, with the support of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, held its External Session for South and East Asia in Singapore from 24 May to 12 June 1971. The three-week session was held on the campus of the University of Singapore and covered topics which the Academy considered to be of interest to the countries in this region.

The session which was intended for young lecturers in international law and civil servants from the Foreign Offices in the region had participants from Ceylon, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore. These were selected by the Curatorium of the Hague Academy.

Lecturers for the session were: (1) Associate Professor T. T. B. Koh, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Singapore; (2) Professor Stanley D. Metzger, Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center; (3) Professor Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Bandoeng, Indonesia; (4) Professor Shigeru Oda, Faculty of Law, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan; and (5) Dr. Karel Vasak, Secretary-General of the International Institute of Human Rights (René-Cassin Foundation).

Professor Mochtar lectured on "The Law of the Sea". Besides dealing in some detail with the Geneva Conferences on the Law of the Sea, he also discussed the following: a) delimitation of continental shelf boundaries by bilateral agreement: recent developments in the South-East Asian region; (b) some technical legal problems of continental shelf exploration and exploitation; (c) marine pollution and the law of the sea; and (d) the U.N. Draft Treaty on the International Sea-Bed Area. "The International Law of the Sea-Bed" was the subject of lectures and seminars given by Prof. Oda, the leading Japanese legal expert in this field. Dr. Vasak gave a series of lectures and seminars on "The International Protection of Human Rights" and selected for discussion the case-law under the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Associate Professor Koh conducted four seminars, two on "The U.N. and Human Rights" and the other two on "The U.N. and the Sea-Bed". "Legal Aspects of International Trade and Investment" was the subject of an excellent and wide-ranging

course given by Professor Metzger. In particular, he dealt with the following topics: (a) entry, conduct and termination of private foreign investment; (b) the GATT multilateral trade system; (c) customs unions and free trade areas; (d) commodity agreements; and (e) tariff preference schemes.

On completion of the Session, each participant will have to prepare a research paper within a period of three months on one of the topics indicated by the lecturers in order to qualify for the award of a Certificate of Study by the Hague Academy. In this connection it is proposed that the Hague Academy should consider preparing a compilation of all the papers written and make it available to all the participants. This, it is believed, would present in a more tangible form the fruits of the external session.

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