

THE SUBORDINATE COURTS AND THE WORLD



Hosting a foreign judge



Studying abroad



At an overseas conference



Hosting foreign dignitaries, judges, legal officers, and court administrators

Subordinate Courts and the World

The Subordinate Courts is a major player on the international stage. We host numerous visits from foreign dignitaries each year. In our quest to contribute to the administration of justice in the international arena, the Subordinate Courts is also an active member of various international organisations, and members of the Subordinate Courts are often invited to make presentations in international conferences.

Some Leaves from our Guest Book

Congratulations on your most progressive system, and thank you for giving me a splendid briefing about it!

Paul De Gersey, Chief Justice of Queensland, Australia,
17 January 2001

On behalf of the Swedish National Courts Administration, I would like to thank you for a most interesting day. We have got many new ideas to bring home and use in our development work.

**Marianne Hassel, Lena Grunditz, Rita Aspegren,
Ronnie Karlsson, Karin Nacke,
Swedish National Courts Administration**
20 February 2001

It was a wonderful and exciting day visiting the most advanced common law courts I have seen. Many thanks and I hope we can follow your example!

**Justice Joh Hansen, High Court of New Zealand,
Christchurch, N.A.**
April 2001

Thank you for an extremely informative and valuable visit. I hope that Jersey will imitate Singapore in a number of spheres!

Philip Bailhache, Bailiff and Chief Justice of Jersey,
26 June 2001

Membership of International Organisations

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Through ADB's Technical Co-operation Programme, the Subordinate Courts are collaborating with ADB to provide technical assistance for its Developing Member Countries. The assistance is in the form of organising and conducting training programmes on case management and other areas of the Subordinate Courts' expertise.

"While in Pakistan, I met Mr Livingston Armytage, Team Leader for an ADB judicial reform project, and a number of participants of the delay reduction study tour that your office so kindly organised in July-August of this year...The participants' exposure to the different techniques and use of technology employed in Singapore has clearly given them new insights and enthused them to tackle the problem of delay in their own courts...We look forward to continued co-operation and collaboration with the Singapore courts in ADB's law and policy reform projects."

(Letter from Hamid L Sharif, Senior Counsel, ADB, to the Senior District Judge,
8 October 2001)



Late-night video-conferencing with overseas lecturer

Singapore Co-operation Programme (SCP)

In collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Singapore Co-operation Programme, the Subordinate Courts catalyse the exchange of views on common judicial and judicial administration issues with other countries, through a series of training courses for judges, court administrators, government officials and legal officers from ASEAN countries, in areas such as judicial reform and enhancing access to justice.

This year's SCP programme took place in July-August 2001. The focus of the programme was "Building a World-class Judiciary". Participants visited and were briefed on the various Subordinate Courts Justice Divisions as well as administrative functions.

International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates (IAYFJM)

The Juvenile Court is a member of the IAYFJM, which is an NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) with consultative status at the United Nations. It represents world-wide efforts to protect youth and families, and to deal with the criminal behaviour of youths. Its membership comprises national associations concerned with youth and family justice or welfare issues, and committed individuals from all parts of the globe, who exercise the functions of youth and family court judges.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges ("the Council")

Currently, the Juvenile Court Magistrate sits on three committees within the Council, which is based in the United States:

- Juvenile Delinquency
- Juvenile and Family Drug Courts
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse

The Juvenile Delinquency Committee examines the latest findings on the causes of juvenile delinquency and the effectiveness of model programmes addressing this phenomenon. The Juvenile and Family Drug Courts Committee assists, and where possible, leads efforts to create quality family drug courts and juvenile drug courts in

jurisdictions throughout the United States. The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Committee investigates and seeks solutions to the problem of alcohol and substance abuse among children.

International Conferences

1. 7–9 February 2001, Miami, USA: Designing Court Facilities: Facilities, Space and Organisational Goals (organiser: National Center for State Courts), attended by Ms Chan Wai Yin and Ms Papinder Kaur.
2. 8 June 2001, Sydney, Australia: 4th AIJA Annual Tribunals Conference (organiser: Australian Institute of Judicial Administration), paper presented by Deputy Registrar Ong Chin Heng entitled *Rethinking Tribunals Justice – Serving the Community*.
3. 25–29 June 2001, Paris, France: EC-ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Co-operation Programme ECAP II, attended by Senior Deputy Registrar Valerie Thean.
4. 20–21 July 2001, Melbourne, Australia: Inaugural AIJA Magistrates' Conference (organiser: Australian Institute of Judicial Administration), paper presented by Magistrates Eric Tin and Abigail Ng entitled *Leading Change in the Singapore's Magistracy: The Seven Working Precepts*.
5. 26–29 July 2001 Sydney, Australia: Family Courts of Australia 25th Anniversary Conference (organiser: Family Court of Western Australia) attended by Senior District Judge Richard Magnus.
6. 22–23 October 2001, Hong Kong: Government Online Conference, (organiser: International Quality and Productivity Centre), paper presented by Principal Director, Corporate Services, Richard Lau, entitled "Overcoming The Barriers to Successful ESD – Beyond Legacy Systems."
7. 5–8 November 2001, Kuala Lumpur: Government Online Conference, (organiser: International Quality and Productivity Centre), paper presented by Principal Director, Corporate Services, Richard Lau, entitled "Overcoming The Barriers to Successful ESD – Beyond Legacy Systems."



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