



WORKSHOP ON SELECTED ITEMS BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

Date

29th & 30th November 2013

Venue

Senate Room, UKM

Organiser

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

*Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization (AALCO)*

Background

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), originally known as the Asian Legal Consultative Committee (ALCC) was constituted on 15 November 1956. Seven Asian States were originally members of ALCC, but, the organization's name was changed to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) to include participation of African States in 1958. By 2006, membership had grown to include 47 States in both Asia and Africa and this was accompanied by the change in name in 2001 from AALCC to AALCO to reflect the organization's changing role and growing impact. Among the many achievements of AALCO is its work in the drafting of the United Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), particularly in relation to the inclusion of the concepts of Exclusive Economic Zones and Archipelagic States, which were direct outcomes of AALCO efforts during the negotiation of the Convention.

In addition to its role as an advisory body to its Member States in the field of international law and as a forum for Asian-African cooperation, the primary roles of the AALCO are to examine subjects under consideration by the International Law Commission (ILC); to forward its views to Member States; and to make recommendations before the ILC based upon the views of the Member States.

The work of the ILC is regulated by the Statute of ILC 1947, which was initially approved by the General Assembly on 21 November 1947 and amended on 12 December 1950, 3 December 1955 and 18 November 1981. The primary objective of the creation of the ILC is to promote the progressive development of international law and its codification. It consists of 34 members (originally there were 15) who all must be experts on international law, elected to the position by the General Assembly from a list of candidates nominated by governments of Member States in the UN.

The work of the ILC has led to the adoption of international legal instruments, such as the Vienna Conventions on the Law of Treaties; the Convention on the Succession of States in respect of Treaties; the Convention on Diplomatic Relations; and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) is one of the research universities in Malaysia. Its Faculty of Law offers undergraduate and postgraduate studies program. The Faculty of Law and AALCO have been working together in research on international law. In the spirit of cooperation, AALCO and the Faculty of Law, UKM is organising a two-day's workshop on '**Selected Items Before The International Law Commission,**' which will be held at the Senate Room, UKM on 29th and 30th November 2013. The purpose of the workshop is to stimulate international thinking, the exchange of ideas; and research among academics, government officials, legal practitioners and students on the topics related to agendas before the ILC specifically and any other topics related to international law.

Workshop Objectives

- To gather academicians, professionals and practitioners to discuss current and important international legal issues that are of significance to the survival and well-being of international community.
- To become an annual programme in the future and become a permanent focal point of public international law discourse and collaboration among international lawyers interested in international law.
- To prepare a basis for the formation of an international society for academicians, professionals and practitioners in Malaysia.
- To establish a foundation for a document repository, research, training, and publication centre on international law at the Faculty of Law, UKM.
- To put UKM and AALCO on the world map for international law collaboration between international organisation and a higher learning institution.

Confirmed Distinguished Panelist

1. H.E. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad (Secretary-General of AALCO)
2. Dr. Hussein A. Hassouna (Member of ILC)
3. Mr. Narinder Singh (Member of ILC)
4. Prof. Shinya Murase (Member of ILC)
5. Prof. Chia-Jui Cheng (Secretary-General of the Curatorium, Asian Xiamen Academy of International Law)
6. Prof. Dr. Rohimi Shapie (Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, UKM)

Registration Fee: RM300.00

Student (RM50.00)

Payment

Payment should be made in cash during registration.

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