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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THAI NATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE ASEAN LAW ASSOCIATION**

Excellencies, Participants, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Thai National Committee of the ASEAN Law Association, I am delighted to extend a warmest welcome to you all to the 9th General Assembly in Bangkok. I am truly pleased to see so many old friends together with some new faces from various spheres of legal profession. In addition, I strongly hope that friends from neighboring countries will have a pleasant stay and receive warm hospitality by our liaisons and staffs.

The 9th General Assembly displays a truly special occasion as Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha will preside over the Opening Ceremony and deliver a keynote speech on “ASEAN Law in Transition”. Moreover, workshops and discussions under the modern-day theme “Challenge of Globalization to Legal Services” will once again bring the ALA scholars together to share constructive wisdoms and achieve the common goal of continuing greater cooperation among ASEAN countries regardless of all differences.

I finally wish each and every one of you a great success in your deliberation at this General Assembly.



Atthaniti Disatha-Amnarj
Chairman of the Thai National Committee
of the ASEAN Law Association

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2006

- 12.00 – 21.00 Arrival of ALA Delegates
- 15.00 – 17.00 **Registration**
Venues: the Princess Valaya Alongkorn
 Drawing Room (2ND fl.),
 the Plaza Athéné Hotel
- 17.00 – 19.00 **Registration**
Venue: Lobby
- Involvements: Foreign Delegates
- 15.30 – 18.00 **Preparation Briefing**
Venues: the Atheneum 4 and 5 (6TH fl.)
Involvements: Chairpersons, Rapporteurs
 and Paper Writers
- 15.30 – 16.00 Workshop I
- 16.00 – 16.30 Workshop II
- 16.30 – 17.00 Workshop III
- 17.00 – 17.30 Workshop IV
- 17.30 – 18.00 Workshop V
- 19.00 – 21.00 **Cocktail Reception**
Venue: the View (4TH fl.)
Host: Hon. Atthaniti Disatha-Amnarj,
 Chairman of the Thai National
 Committee of ALA
Involvements: Foreign Delegates

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2006

- 08.00 – 09.00 **Registration**
Venue: Foyer of the Grand Hall (2ND fl.),
 the Plaza Athéné Hotel
Involvements: All Participants

- 09.00 **Opening Ceremony**
 Venue: the Grand Hall
 Introducing Heads of ALA Delegation for
 the ALA 9TH General Assembly
Welcome Address
 by Hon. Atthaniti Disatha-Amnarj,
 Chairman of the Thai National
 Committee of ALA
Preamble Address
 by Hon. Chao Hick Tin, ALA President
Speeches
 by Heads of ALA Delegation
- 10.00 – 10.30 Refreshment Break
 Venue: Foyer of the grand Hall
- 11.00 **Arrival of Her Royal Highness Princess
 Bajrakitiyabha**
**Royal Address and
 Keynote Speech** on “ASEAN Law in
 Transition”
 by Her Royal Highness Princess
 Bajrakitiyabha
- 12.00 – 14.00 **Lunch Reception**
 Venue: the Reflexions (3RD fl.),
 Host: Mr. Phinij Susaoraj, Secretary -
 General, Office of the Judiciary
 Involvements: Her Royal Highness
 Princess Bajrakitiyabha
 and Invited VIP Guests
 Venue: the Star 29 (29TH fl.)
 Involvements: All Participants
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Workshop on Class and Public Interest
 Litigation**
 Venue: the Grand Hall
- 15.00 – 15.15 Refreshment Break
 Venue: Foyer of the Grand Hall

- 15.15 – 16.00 Workshop on “Class and Public Interest Litigation” (continued)
- 18.30 – 21.00 **Dinner Reception**
Venue: the Gallery (3RD fl.)
Host: Hon. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai,
Chairman of the Organizing
Committee for ALA 9th General
Assembly, 2006
Involvements: Invited VIP Guests

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2006

- 09.00 – 10.30 **Workshop on Legal Education in ASEAN in the 21st Century**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné I (2ND fl.),
the Plaza Athéné Hotel
- 10.30 – 11.00 Refreshment Break
Venue: Foyer of the Plaza Athéné I
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Workshop on Protection of Victims, particularly Women and Children, against Domestic Violence, Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné I
- 12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch Reception**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné II (2ND fl.)
Hosts: Mr. Chaikasem Nitisiri,
Deputy Attorney – General and
Mr. Dej-Udom Krairit,
President of the Law Society
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Workshop on WTO and Regional Trade Liberalization: Implication for ASEAN**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné II
- 15.00 – 15.15 Refreshment Break
Venue: Foyer of the Plaza Athéné I

- 15.15 – 16.00 Workshop on WTO and Regional Trade Liberalization: Implication for ASEAN (continued)
- 19.00 – 21.30 **Dinner Reception**
Venue: the Grand Hall (2ND fl.)
Host: H.E. Mr. Chanchai Likhitjitta, the Minister of Justice
Involvements: ALA Delegates

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006

- 09.00 – 10.30 **Workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution in ASEAN**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné I (2ND fl.)
Involvements: All Participants
- 10.30 – 10.45 Refreshment Break
Venue: Foyer of the Plaza Athéné I

Concurrent session

- 09.00 – 10.30 **Governing Council Meeting**
Venue: the Gallery (3RD fl.)
Involvements: Members of ALA Governing Council
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- 10.45 – 11.00 **Report of the Rapporteur – General**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné I
Involvements: All Participants

End of Workshops

- 11.00 – 13.00 **Plenary Session**
Venue: the Plaza Athéné I
Involvements: ALA Delegates
Resolution
Election of ALA President

- 13.00 – 14.30 Election of ALA Secretary – General
Speech by retiring ALA President
Speech by incoming ALA President
Lunch Reception
Venue: the Plaza Athéné II
Host: the Bangkok Bank (Public)
Co., Ltd.
- 19.00 – 21.30 **Farewell Banquet**
Venue: Ballroom I, the Shangri-La Hotel
Host: H.E. Justice Panya Thanomrod,
President of the Supreme Court
Involvement: ALA Delegates

End of the 9TH General Assembly

WORKSHOP
CHAIRPERSONS AND PAPER WRITERS

Workshop I: Class Action and Public Interest

Chairperson: Otto Cornelis Kalingis (Indonesia)

Paper Writers:

Brunei	Mohd Shazale bin Haji Mat Salleh
Indonesia	Otto Cornelis Kalingis
Malaysia	Gurdial Singh Nijhar
Philippines	Renato C. Corona
Singapore	Roland Tong
Thailand	Chukiet Ratanachaichan
Vietnam	Tran Cong Truc

Workshop II: Legal Education in ASEAN in the 21ST Century

Chairperson: TPB Menon (Singapore)

Paper Writers:

Brunei	Haji Nabil Daraina Pehin Dato Haji Badaruddin
Indonesia	to be announced
Malaysia	R. Rajeswaran A.J. Rajaratnam
Philippines	Andres D. Bautista
Singapore	Tan Cheng Han
Thailand	Prasit Kovilaikool
Vietnam	Mai Hong Quy

Workshop III: Protection of Victims, particularly Women and Children, against Domestic Violence, Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking

Chairperson: to be announced (Malaysia)

Paper Writers:

Brunei	Awg Yursree Hj Junaidi
Indonesia	Harkristuti Harkrisnowo
Malaysia	Puan Sri Datin Serin Saraswathy Devi
Philippines	Myrna S. Feliciano

Singapore	Kumaralingam Amirthalingam
Thailand	Chatchom Akapin
Vietnam	Le Thi Kim Thanh

**Workshop IV: WTO and Regional Trade Liberalization:
Implication for ASEAN**

Chairperson:	Weerawit Weeraworavit (Thailand)
Paper Writers:	
Brunei	Elma Darlini Haji Sulaiman
Indonesia	Agus Brotosusilo
Malaysia	Andrew Khoo
Philippines	Lourdes A. Sereno
Singapore	Hsu Locknie
Thailand	Krit Kraichitti
Vietnam	Nguyen Thi Son

Workshop V: Alternative Dispute Resolution in ASEAN

Chairperson:	to be announced (the Philippines)
Paper Writers:	
Brunei	Hajah Nor Hashimah Haji Mohd Taib
Indonesia	Mariana Sutadi
Malaysia	Cecil Abraham
Philippines	Victor P. Lazatin
Singapore	Lawrence Boo
Thailand	Sorawit Limparangsri
Vietnam	Le Hong Hanh

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End of Program

THE ALA HYMN

Music: Avelino V. Cruz

Lyrics: Magdangal M. de Leon

AVC/October 12, 2005

Working together, building the future
Holding a beacon, the laws of our region
Fostering goodwill, bridges of friendship
Lawyers of ASEAN together as one

Come, spread the word, let's heed the call
Lawyers and judges and law teachers all
Join hands and fight for the freedoms we owe
To ASEAN brotherhood, to the rule of law

We are brothers all in ASEAN land
Trust and understanding are all ours to share
We're united as one in our diversity, blending cultures & history
Harmonizing our laws is our mission of hope
Together, we will reach our cherished dream,
Our fervent pray'r, a vision of justice and peace
We promise to keep our noble faith,
Our fervent pray'r for a region of progress and peace

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ASEAN Law! ASEAN Law!

GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTIRE

Attire for all social functions is specified in the invitation cards. Normally, lounge suit or national dress would be appropriate for all functions and workshops. However, the yellow t-shirt is best preferable for the Farewell Banquet on November 25, 2006.

CHANGE OF FLIGHT

The hotel personnel can assist you with any change of flight for your return trip.

CLIMATE

The climate in Thailand varies throughout the year. Bangkok's average day time temperature is rarely much lower 30 degrees centigrade at any time of the year and the night time temperature is not much cooler.

DEPARTURE

An airport transfer will be arranged on your departure. Please note that, when departing from Suvarnabhumi Airport on an international flight, there is a 500 Baht per person airport departure tax or the "Passenger Service Charge" that must be paid (in Thai Baht only) before leaving.

MEAL

Meals at all functions are well prepared so that Muslims can have them without any problem. In addition, for vegetarians, please contact liaison officers in advance.

NAME BADGE

Your name badge is simply an entrance to most social functions and all workshops. In case of lost, please contact Registration Desk or Hospitality Desk.

REGISTRATION

Please do not forget to register and obtain the complimentary souvenirs of the ALA 9TH General Assembly at Registration Desk.

SPOUSE

Accompanying Spouses may attend all functions. A separated program for spouses is also arranged. Please refer to spouse program.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for ALA delegates will be provided for activities and social functions officially scheduled out of the Plaza Athéné Hotel. Please contact liaison officers or staffs for availability.

Public transportation in Bangkok is simple and affordable. Perhaps the easiest and the most comfortable way to get around, if not always the quickest, is by **taxi**. These come in quite a few different colors though the green-yellow and red-blue ones are the most common. The rate is 35 Baht including the first 2 km. and it costs 5 Baht per km. after that.

Doing a similar job to the taxi is Thailand's ubiquitous **tuk-tuk**. So named because of the sound of engine, these are motorized rickshaws. It's essential to bargain the price with tuk-tuks before getting in.

The newest mass transit system is the **subway**. It will run from the city's main railway station, Hua Lamphong, under two major thoroughfares, Rama 4 Road and Ratchadaphisek Road. The fare is 14 – 36 Baht depending on the distance traveled.

Bangkok's **BTS** (sky train) central station is located at Siam Square. There are two lines: the 17 km. Sukhumvit line and 6.5 km. Silom line. The BTS fares cost between 10 – 40 Baht per person depending on the distance.