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ASEAN LAW ASSOCIATION



THE 38TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Welcoming delegates

The National Committee of ALA Vietnam, headed by its Chairman, Hon. Dr. Nguyen Van Quyen, and by its Vice Chairman, Hon. Le Thi Kim Thanh, hosted the 38th Governing Council Meeting at the Sheraton Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City from March 30 to April 3, 2016. The meeting was well attended by more than 189 delegates and 56 accompanying persons from Brunei, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Hon. Le Thanh Liem, Vice Chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee welcomed all the delegates.



Hon. Le Thanh Liem
Vice Chairman, Ho Chi Minh
City People's National
Committee



Dr. Nguyen Van Quyen
Chairman, ALA Vietnam
National Committee



Hon. Le Thi Kim Thanh
Vice Chairman, ALA Vietnam
National Committee

Following the certification of quorum and approval of the agenda, the delegates observed a minute of silence in honor of the late Justice T.S. Sinnathuray, past Chairman of ALA Singapore, who passed away on January 18, 2016. The newly designated Chairmen of ALA National Committees, namely: Hon. Nguyen Van Quyen (Vietnam), Hon. Chief Justice (Ret.) Artemio V. Panganiban (Philippines) and Hon. Ponsavaeh Filsebahn (Lao PDR) were inducted and took their respective oaths of office.





ALA President addresses 38th Governing Council Meeting



Atty. Avelino V. Cruz, ALA President

In his address, ALA President, Atty. Avelino V. Cruz, recalled that the seeds of the shared vision of ALA to organize the legal community of ASEAN as an institution and leave a deep and lasting impact on greater ASEAN cooperation were sown in Jakarta in 1979. Atty. Cruz traced how ALA has grown, over the years, into a strong, vibrant and unique institution that binds the best legal minds of ASEAN from the government, judiciary and leaders of the bar and academe. Atty. Cruz also cited the tremendous amount of goodwill among its members that has been generated over the years, allowing ALA to offer, in a relatively informal setting, opportunities for free and open discussion, reflecting the diverse perspectives of its members.

Atty. Cruz stressed that with the launching of the ASEAN Economic Community in December 2015 which includes among its principal objectives: (a) to constitute ASEAN as a single entity comprised of Member States acting individually and collectively; and (b) to address the development divide and accelerate the integration of the Members, mutual legal cooperation has become a principal endeavour, which ALA should vigorously promote.

Atty. Cruz also emphasized that ALA's work is primarily to uphold and promote the principle of the Rule of Law as applied to the respective systems of individual ALA countries. He said that ALA should help find answers to the true meaning and application of the Rule of Law. To meet the demands of community building capacity under ASEAN integration, Atty. Cruz cited the observations made by Justice Lee Seiu Kin in his paper entitled "ALA at the Crossroads" that the way forward is: (1) for ALA to act as an "ideas generator" in collaboration with research institutions and entities focusing on ASEAN legal matters, and (2) for ALA to establish enduring communication channels with the ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM), the ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM), the ASEAN Chief Justices Meeting (ACJM), and last but not the least, continuing communication with the ASEAN Secretariat, which as pointed out, expressly sought ALA's legal assistance. He said that beyond mere delivery of legal recommendations, which may not be acted upon, one way to expedite approval and implementation of recommendations is to forge meaningful links to these organizations by recruiting to actual ALA membership the involved officials as members or officials of ALA.

Heads of Delegations lead the 37th Governing Council Meet in Manila; Minutes Approved

Dr. Nguyen Van Quyen, Chairman of the ALA Vietnam National Committee, welcomed all the delegates on behalf of the organizing committee for the Governing Council Meeting. The Chairmen of the different National Committees delivered their respective remarks in the persons of Hon. Chief Justice Dato' Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi bin Dato' Paduka Haji Kifli, for the National Committee of Brunei Darussalam, Hon. Prof. Dr. Djenal Sidik Suraputra, for the National Committee of Indonesia, Hon. Ponsavaeh Filsebahn, for the National Committee of Lao PDR, the Rt. Hon. Chief Justice Tun Dato' Seri Arifin bin Zakaria, for the National Committee of Malaysia, Hon. Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban (Ret.), for the National Committee of the Philippines, Hon. Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, for the National Committee of Singapore, Hon. Chief Justice Veerapol Tungsuwan, for the National Committee of Thailand, Thereafter, the delegates approved the minutes of the 37th Governing Council Meeting in Manila.

Secretary General delivers report

Atty. Regina Padilla Geraldez, ALA Secretary General, reported on matters arising from the minutes and the activities of the ALA President and Secretary General since the last General Assembly. These activities included participation from July 16-17, 2015 of Atty. Geraldez as a speaker in the EU-Vietnam Strategic Dialogue Facility in Da Nang, Vietnam; the visit on September 22, 2015 of Atty. Cruz and Atty. Geraldez and other ALA Philippines members to Chief State Counsel Ricardo V. Paras of the Department of Justice of the Philippines to discuss the ALA Guidelines on Best Practices on the Enforcement of Arbitral Awards within ASEAN ("ALA Guidelines") in relation to the Protocol for

Coordination and Cooperation between ALA and ASLOM on the Harmonization and Convergence of the Commercial Laws of ASEAN Member States; the courtesy call on November 12, 2015 of members of ALA Vietnam headed by Ms. Le Thi Kim Thanh on Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes P.A. Sereno and meeting with Justice Antonio T. Carpio regarding the arbitration case brought by the Philippine government disputing China's claims over the South China Sea. The participation from November 16 to 18, 2015 of Atty. Cruz, Atty. Geraldez, Dr. Samuel Bernal as well as the Chief Justice of Indonesia and past ALA President, Hon. Dr. Hatta Ali and past ALA Secretary General, Mr. Swandy Halim at the 6th China-ASEAN Legal Forum and "One Belt One Road" Forum on Rule of Law in Chongqing, China; and the participation of Atty. Cruz and Atty. Emerico O. de Guzman from January 21 to 22, 2016 at the Doing Business Across Asia: Legal Convergence in an Asian Century conference in Singapore.



(l-r) Hon. Le Thi Kim Thanh, Vice Chairman of the ALA Vietnam National Committee; Atty. Avelino V. Cruz, ALA President; Atty. Regina P. Geraldez, ALA Secretary General and Hon. Dr. Nguyen Van Quyen, Chairman, ALA Vietnam National Committee

Updates on the response of ASLOM to ALA Initiatives



Deputy Solicitor General
Jeffrey Chan

Mr. Jeffrey Chan, Deputy Solicitor General of Singapore, reported that the draft Protocol entitled "Modalities for Co-ordination and Co-operation between the ASLOM Working Group on the Harmonization of the Trade Laws of ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Law Association" (draft Protocol) and the proposed "Guidelines on Best Practices on Reciprocal Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in ASEAN" (proposed Guidelines) were both tabled for discussion during the 6th Session of the ASLOM Working Group held in Bali on October 19, 2015. However, during the discussion on the draft Protocol and the proposed Guidelines, several Working Group members requested for more time to consider the draft Protocol and proposed Guidelines. Some members stressed that their respective ALA National Committees should have consulted their law and justice ministries before endorsing the proposed measures. As no consensus was reached on the proposals, the views of the ASLOM Working Group were reported to ASLOM without any recommendations being made.

From the discussions at the ASLOM Working Group, Mr. Chan observed that many of the law officials present did not have much knowledge about the role of ALA in ASEAN and were unable to appreciate what it can do to move ASEAN forward. Many had not heard of the details of the ASEAN Political Security Blueprint 2015 and that ALA had an assigned role to contribute to the success of this vision. He pointed out that in order to move forward, it is important that the ALA National Committee sensitize the law officials of their respective countries to ALA's objectives, resources and the role that ALA can play in contributing to the achievement of ASEAN objectives. This can be done through different means including: a) Personal engagements, especially of decision-makers both current and potential, with law officials and b) Inviting law officials to participate in ALA programs and other activities, including social activities.

The Founding President, Former Senator Edgardo J. Angara delivers Inspirational Message

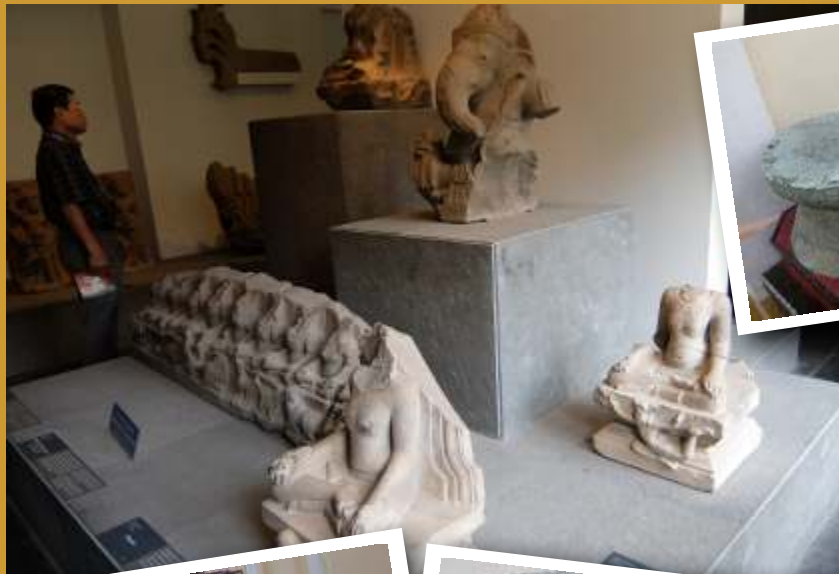
ALA Founding President and former Senator Edgardo J. Angara of the Philippines underscored the fact that ASEAN has been identified as one of the most dynamic economies in the world, and ALA as one of the longest surviving law associations in the world. He pointed out that the law profession must move forward and progress swiftly. Unfortunately, some legal professions in ASEAN, including the Philippine legal profession, are conservative and continue to prohibit foreigners from practicing law in their respective jurisdictions. He stressed that the legal profession and the possession of legal skills will be crucial in the 21st century and that ALA should be in the forefront of the reform and transformation in law curriculum, law practice, and law admission.



ALA Founding President
Hon. Edgardo J. Angara

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE 38TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Museum Tour



The ALA Vietnam National Committee spared no efforts to extend to the delegates and accompanying persons their overwhelming hospitality and to provide avenues for renewing old friendships and fostering camaraderie. Many delegates and accompanying persons joined the tour which brought them to Ho Chi Minh's landmarks. The tour was capped by a visit to the museum to see artefacts corresponding to different periods of Vietnam's history, ranging from ancient implements to weapons of the Vietnam war.



Welcome Dinner and Gala Dinner



Dr. Nguyen Van Quyen, the President of the Vietnam Lawyers Association and the Chairman of the National Committee of ALA Vietnam hosted a sumptuous welcome reception on Friday, April 1, at the Ballroom of the Sheraton Saigon Hotel as well as a buffet lunch following the tour. Hon. Ho Thahn Liem, Vice Chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee hosted the festive closing Gala Dinner on April 2, 2017 at the Majestic Hotel. Participants partook of excellent Vietnamese cuisine and were regaled with local song and dance numbers, many of which were rendered with the use of ethnic musical instruments. The beautiful singers and graceful dancers were clothed in colourful and elegant traditional costumes. During the closing Gala Dinner, the different delegations rendered their delightful musical presentations, carrying on an enduring ALA tradition of close interaction and camaraderie.





Sharing the ALA Journey





13th ALA Golf Championship Tournament in Vietnam



On March 31, 2016, ALA Golf Club held its 13th ALA Golf Championship Tournament at the world class Tan Son Nhat Golf Club in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. This was the first tournament hosted by Vietnam and it was also the first time that Vietnam participated in the golf tournament. But in spite of being a neophyte in hosting a golf event, ALA Vietnam did a superb job. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful golf course and the warm hospitality extended by ALA Vietnam.



We take this opportunity to thank and congratulate ALA Vietnam and the hardworking members of the Vietnam Golf Convenor lead by Cuong Pham Quoc for a job well done.

There were Five (5) ALA Chapters represented in the tournament as follows:
Indonesia - 25; Malaysia - 7; Singapore - 12; Philippines - 5; Vietnam - 8.

The team championship was convincingly won by Malaysia with a score of 125 points. Indonesia won 1st runner-up with a score of 112 points and host Vietnam was 2nd runner-up with a score of 74 points.

The individual winners were as follows:

SENIOR -A (0-15)

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Malaysia	LEE SENG WAI	81	27
2	Malaysia	K. PUSPALINGAM	101	12

SENIOR- B (16-30)

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Vietnam	Phạm Tuấn Khải	91	17
2	Philippines	Andres Bernal Reyes Jr.	101	14
3		Adam Hidayat Abuatiek	98	13

SUPER SENIOR

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Indonesia	Fritz John Polnaja	88	20
2	Indonesia	Andar Purba	96	16
3	Malaysia	Dato' Wira Mohd Noor Ahmad	93	15

LADIES DIVISION

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Singapore	Lim Siew Kuan	102	12
2	Singapore	Chan Lai Foong	102	11

REGULAR-A (0-10)

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Malaysia	Kunselan	79	29
2	Malaysia	Datuk Kong Tiam Ming	84	24
3	Malaysia	Dalgit Singh	86	23

REGULAR-B (11-20)

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Indonesia	Suyatno Arjosentono	85	24
2	Indonesia	Yusuf Kurniawan	84	24
3	Singapore	Tito Isaac	87	23

REGULAR-C (21-30)

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Singapore	Chong Kah Wei	107	11
2	Singapore	Tan Chee Meng SC	100	10
3	Indonesia	Mr. Kuku	99	10



MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS IN MAKATI

Following the decision made in the 12th General Assembly in Manila to create two Working Groups, namely: the Working Group on ALA at the Crossroads, and the Working Group on Harmonization of Commercial Laws, the two working groups met at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati on October 7, 2016.



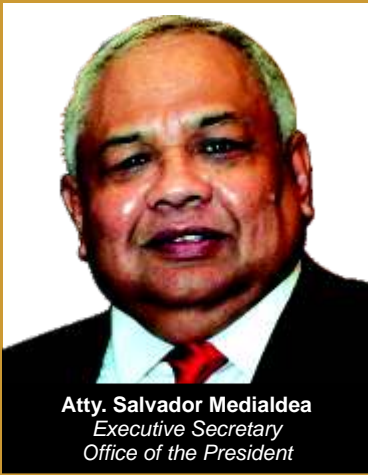
The Working Group on ALA at the Crossroads was chaired by Justice Lee Sei Kin of ALA Singapore. The working group that met in Manila was composed of the following: Mr. Ramu Miyapan, Prof. Dr. Huala Adolf, Prof. Dr. Choong Yeow Choy, Atty. Samuel Bernal, Atty. Rowena G. Flores, Justice Suppvit Tungtrongjit, Mr. Vitaya Suriyawong.

The Working Group on Harmonization of Commercial Laws was chaired by Atty. Llewellyn L. Llanillo of ALA Philippines. The working group that met in Manila was composed of the following: Atty. Solomon M. Hermosura, Justice Dr. Syamsul Maarif, Ms. Fithonatul Mar' ati Firdiansyah, Mr. Charles Lim Aeng Cheng, Mr. Toh Han Li, Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Judge Sathien Rungthongkhamkul, Ms. Chavanart Thangsumphant.



Dinner for Working Group Members and Induction of Department Secretaries of the Philippines as ALA Members





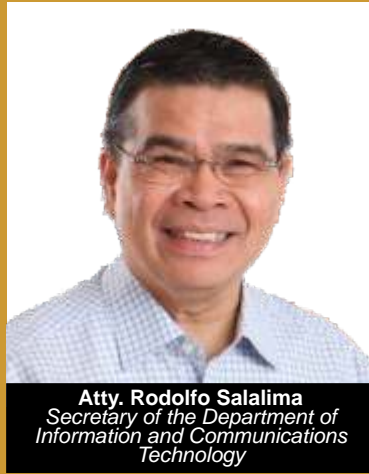
Atty. Salvador Medialdea
Executive Secretary
Office of the President



Atty. Vitaliano Aguirre
Secretary of the
Department of Justice



Atty. Arthur Tugade
Secretary of the Department
of Transportation



Atty. Rodolfo Salalima
Secretary of the Department of
Information and Communications
Technology



Atty. Alfredo C. Lim
COO - President, Philippine
Amusement and Gaming Corporation



Atty. Jose "Jun" C. Calida
Solicitor General of the
Philippines

The ALA Philippine National Committee hosted a Japanese buffet dinner and a formal farewell dinner for those who attended the Working Group meetings.

At the farewell dinner, the ALA Philippine National Committee, implemented the recommendation made by Hon. Jeffrey Chan to sensitize the law officials of their respective countries to ALA's objectives, resources and the role that ALA can play in contributing to the achievement of ASEAN objectives. It inducted as ALA members secretaries of the departments, namely: Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea of the Office of the President; Secretary Vitaliano N. Aguirre II of the Department of Justice; Secretary Arthur P. Tugade of the Department of Transportation; Secretary Rodolfo A. Salalima of the Department of Information and Communications Technology; Chief Operating Officer and President Alfredo C. Lim of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation; and Solicitor General Jose "Jun" C. Calida.

Executive Secretary Medialdea is the first Secretary-General of the ASEAN Law Association (ALA) Golfers' Club. Secretary Salalima is an active member of the ALA Standing Committee on Information and Communications Technology. Secretary Lim is also an active member of the ALA.



ASEAN LAW ASSOCIATION (ALA)
AND ALA PHILIPPINE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
DINNER RECEPTION

In honor of the Chairmen and Members
of the ALA Working Groups



ALA Golf Philippines hosts Fellowship Golf Tournament



On 08 October 2016, ALA Golf Philippines hosted a Fellowship Golf Tournament for the foreign participants of the two Working Groups held at Riviera Golf Club in Silang, Cavite. This was the second golf tournament held in 2016. However, only a few golfers from the ALA countries were able to attend due to their respective busy schedules.

Next stop will be the 14th ALA Golf Championship Tournament at the Empire Golf and Country Club on March 23, 2017 in Brunei, Darussalam. Happy Golfing!



Activities of the ALA President and the ALA Secretary General

Attendance at the Celebration of the 49th ASEAN Day in Jakarta (August 15, 2016)

The ALA Secretary General Regina P. Geraldez represented the ALA President Avelino V. Cruz at the celebration of the 49th ASEAN Day at the ASEAN Secretariat, in Jakarta on August 15, 2016. The celebration, which carried the theme “Celebrating the ASEAN Community” featured a lecture and performances ranging from choir singing to dances to celebrate ASEAN culture and artistry. The ASEAN Food Festival was also held in conjunction with the celebration.



Participation in the AICHR Judicial Colloquium on the Sharing of Good Practices Regarding International Human Rights Law (March 13 – 15, 2017)

ALA Secretary General Regina P. Geraldez also represented ALA President Avelino V. Cruz at the Judicial Colloquium on the Sharing of Good Practices Regarding International Human Rights Law sponsored by the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AIHCR) in Kuala Lumpur, from March 13 to 15, 2017. Among the stated objectives of the colloquium were: (a) to encourage greater peer-to-peer interaction between relevant stakeholders such as

judges, AICHR representatives, and other relevant ASEAN bodies; (b) to share good practices, experiences and challenges in the implementation of international human rights laws and (c) to enhance legal cooperation to advance the implementation and realization of human rights for the peoples of ASEAN in line with the ASEAN Charter and the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration.



Many prominent ALA members played key roles during the conference. The Chief Justice of Malaysia, The Right Honorable Tun Arifin bin Zakaria delivered the Opening Statement. Those who were either a discussant, facilitator, rapporteur or participant included the Chief Justice of Brunei, Dato' Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi bin Dato Paduka Haji Kifli; Judge Dato' Mah Weng Kwai and Justice Dato' Mary Lim Thiam



Suan from ALA Malaysia; Presiding Justice Amparo Cabotaje Tang, Justice Zaldy Trespeses, ALA Secretary General Regina P. Geraldez and Atty. Arianne T. Ferrer from ALA Philippines; Justice Lee Sieu Kin and Hon. Jeffrey Chan from ALA Singapore, Justice Wichai Euaungkanakul and Justice Montri Sillapamahabundit from ALA Thailand.



NEWS FROM ALA BRUNEI

(from April 2016 to March 2017)



Bruneian lawyer and arbitrator, Professor Dr Colin Ong was elevated to the title of Queen's Counsel (QC) of England and Wales during an auspicious ceremony held at the House of Lords, Westminster Hall, in London, United Kingdom on the 13th February 2017.

Professor Ong is a member of the Brunei Darussalam, England and Singapore Bars and has now become the first lawyer from an ASEAN member country to have been elevated to the title of QC of England and Wales, one of the highest accolades that can be bestowed on a lawyer.

The title of QC is bestowed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, through the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor of England and Wales, upon the most capable of English lawyers who have proven their mastery of the law and ability in oral and written advocacy before the Higher Courts of England and Wales.

He was awarded with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Letters Patent of Appointment by the Lord Chancellor of England and Wales during the ceremony.

Professor Ong has been involved as arbitrator and lead

counsel in over 300 major arbitrations across a dozen countries and in major court cases in Brunei, London and Singapore. Over the years, he has led teams that have included both Senior Counsel from Hong Kong and Singapore and also other English Queen's Counsel.

He has been serving as President of the Arbitration Association Brunei Darussalam (AABD), the statutory Appointing Authority for Arbitration in Brunei since 2009. Professor Ong is also Advisor to the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre; a member of the world International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Commission on Arbitration; and a panel member of ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force (Costs and Security for Costs).

Professor Ong has been entrusted by three other ASEAN member countries with important duties to maintain the smooth running of the arbitration systems in those countries. He is the Vice President of the Appointments Council for the Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC); the Advisor to the Governing Board of Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (BANI); and Appointing Council of the Cambodian National Commercial Arbitration Centre.

NEWS FROM ALA PHILIPPINES

(from April 2016 to March 2017)

38th Governing Council Meeting of the ASEAN Law Association

In April 2016, the ALA 38th Governing Council Meeting was held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and was presided over by ALA Chairman, Atty. Avelino V. Cruz. Hon. Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban was inducted and took his oath as Chairman of the ALA Philippine National Committee.



Hon. Chief Justice
Artemio V. Panganiban



Atty. Avelino V. Cruz
ALA President

ALA President, Atty. Avelino V. Cruz delivered his address to the ALA Members which highlighted the achievements and the growth of ALA through the years, as the legal think tank of the ASEAN. The ALA President also emphasized that ALA's work is primarily to uphold and promote the principle of the Rule of Law as applied to the respective systems of individual ALA countries and emphasized the important role that ALA will play in the ASEAN economic integration.

Preparatory Meetings for the Meetings of the ALA Working Groups

In October 2016, ALA Philippines successfully hosted the Preparatory Meetings of the Crossroads Working Group led by Justice Lee Seiu Kin of Singapore, together with its members, Mr. Ramu Miyapan, Prof. Dr. Huala Adolf, Prof. Dr. Choong Yeow Choy, Atty. Samuel Bernal, Atty. Rowena G. Flores, Justice Suppvit Tungtrongjitt, Mr. Vitaya Suriyawong; and the Harmonization Working Group led by Atty. Llewellyn L. Llanillo of the Philippines, together with its members Atty. Solomon M. Hermosura, Justice Dr. Syamsul Maarif, Ms. Fithonatul Mar' ati Firdiansyah, Mr. Charles Lim Aeng Cheng, Mr. Toh Han Li, Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Judge Sathien Rungthongkhamkul, Ms. Chavanart Thangsumphant. Among the topics for discussion were the integration of the practice of law in the ASEAN and amicable resolution of all issues in the region in accordance with the rule of law. The reports of the respective Working Groups have been prepared and submitted.

ALA Golf Chapter Tournament

The ALA Philippine National Committee hosted a Golf Tournament held at the Riviera Golf and Country Club, attended by various ALA members from the different ASEAN countries, including the ALA representatives to the Preparatory Working Group Meetings.



Induction of Minister-Representatives Ex-Officio of the Philippine National Committee to the Governing Council

The ALA Philippine National Committee held a dinner reception at the Dusit Thani Hotel in honor of the ALA Members who have been recently appointed as Cabinet Officials and to induct them as Minister Representatives Ex-Officio of the Philippine National Committee.

The following were newly inducted as Minister Representatives - Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, Department of Justice Secretary Vitaliano N. Aguirre II, Department of Information and Communications Technology Secretary Rodolfo A. Salalima, PAGCOR President Alfredo C. Lim, and Department of Transportation Secretary Arthur P. Tugade.



Launching of the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN 2017 in Davao City

In January 2017, the Philippines' Chairmanship of the ASEAN 2017 was launched in Davao City, Philippines, and was led by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte. This marked the beginning of the numerous ASEAN events to be hosted by the Philippines in 2017, including the Grand Commemorative Celebration of ASEAN's 50th Anniversary to be held in August 2017 and the 31st ASEAN Summit which will be held in November 2017.

Preparations for the ASEAN Summit

The ASEAN Summit will be held in the Philippines in November 2017 and will be attended by the various ASEAN heads of state, including the heads of state of various dialog countries such as China, Japan and the United States of America. The Philippine National Committee is coordinating with the ALA Governing Council to organize and host the following events during the summit: Special Commemorative Governing Council Meeting, Golf tournament, ASEAN Council of Chief Judges Meeting and the ALA Governing Council Meeting.



NEWS FROM ALA SINGAPORE

(from April 2016 to March 2017)

The ASEAN Law Association (ALA) Crossroads Working Group (CWG) meeting was held on 7 to 9 October 2016 in Manila, Philippines. It was chaired by Justice Lee Siu Kin (Singapore) and attended by representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. The meeting discussed the paper that Justice Lee presented at the Manila Governing Council meeting on 28 February 2015. That paper recommended that ALA take concerted efforts to establish and maintain relationships with bodies like the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices (CACJ), the ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM), the ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meetings (ASLOM), and the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC). As a think tank, ALA should also make itself available as an idea-generator for these bodies.



These proposals were discussed at the C W G meeting. Seven recommendations were agreed upon, and they will be presented to the Governing Council at the next meeting in Brunei in March 2017. The recommendations were aimed at three main areas. First, to ensure that each National Committee would comprise senior Judiciary members and members representative of its nationality. Second, to ensure that ALA sets up practical networks to communicate with the bodies named above such as web-links, working groups, or even by adopting a protocol for cooperation. Third, to alleviate the financial burden of hosting future Governing Council meetings. These recommendations go towards achieving the three aims set out in Justice Lee's discussion paper.

10th ALA (Singapore) Golf Tournament

The 10th annual ALA (Singapore) Golf Tournament was held on 24 June 2016 at the Tampines Course of Tanah Merah Country Club, in conjunction with the 4th Friendly Triangular Golf Game among ALA (Singapore), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association. The tournament winners were: (a) Mr Joseph Liow, who won the TPB Menon Challenge Trophy for best stableford score (Men); (b) Ms



Kalyani Rajendran, who retained the Ladies Challenge Trophy for best stableford score (Ladies); and (c) Mr Leon Koh, who retained the "Moosa Mug" for the best gross score. ALA (Singapore) narrowly beat CIArb to win the Friendly Triangular Golf Game and retained the challenge trophy. The golf game provided a great opportunity for members of the associations to build ties in a warm and friendly competition.

