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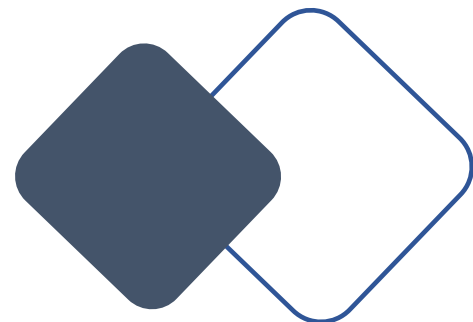
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

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The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has drastically altered global activities and mobilities in an unprecedented way. The planned activities of ALA have also been affected by this global phenomenon. However, with strong cooperation and support within the ALA family, ALA Cambodia was able to fulfil its commitment to host the 42nd Governing Council Meeting of ALA on 11 November 2021.

After the welcome address by the Chair of ALA Cambodia, the Chairs and Heads of Delegation of the ALA National Committees also expressed their remarks.

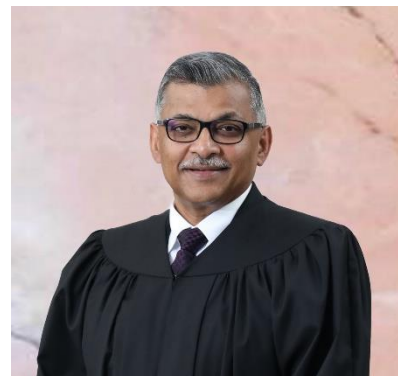




ADDRESSES



The Honourable Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon welcomed ALA members to the Meeting and commented that it was a historic moment, not only because this was the first time that ALA Cambodia hosted the Governing Council meeting but also the first virtual Governing Council Meeting ever held. He expressed his appreciation to ALA Cambodia for enthusiastically taking on the challenge in hosting the first virtual ALA Governing Council Meeting and for tirelessly working with the ALA Secretariat to adapt the process to a suitable online format.



The Chief Justice also extended a warm welcome and congratulated new chairs of the ALA National Committees of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand on their new appointments and looked forward to collaborating with them to advance the work of ALA. He also expressed his deepest appreciation to the outgoing Chairs and ALA Vice-Presidents for all their support and contributions to ALA over the years.

The Chief Justice then highlighted a number of developments in ALA's work despite the pandemic. These include ALA's engagement with the ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting, the roundtable discussions on the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement organised by ASEAN Law Institute, and the various ALA Working Groups Meetings to discuss and finalise their recommendations on a number of initiatives that would be instrumental to the development of ASEAN Law.

In his welcome address, **H.E. Ly Chantola** expressed his appreciation to ALA for entrusting ALA Cambodia to host the 42nd Governing Council Meeting. Although the Meeting was conducted virtually instead of in Siem Reap initially planned, he assured the Meeting that the distance would not separate the friendship and brotherhood of the ALA family and welcomed the ALA family to visit Cambodia in future.



H.E. Ly Chantola highly appreciated the relentless efforts of ALA since its establishment in 1979. He also recalled the four objectives of ALA that he viewed as great contributions to the development of ASEAN law. ALA Cambodia shared those objectives and looked forward to continuing fruitful and successful cooperation with the rest of the ALA family.

The Chair of ALA Cambodia shared with the Meeting the efforts taken by the Royal Government of Cambodia, under the leadership of Samdech Techo Hun Sen, to develop the country and ensure a stable economic growth. He also talked about the measures taken by the Royal Government of Cambodia in response to the Covid-19 outbreak, particularly on the successful vaccination program.

The Meeting discussed the following agenda:

1. The approval of the minutes of the 41st Governing Council Meeting;
2. The proposed resolution to adopt the proposal on the extension of the terms of the ALA President and Secretary General;
3. The proposed resolution to endorse the ASEAN Law Institute (AsnLI) Annual Report 2020 Workplan 2021 and Note on Liability, the written update on ALA/AsnLI website, and AsnLI Annual Report 2021 and AsnLI Workplan 2022;
4. The update on the presentation on the “Guidelines on Best Practices on the Enforcement of Arbitral Awards within ASEAN” at the 9th ASEAN Law Official Meeting (ASLOM) Working Group Meeting on Examining Modalities for Harmonisation of ASEAN Trade Law;
5. The update by the Chairpersons on the progress of each working group;
6. The proposed resolution to endorse the written updates of the Standing Committees as well as the Trade and Investment Group;
7. The proposed resolution to endorse the written reports on the ALA Foundation and ALA Journal;
8. The update by ALA Malaysia on the 14th General Assembly; and
9. The discussion on the date and the host of the 43rd Governing Council Meeting in 2022.

ALA Indonesia has graciously agreed to host the next Governing Council Meeting in 2022 in an online format.

ALA Malaysia reported on the preparation for the 14th ALA General Assembly, with the theme, “ASEAN Tapestry – Our Pride”. The proposed date is tentatively scheduled from 19 to 23 September 2023, either in Kuala Lumpur or Putrajaya.

On that note, the Meeting was adjourned and the ALA family looks forward to the 43rd Governing Council Meeting which will be hosted in 2022.