

**Report of IPBA Scholar on the IPBA 22nd Annual Meeting and Conference
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IPBA Scholarship Committee, as well as all the members of the IPBA for granting me the scholarship to attend the 22nd Annual Conference, held in New Delhi from February 29 to March 3, 2012.

I have attended and participated in conferences before, but I have never attended such a highly prestigious conference that gathered all of the lawyers from different jurisdictions. I was excited to see the leaders in the law field, well-known law firms' representatives, and young professionals.

The guidance that the IPBA Secretariat provided before the conference was very helpful. It adequately described the steps I needed to follow in order to attend the Conference. The information regarding the travel, accommodation, and the conference schedule was very clear, succinct, and easy to follow.

I would like to express my gratitude to Ms. Rhonda Lundin, IPBA secretary, who was indispensable in providing essential information which was required to quickly coordinate all the issues from afar. I think she is the one of the most efficient and outstanding employees. Additionally, I would like to thank Ms. Yukiko Okazaki. Her persistence and hard work during the organization of the Conference was a great help for the scholars. When we came back from the welcome and reception dinner around 12 AM, I saw her, and she was still working near the Durbar Hall in the lobby. I could confidently say that she is the one of the diligent and impressive employees.

During the first day, we visited the New Delhi High Court. It was surprising, because it looked like the securities trading at the stock exchange. Attorneys were waiting for their hearings in the lobby, while looking at the case numbers in queue. That big building was very noisy, filled by many lawyers who wore black robes. We had an opportunity to observe several cases, for a few minutes each. One of the cases we attended was a criminal case. As the attorney was introducing the case about a woman who was murdered near the school fence, the judge was clarifying the information about this case. It was a great experience and opportunity to observe an inquisitorial court in criminal cases in India. After the court, we visited Bharucha & Partners law firm, and they invited us to lunch.

After visiting the law firm, we came back to Taj Palace Hotel where the Annual Meeting & Conference was held. There we met the Scholarship Committee, attended the New Members & IPBA Scholars reception, and received our certificates. The first evening after our arrival, we had a welcome reception that allowed us to relax in the new environment, and to enjoy the sound of live Indian musical instruments and a delicious dinner. There, we started making friends from the different jurisdictions. I am sure that all of the scholars felt very comfortable and welcome during those events.

The main annual meeting and conference began on the second day. The topic was “Legal Trends, Thoughts and Times”, which covered a very wide range of subjects, and was very informative. The “Life, Liberty & Law” plenary session continued until lunch time, and also was very instructive. Then I attended a number of other sessions because all were very remarkable. I wished I could have attended all of the sessions because they were all very interesting, but I could not manage to attend them all because they were held concurrently.

Some of the sessions that I attended during the Conference were: “Innovative Legal Trends in Changing Times”, “Recent Developments in Merger Control in The Asia Pacific Region”, “The Challenges of Efficient Arbitration- Trends, Thoughts & Best Practices”, “Free Trade Agreements in Asia - What Works & What Does Not?”, “Enforcement of Arbitration Awards - Challenges & Opportunities”, “Dispute Resolution Beyond Civil Law & Common Law”, “Legal Practice Trends in the World”, “Resolution of Trade Secret Disputes”. Every session was interesting, distinguished, and informative, and each speaker expressed a different point of view from his or her own jurisdiction and practice. It was very useful for me to get the

comparative perspectives on each country in such a short time. I was impressed by some of the speakers who had deep knowledge and wide practice. I found that the knowledge I obtained during those sessions very beneficial for my career as a lawyer.

Entertainment and cultural extravaganza and dinner at the Kingdom of Dream were impressive, unforgettable, and fabulous. Gala dinner at the Ashok was extraordinary, marvelous, welcoming, and respectful. I enjoyed the traditional Indian performance arts and cuisine.

I would like to express my gratitude to Lalit Bhasin, Chair Host Committee, and President of IPBA, as well as the Host Committee working team for their success at making the conference a joyful and splendid experience for the participants, who came from around the world. The conference was well organized. All committee members carried out their respective roles during the session and were well prepared, leading to successful entertainment, dinner, and a tremendous reception.

Once again, I would like to thank the IPBA Scholar Committee for giving me this wonderful experience that I am sure to never forget. I am also very proud to say that I was very happy and so lucky to have met with scholars coming from Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Lao PR, Nepal, India and Samoa. I made wonderful friendships and had a memorable, enjoyable and fruitful time with you all.

Attending this conference was worthwhile for my career, and it has inspired me to grow professionally, much like the distinguished speakers at the Conference. I'm extremely grateful for the chance to have attended this event, and hope that more young lawyers from Mongolia will be afforded the same opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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