

**INTER-PACIFIC BAR ASSOCIATION  
(IPBA)  
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**Scholar's Report**

It had been my great opportunities and pleasures to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in 2010 of IPBA from 02 – 05 May 2010 and to intern the week after with Stamford Law Corporation in Singapore. These give me opportunities to absorb and learn the international legal issues and professional practices, meeting with those from different world but in the same field of profession as well as the standard legal services of the well-know law office. I have been so excited and proud of the chance to be with such the high prestigious, high class conference of the international lawyers association. It is now to express my sincere thanks to the Scholarship Committee, the Secretariat of IPBA and Stamford Law Corporation, the high professional speakers, all professional lawyers from various regions and particularly the other open-minded scholars of the IPBA in this 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. All the messages and the views of the professionalism and the contact addresses are with me and even useful for further practices and communications.

I wish that the processes and the key topics of knowledge gained during the IPBA Annual Conference be highlighted for better recall of the importance. The following are of my key notes of processes and professionalism:

With well arrangements of the IPBA Scholarship Committee and Secretariat, I have received adequate and sufficient information regarding the whole processes - before, during and after - of the Annual Conference and Internship, such as travels, accommodation, and the conference schedule arrangement. I was easily to attend the Conference smoothly.

**On day 1** of the conference, from 14:30pm-15:00pm, I was welcomed and introduced by the Scholar Committee on the reception for IPBA scholars, Women Business Lawyer and new members of IPBA at the conference's room 4205, then at 15:45 pm, I attended Special Question and Answer Session on Climate Change in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Keynote Speaker, Minister Mentor: Lee Kuan Yew. The session on climate change was very interesting and meaningful relates to the current global environmental issues of the world most concerned. Then at the end of the first day, I joined in a welcome dinner and opening ceremony at the Ballroom H.

**On day 2**, from 9:30am to 10:45am, I attended the topic on the Thinking Green: Economic Strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Keynote Speaker, The Honorable Al Gore. The keynote speaker provides the wonderful and useful information regarding an updated situation about climate changes affect the global economy that we are all interested on and focusing on the whole world and regions. From 11:00am to 12:30 pm, I attended in the plenary session on the climate change and the economy by the speaker, Dr. Amy Khor and Mr. Don Henry. In the afternoon of day 2, I visited to Maxwell Chambers, Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC) and had lunch there. From 14:00pm to 17:00pm, I visited the Supreme Court of Singapore and discussed on the Special Dispute Resolution Session on Business Perspectives in Cross-Border Disputes. Then at the end of the second day, I joined in the Dinner Reception at the Istana Palace, hosted by President of the Republic of Singapore. We all have much great and wonderful time at the Presidential Dinner Reception.

**On day 3**, I attended in the Legal Storm Session, from Turbulent times which discussed in details on critical issues relate to attracting, motivating, retaining talents in multi-general workplaces, clients' expectations, and approaches of the meetings including flexible fees, on-line billing, client's feedbacks, rapidly changing laws impacting practices, and efficient cost management. I was in a small group among the four groups for discussions and presentations of the outcomes to the plenary session. In the afternoon of day 3, I attended in the Piracy - Impact on the Shipping World which were cleared and nice explanations from all speakers.

**On day 4**, from 9:00am to 12:00am, I observed an Arbitration Case proceeding in the Asia Pacific and Dispute Management and then from 13:30pm to 14:30, I attended in the General Annual Meeting of IPBA for the closing conference day.

Generally, I was very impressed with the topics very well prepared by the members of the conference committee. I would like to praise for their hard and great works. It was obvious that the conference was well planned with provided informative materials, all speakers with high knowledgeable and experiences. The conference allowed me to meeting well known president, speakers, professional experienced lawyers and new friends. Also, I was fortunate to have been able to attend sessions where the topics focused on climate change, arbitration and dispute resolution, a topic that is related to my currently working experience.

After the full four days conference, the four scholars from Vietnam, Myanmar, Mexico and myself from Cambodia have a special an opportunity to intern with the local law firms there for whole week. I have such a great pleasure and really appreciated to intern with the Stamford Law Corporation and I was assigned to intern with the litigation department. I have learnt and observed from experiences associates on the Singaporean legal system and litigation process at the Subordinate Court and Supreme Court of Singapore. During my whole week internship with the Stamford Law Corporation, I have learnt so much from them regarding the commercial litigation. All Partners, Directors, Associates and Staff were really nice and warm welcome me during my internship. Thank you very much for allowing me to intern for the whole week at the Stamford Law Corporation, especially thank you to Ms. Lee Suet Fern, Mr. Wai Ming Yap, Ms. Lois Wong, Mr. Eugene Thuraisingam, Mr. Ashok Kumar and Mr. Vinesh Winodan for kindly assistance during my internship.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again the IPBA Scholar Committee for giving me this wonderful experience that I am sure to never forget. To all who made our experience and stay enjoyable and fruitful, I will forever be beholden and grateful. I hope that I will be able to repay your kindness and generosity in the future. I am also very proud to say that I was very happy and very lucky to have met with many professional lawyers, IPBA members and become friends with the other scholars coming from Vietnam, Myanmar, Fiji, Mexico, and Chile.

Yours sincerely

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