

Watts McCray Participates in LAWASIA Conference



Justin Dowd, recently re-elected Vice President of LAWASIA and Watts McCray Director attended the 31st LAWASIA Conference in Siem Reap Cambodia. The Conference is a platform for the convergence of bar leaders, jurists, professional organisations and individual lawyers from across the Asia Pacific and is designed to facilitate the discussion of regional developments in law.

Justin Dowd believes it is important to maintain a regular dialogue of the issues impacting modern legal practice with neighbours in our region. The Annual Conference is LAWASIA's flagship event and the highlight of its professional events program. The Conference is a platform for the convergence of bar leaders, jurists, professional organisations and individual lawyers from across the Asia Pacific, and is designed to facilitate the discussion of regional developments in law, including such issues as judicial practice, legal education, cross border business and investment law and cross-border dispute resolution.

As a generalist legal event, the Annual Conference also serves as an important forum for sharing ideas, building professional networks, reinforcing shared professional values, advocating for the rule of law in varied jurisdictions, and advancing the status of the legal profession in the Asia Pacific.

There were also 35 teams from over 18 countries that participated in the International Moot Competition of the LAWASIA Conference. University of Malaya won the LAWASIA Best Oralist Team Trophy. National University of Singapore was the runner up. Senior Advocate Shyam Divan was also elected Vice President of LAWASIA. Divan was the Bar Association of India's nominee for the post.

LAWASIA's central aim is to strengthen professional and business relations among law associations, lawyers, the private sector and government representatives in the Asia Pacific. LAWASIA holds a number of legal conferences, seminars and meetings throughout the year as a means of supporting professional development, regional networking and the exchange of legal knowledge and insight. These events are open to the broader legal profession and span both generalist and specialised areas of law, such as family law, children's rights, employment law, intellectual property and human rights. The 32nd LAWASIA conference will be held in Hong Kong next year.

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