



CHILDREN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE 2009



Proudly presented by LAWASIA and The Law Society of Singapore

21 May 2009, 5.00pm to 7.00pm, Supreme Court Auditorium
22-23 May 2009, 9.00am to 5.00pm, Swissotel Merchant Court

ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

This Conference aims to promote discussion on a wide range of contemporary issues involving children and the law in the Asia Pacific region and beyond. It follows on from the two earlier successful events held in 2003 and 2005. It brings together not just experienced family practitioners and academics specialising in the area of child law, but also policy-makers who are in a position to shape policies pertaining to children and other professionals who work with children. Apart from examining current issues of concern, the Conference also seeks to encourage new ideas and promote exchange and sharing of information among practitioners of different jurisdictions, in particular Australia, Hong Kong SAR, India, Japan, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

Doing our bit for the Planet.

In keeping with the clean and green reputation of Singapore, we are pleased to announce that the Children and the Law Conference 2009 in Singapore will be an eco-friendly green Conference. We have done away with cumbersome conference satchels and voluminous folders of conference papers. All registered delegates will instead be given online access to Conference papers and materials one week ahead of the Conference up to one month after the Conference on our Conference website. As a record of the Conference, delegates will also receive a CD-Rom of conference papers in a specially designed foldable reusable green conference tote (which also doubles up as your shopping bag and means more luggage space for your souvenirs!).

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Programme Overview:

21 May 2009 (5.00pm - 7.00pm)

- Welcome Address: President, Law Society of Singapore
- Official Opening of Conference: President, LAWASIA
- Keynote Address: The Honourable Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong
- Cocktails and Networking Session

22-23 May 2009 (9.00am - 5.00pm)

- Implementation of the Hague Convention: Practical Issues and Lessons Learnt
- The Child's Voice : Representation for Children and Specialists Courts
- Custody, Care and Control and Access: Theory vs. Practice, Parents vs. Non-parents
- The Abused Child: Battling Child Labour and Child Prostitution
- Relocating the Child: Parental Movement and International Adoptions
- More than the Order : Effective Enforcement and Related Issues
- The Child Expert : Dispelling the Mystery
- Being Special: Providing for Children with Special Needs
- The Family Lawyer Forum: Cross-border Perspectives

Featured speakers to date:

- Chief Federal Magistrate John Pascoe (Australia), Federal Magistrate Paul Howard (Australia), Dr Justice (Retd) AR Lakshmanan (India), DJ Jocelyn Ong (Singapore), DJ Regina Ow (Singapore), DJ Lim Hui Min (Singapore), Mr Andrew Davies (Australia), Professor Frank Bates (Australia), Ms Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE (UK), Ms Delia Williams (UK), Ms Minal Vohra (Australia), Mr Anil Malhotra (India), Ms Tamiko Nakamura (Japan), Ms Winnie Chow (Hong Kong), Ms Foo Yet Ngo (Malaysia), Professor Leong Wai Kum (Singapore), Associate Professor Debbie Ong (Singapore), Ms Carmelia Nathen (Singapore), Dr Katijah Dawood (Singapore), Mr Gregory Vijayendran (Singapore), Mr Yap Teong Liang (Singapore), Mr Conrad Campos (Singapore), Mr Raymond Yeo (Singapore).

Highlights:

- Keynote Address by the Honourable the Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong
- The first-ever not-to-be-missed Family Lawyer Forum bringing together family experts from all participating jurisdictions and providing an insight into current developments involving child law in their own territories.
- Special plenary session by Somaly Mam (US State Department "Heroes of Anti-Trafficking" award, Award "Mimosa D'Oro", Festival du Scoop Prize, France, Excmo Ayuntamiento de Galdar Concejalía de Servicio Social, Spain, Award "Principe de Asturias for International Cooperation 1998" Spain, Regis University Honorary Doctorate of Public Service, USA, TIME Magazine People Who Mattered 2008), on her efforts at battling child trafficking and child prostitution on Cambodia.



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HOTEL RESERVATION

Special discounted rates at the hotels have been secured by the organizer. We encourage you to make accommodation reservations by 8 May 2009 to secure rooms at preferential rates.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

S/N	Hotels	Category	Cost
1	Swissotel Merchant Court	Swiss Business Advantage - Single	S\$258.94 Nett per room per night
		Swiss Business Advantage - Double	S\$288.37 Nett per room per night
2	Grand Plaza Park Hotel	Deluxe Room - Single	S\$235.00 Nett per room per night
		Park Privilege Deluxe Room - Single	S\$305.00 Nett per room per night
3	Furama City Centre	Deluxe Room - Single	S\$176.55 Nett per room per night
		Deluxe Room - Double	S\$200.09 Nett per room per night

Please contact or e-mail your booking request to the following:

S/N	Hotels	Liaison Person	Telephone and Fax Numbers	E-mail Address	Website
1	Swissotel Merchant Court	Ms Stefanie Busse	Tel No: +65-6239 1775 Fax No: +65-6336 9993	stefanie.busse@swissotel.com	www.swissotel.com
2	Grand Plaza Park Hotel	Ms Mae Gan	Tel No: +65 6432 5503 +65 6336 3456 Fax No: +65 6334 2962	mae.gan@parkhotelgroup.com	www.parkhotelgroup.com
3	Furama City Centre	Ms Rosalind Tan	Tel No: +65 6531 5378 Fax No: +65 6538 4875	rosalindtan@furama.com	www.furama.com

Please download the Hotel Reservation Forms at:

<http://www.lawsociety.org.sg/cpd/ChildrenLawConference09/Default.aspx>

You may also contact us at cpd@lawsoc.org.sg if you have any queries.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Mdm): _____

Name and Address of Law Practice/Organisation: _____

Admission Number: _____ Date of Admission: _____

NRIC/Passport No: _____ Dietary Preferences: No Pork, No Lard / Vegetarian / No preference
(Law Society Associate Members & Non-Law Society Members)

Position in Law Practice/Organisation: _____

Tel/Handphone number: _____ Fax number: _____ Email: _____
(A valid email address is required for confirmation of registration)

Please tick if you would like to join **Tour of the Family Courts** **Networking Session**
(22 May 2009, 5.00pm) (22 May 2009, 7.30pm)

Mode of payment: **GIRO DDA** **Cheque** **Credit Card**
(Only for law practices with GIRO accounts with the Law Society)

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LAWASIA Member		LAW SOCIETY Member		OTHERS	
Early Bird Rates (applicable until 17 April 2009)	S\$716.90	Early Bird Rates (applicable until 17 April 2009) *Conference registration fees includes complimentary LAWASIA membership and automatic entry into LAWASIA Family Law Section (with entry fees waived) for a year	S\$888.10	Early Bird Rates (applicable until 17 April 2009)	S\$995.10
Rates after 17 April 2009	S\$797.15	Rates after 17 April 2009	S\$968.35	Rates after 17 April 2009	S\$1,075.35
5 or more delegates from the same organisation (applicable until 17 April 2009)	S\$645.21	5 or more delegates from the same organisation (applicable until 17 April 2009)	S\$799.29	5 or more delegates from the same organisation (applicable until 17 April 2009)	S\$895.59

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An administration charge of 3% is applicable for payments made via credit card.

Cheque payments should be made payable to "The Law Society of Singapore" and arrive at our office with the completed registration form on or before the closing date, **Thursday, 7 May 2009.**

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REGISTRATION, REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

- The registration fee is due and payable upon registration and must be received prior to the event. Registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of full payment accompanied by a duly completed registration form.
- Law Society reserves the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.
- If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcomed, provided that the Law Society is notified in writing of the name and particulars of the substitute delegate at least 2 working days before the event.
- Law Society reserves the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to cancel his registration or withdraw from the course after the registration closing date.
- No refund of registration fees will be made for cancellation or withdrawal made less than 3 days before the date of the course. However, a confirmed registrant who has paid in full the course fees but does not turn up for the course will be entitled to collect a set of the materials provided.
- Law Society reserves the right to amend, cancel and/or change the program, speaker, date or venue if warranted by circumstances beyond its control.
- Late payment interest at the rate of 1% per month will be charged on all overdue amounts.
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