

**Report from IPBA Scholar on the IPBA 25th Annual Meeting and Conference
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First of all, I would like to extend my warm gratitude to the IPBA Scholarship Committee as well as the IPBA Secretariat especially Amit Acco, Tatsuki Nakayama, Rhonda Lundin and Yukiko Okazaki for all your help and support. It was a very good opportunity for me to participate in the 25th IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference in Hong Kong and meet many international lawyers from around the world.

On the first day, I met all of the scholars from 10 different countries and exchanged knowledge of the legal system of each other's country. We also visited the High Court of Hong Kong accompanied by the Law Society of Hong Kong and had a chance to attend the court proceedings of a criminal case. We, thereafter visited the office of Deacon Law Firm and was very warmly welcomed by Mr. Charlie Liu and Ms. Emily Wong. We learned about the legal system of Hong Kong and discussed some legal issues. In the afternoon, we attended the reception for the IPBA scholars and new IPBA members which allowed us to introduce ourselves to the other international lawyers.

I found the IPBA program to be very rewarding because the sessions well organized and also extremely useful for networking purposes. It provided an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with fellow scholars on "Bar Programmes' and Law Firms' Contribution & Commitment to Young Lawyers' Careers". I also had a chance to learn and discuss about the legal system/issues as well as on the culture of various countries from mostly senior lawyers. I attended sessions which are related to my work and learned a great deal from the very knowledgeable and experienced speakers.

After each session of the conference, the IPBA organized receptions which enabled us to sample different cuisines and share the culture of the different countries. I was very impressed with the Cultural Night and its fantastic presentation.

I would cherish the friendship and valuable legal experiences extended by the participants and hope to keep in touch.

In conclusion, the IPBA conference was very helpful to me. I will use the knowledge that I gained from this conference to develop my legal profession and will share the experience to my fellow Lao lawyers. I will do my best to fulfill my role as an IPBA member and strengthen the IPBA with its future endeavors.