

Report of IPBA Scholar on the IPBA 20th Annual Conference in Singapore from May 2 to 5, 2010

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First of all, I would like to thank the IPBA Scholarship Committee who chose me as a scholar for 2010 to get a great opportunity and experience which are really hard to achieve for people from developing countries, and for being able to attend the 20th Annual Conference of IPBA in Singapore. It was also a great pleasure for me and I believe, all the other scholars felt the same as well. I got a lot of knowledge, experience and a wide range of social network from the Conference. At the first day, when I arrived to my accommodation, National University of Singapore, Sheares Hall, from the Changi Airport at local time 4:00 pm, I reported to the IPBA Secretariat that because of excellent arrangement from the Committee I arrived safely and smoothly. After that, I went to Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre to study the transportation system of Singapore, especially MRT, and the transportation time to go there from the place where I was staying. During my observation, I realized that the transportation system is very systematic and I could find the way where I would like to go easily. And then Singapore people are smart, kind and also very helpful.

On 2nd May, I met with the Scholarship Committee together with other scholars and introduced us with all delegates from various countries who are members of IPBA at welcome reception. After that we attended Special Question & Answer Session on “Climate Change in the 21st Century”, Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew was a speaker. This session was one of my interested sessions since before I come to attend this Conference. The other session which I was particularly interested in was The Honorable Al Gore’s session. It was held on 3rd May at 9:00 am. We have learned the important role and relationship between environmental, social and political in our global economy from this session. In the afternoon, we went to Maxwell Chambers and Supreme Court of

Singapore. "Business Perspectives in Cross-Border Disputes Session" was conducted in a courtroom of the Supreme Court. This session was made as a unique two-in-one experience for all attendees. We received a lot of knowledge and experience including the electronic court practice system. At dinner, which will not be able to forget throughout of my life, we got a chance to meet with The President of Singapore, Mr. Sellapan Ramanatha. It was a great honour for me to meet with him.

On 4th May, I attended "Legal Storm, From Turbulent Times" session to study the economic climate to the practice of law, the running of law firms, the decisions of Corporate Counsel on the appointment of external lawyers, the employment and training of associates by law firms and other related matters. After coffee break, the presentation method was changed as we were divided into four groups and continued our discussion. It was quite interesting. After lunch, I attended "Anti-trust Enforcement Investigations: Recent Changes Around the Region" because this session was related with my professional field. After that, we went to the new and famous place of Singapore which was Universal Studio. We enjoyed there very much and appreciated to the Scholarship Committee, organizers and sponsors for this special farewell reception.

At the last day, with the full of strength, I attended "Case Study of the Impact of Updated IP Laws on IP Litigation in China" which was very useful and suitable for me. After lunch, when the Conference was over, we went to the Rajah & Tann LLP and discussed legal practices in our countries and Singapore.

For now, I really appreciated for the kindness and hospitality of IPBA Scholarship Committee, everyone who helped me with everything and met during the Conference and my friends. As I told the Committee, I have already informed the lawyers not only in my country but also from other countries including Laos to participate in the IPBA Annual Conferences because by this way we can organize and participate not only to protect our clients but also our World with sustainable developments. Finally, I hope and believe that we will meet again in 2011 IPBA Annual Conference at Kyoto, Japan.