2019 DILA 30th Anniversary International Conference and 2019 DILA Academy & Workshop

The Year 2019 marked the 30th anniversary of the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA). To commemorate the occasion, DILA co-hosted with Universitas Indonesia the 2019 DILA 30th Anniversary International Conference entitled “DILA at 30 – The Grand Anatomy of State Practice in International Law in Asia for the Last 30 Years: Past, Present, and Future” at the Indonesian Foreign Ministry on October 15 and 16 and the 2019 DILA Academy and Workshop on the “Encyclopedia of Public International Law in Asia” on October 17 and 18 at the Universitas Indonesia, Salemba Campus.

The conference opened in the morning of October 15 with welcome addresses by Edmon MAKARIM, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia; Damos Dumoli AGUSMAN, Director General of Legal and International Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Muhammad ANIS, Rector of Universitas Indonesia; Hikmahanto JUWANA, Chairman of DILA and Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia; and Seokwoo LEE, Chairman of the Development of International Law in Asia-Korea (DILA-KOREA); Professor of International Law, Inha University Law School, Korea, and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law*. This was followed by the keynote address given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Retno MARSUDI.

Session one of the conference was entitled “DILA At 30 and the *Asian Yearbook of International Law* – Past, Present, And Future. Presentations were made by Kevin YL TAN, Former Chairman of DILA and former, Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law*, and Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; Hikmahanto JUWANA, Chairman of DILA and Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia; Seokwoo LEE; and Hee Eun LEE, Associate Dean and Professor of Law of Handong International Law School, Korea and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law*.

This was followed by a Special Speech on the Participation in Multilateral Treaties – A Historical and Personal Reflections by Karin ARTS, Professor of International Law and Development, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Session two was entitled “Indonesia’s Contribution to the Development of International Law.” Presentations were made by Damos Dumoli AGUSMAN, Director General of Legal and International Treaties of the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, Indonesia; Hasjim DJALAL, Indonesian Expert on the Law of the Sea; Eddy PRATOMO, former Ambassador and Professor of Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia; and Sigit RIYANTO, Professor of Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia.

Session three was entitled “Special Panel on Maritime Issues,” and featured paper presentations by SETA Makoto, Professor of the Faculty of Law, Yokohama City University on “Japan’s Involvement in the Implementation of ReCAAP in Asia”; Bebeb A.K.N. DJUNDJUNAN, Director of the Legal Affairs and Territorial Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia on “Indonesia’s Update on Maritime Delimitation”; and CUONG Nguyen Ba, Senior Researcher & Partner, Scientific Research Institute of Sea & Islands (SRISI), Vietnam on the “Legal Aspects of the Chinese Activities in the Vanguard Bank.” The conclusion of session three marked the conclusion of Day 1 of the conference.

Day 2 of the conference (October 16), began with session 4 entitled “International Law Association (ILA) Study Group: Asian State Practice of Domestic Implementation of International Law (ASP-DIIL) – Part 1 which featured Seokwoo LEE on “Ocean and Territory”; Seryon LEE, Professor of the School of Law, Chonbuk National University, Korea on “Human Rights”; David ONG, Professor of International & Environmental Law, at Nottingham Trent University, UK on “Environment”; and RAVINDRAN Rajesh Babu, Professor of Public Policy and Management Group, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, India on “Trade and Investment”.

Part 2 followed in Session 5 which featured presentations by Arie AFRIANSYAH, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia on “The Challenges in Implementing UN Security Council Resolution in National Realm”; Tran Viet DUNG, Associate Professor and Dean of International Law Faculty of Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Vietnam on “Vietnam’s Experiences with International Investment Agreements Governance: Issues and Solutions”; Young Kil PARK, Director of the Law of the Sea Research Center, Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), on “Marine Scientific Research – Challenges and Prospects: From A Korean Perspective”; and Kanami ISHIBASHI, Professor of International Law, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, on “Japanese Contribution to Environmental Protection in the Asian Region.”

The last session of the Conference included commentary by Kevin YL TAN, Seokwoo LEE, Hikmahanto JUWANA, and Hee Eun LEE which was followed by a closing dinner which marked the end of the 2019 DILA 30th Anniversary International Conference.

The following day, on October 17, at the Academic Senate Room, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia, Salemba Campus, the 2019 DILA Academy

and Workshop was held. The topic of discussion was the *Encyclopedia of Public International Law in Asia* (EPILA). Seokwoo LEE and Hee Eun LEE provided an overview of the EPILA project. As explained, EPILA was to provide a detailed description of the practice and implementation of international law in various Asian states and to be offered in three geographically-organized volumes – Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central and South Asia. EPILA is to provide valuable information for all those interested in the historical development, implementation, and application of international law in Asia.

The subsequent session occurring over October 17 and October 18 provided an opportunity to discuss the project among various state volume editors who were making contributions to EPILA. For Northeast Asia, this included Atsuko KANEHARA, Professor of the Faculty of Law, Sophia University, Japan; Dustin Kuan-Hsiung WANG, Professor of the Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University; Battogtokh JAVZANDOLGOR, Professor of International Law and Chairperson of the Department of International Relations of the School of Foreign Service and Public Administration, National University of Mongolia; Seokwoo LEE and Eon Kyung PARK, Adjunct Professor, Kyung Hee University Law School, Korea.

The next session on Southeast Asia, presentations were made by Hikmahanto JUWANA; Arie AFRIANSYAH; Kevin YL TAN; Rommel Jaen CASIS, Professor of the College of Law, University of the Philippines; Kitti JAYANGAKULA, Professor of International Law at Eastern Asia University, Thailand; and TRINH Hai Yen, Vice Dean of the Faculty of International Law at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.

The final session on South and Central Asia included presentations by Muhammad Ekramul HAQUE, Professor of Law, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; RAVINDRAN Rajesh Babu; Wasantha SENEVIRATNE, Professor of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Mir Shabiz SHAFEE, Assistant Professor of Shahid Beheshti University, Iran.

Kevin YL TAN and Hee Eun LEE then offered their final remarks and closed the 2019 DILA Academy and Workshop.

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