

**Conference on *International Litigation in the Asia Pacific Region***

**Wuhan Hongyi Hotel (Wuhan University International Academic Communication Centre), Wuhan 23-24 September 2013**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Monday 23 September 2013**

- 9.00 - 9.30 a.m.                    **Registration and coffee / tea**
- 9.30 - 10.00 a.m.                **Official Opening**
- Welcome by Marta Pertegás, First Secretary, HCCH on behalf of the Secretary General of the HCCH
  - Anselmo Reyes, Representative, HCCH Asia Pacific Regional Office
  - Chen Peijie, Head of the Chinese Delegation, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
  - Professor Luo Yuting, Deputy Party Secretary of Wuhan University
- 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.                **Presentation introducing the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements**
- o Background
  - o Objectives
  - o Summary of the basic features of the Convention
  - o Current status
  - Marta Pertegás, First Secretary, HCCH
  - Professor Masato Dogauchi, Waseda University
- 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.                **Q&A time and debate**
- 11.00 - 11.30 a.m.                **Coffee break**
- 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.                **Panel discussion on the influence the Choice of Court Convention has had on other regional instruments and State legislation in the region**
- Chaired by Professor Xiao Yongpin, Dean of Law School, Wuhan University
  - Thomas John, Principal Legal Officer, Private International Law Section of the Attorney General's Department, Australia
  - Julie Nind, Principal Adviser, Rights and Regulatory Team, Civil and Constitutional, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand
  - Paul Tsang, Deputy Law Officer (Treaties and Law), International Law Division, Hong Kong Department of Justice
  - Professor Yujun Guo, Wuhan University
  - Narinder Singh, Indian Society of International Law

12.30 - 1.00 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A time and debate</b>
1.00 - 2.30 p.m.	<b>Lunch break</b>
2.30 - 3.00 p.m.	<b>Choice of Court Convention: A view from legal practice</b> - Jason Karas, Principal Lipman Karas
3.00 - 3.15 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A time and debate</b>
3.15 - 3.45 p.m.	<b>So, is it worth implementing the Choice of Court Convention? If so, how to do so successfully?</b> - Cara North, Legal Assistant, HCCH
3.45 - 4.00 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A time and debate</b>
4.00 - 4.30 p.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
4.30 - 5.30 p.m.	<b>Brief presentation introducing the Judgments Project,</b> - Marta Pertegás, First Secretary, HCCH  <b>Round table discussion on the recognition and enforcement process for foreign judgments and jurisdiction in international litigation in the Asia Pacific region</b> - Short presentation by all delegations
5.30 - 6.00 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A time and debate</b>
6.30 p.m.	<b>Banquet hosted by Professor Yongping Xiao on behalf of Wuhan University</b> - Keynote speech, Justin Gleeson SC, Solicitor General of the Commonwealth of Australia

## **Tuesday 24 September 2013**

8.30 - 9.30 a.m.	<b>Conclusions and Recommendations – drafting and preparation (HCCH team + selected experts)</b>
9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	<b>Continuation of the round table discussion on the recognition and enforcement process for foreign judgments and jurisdiction in international litigation in the Asia Pacific region</b> - Short presentation by all delegations
10.30 - 11.00 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	<b>Case Studies break out session</b> - Chaired by Jason Karas, Principal Lipman Karas - Coordinated by Marta Pertegás, Anselmo Reyes, James Ding and Cara North
12.00 - 12.30 p.m.	<b>Presentation of discussions and Q&amp;A time</b>
12.30 - 2.00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>

2.00 - 3.00 p.m.

**Case studies break out session**

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3.00 - 3.30 p.m.

**Presentation of discussions and Q&A time**

3.30 - 4.00 p.m.

**Coffee break**

4.00 - 4.30 p.m.

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

- Anselmo Reyes, Representative, HCCH Asia Pacific Regional Office

4.30 - 5.00 p.m.

**Closing remarks**