LAWASIA is an international organization of lawyers’ associations, individual lawyers, judges, legal academics, and others which focuses on the interests and concerns of the legal profession in the Asia Pacific region. The governing body, the LAWASIA Council, is comprised of representatives of the peak legal bodies in 25 countries. As such, its policies and agenda directly address issues confronting the profession throughout the region. LAWASIA also has over 1,500 individual members from over 50 countries, who have the opportunity to contribute directly to LAWASIA activities through participation in Sections and Standing Committees.

LAWASIA’s main objective is to foster professional and business relations between lawyers, businesses and government representatives in the Asia Pacific region.

LAWASIA also promotes the rule of law in a diverse range of political, cultural, social and economic contexts throughout the region.

LAWASIA hold consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, observer status with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and operational relations status with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation).

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The Ho Chi Minh Law University was established in 1996 as a merger between the Filiae in Ho Chi Minh City of the Hanoi Law University and the Law Faculty of the Ho Chi Minh City University. Over 12 years, our University has a national reputation in both teaching and research in the social sciences. We are the only law school in Ho Chi Minh City and is consistently rated among the largest universities in Ho Chi Minh City. Our covers the range of scientific and legal subjects, to be divided into five professional faculties and one fundamental science faculty. We enjoy a prime location, in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, less than a kilometre from the social, financial and business centres of Vietnam lending the university a dynamic and "real world" feel.

Every year we welcome more than 2000 students from both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Graduating from a law university is a standard route to enter the legal profession in Vietnam, as well as many other branches such as police, administration and commercial. Currently, the Law University host more than 5000 students. Each faculty in our university hosts more than 800 full time students, and an equivalent number of parttime students. From 2000, we
also offer LL.M. program and from 2004 we offer Ph.D. in law program. Our students come mainly from the Southern provinces of Vietnam, from Hue to Ca Mau; and we also open many training courses for officials and civil servants in these provinces. This benefits the university in many ways, not least because we have trained many officials working with national and international government institutions and ministries.

We also provide a forum for debate between academic and practitioners, namely lawyers, in-house counsels, judges, officials at the people's committees, who come back to School either to study master degrees or to discuss with tackling a contemporary issue. Our Students' Youth Union is particularly well known and active and co-ordinating many social activities for the students. Student Societies and the Athletic Union offer opportunities for undergraduates and graduates alike to become involved in an activity they enjoy and provide a welcome distraction from studying.

At present, a high proportion of our graduates enjoy considerable success in their chosen fields including teaching, further study and research, government, law and public service. Among the university's alumni, many have become high-ranking officials, judges, successful researchers and lawyers.

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Kuala Lumpur Regional Arbitration Centre (KLRCA) has been established in Kuala Lumpur under the auspices of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, an inter-governmental organization (known as the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization) in co-operation with the assistance of the Government of Malaysia. KLRCA is a non-profit making institution and has been established with the objective of providing a system for settlement in trade and commerce and investments with and within the region. One of the principal functions entrusted to KLRCA is the provision of facilities for arbitration under the rules of KLRCA for settlement of disputes in matters arising out of commercial transactions including investment disputes through fair, expeditious and inexpensive procedures so that resort to arbitration institutions outside the region may no longer become necessary. KLRCA enjoys all the privileges and immunities accorded to other international organizations in accordance to International Law. Like KLRCA, LAWASIA is an organization which focuses on Asia Pacific Regions. KLRCA has always been supportive and been given opportunity by LAWASIA to contribute directly to LAWASIA activities through participation and or co-organizing activities. The upcoming Moot competition at Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam is a great opportunity for both Asia Pacific Region organizations to promote and enhance the ideas of creating a better alternate dispute resolution mechanism to all.

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