

# Indonesian Society of International Law

## 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminar on

### "International Law as a Political Instrument?"

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting

# JAKARTA, 10 – 11 JUNE 2010

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The SEMINAR is divided into two sessions, each will discuss timely issues of international law, with the central theme "*International Law as a Political Instrument?*". The two sessions will examine this theme more specifically, branching out into two topics: "*The Place of International Obligations in the Domestic Legal Order of States*" and "*Using Political Approach in Decision Making for International Legal Issues*". Notable scholars sitting as panelists will provide a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer session from the floor. Academic analysis to legal impediments in the application of international law rules and principles in domestic affairs are accordingly open for discussion.

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The Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) was launched during the Inaugural Meeting on 7 - 9 April 2007. Since 2004, six preparatory meetings have been held to bring the plan to fruition: in Singapore (July 2004), Tokyo (October 2004), Beijing (March 2005), Seoul (December 2005), Bangkok (July 2006) and Tokyo (October 2006). Scholars and practitioners working in the field of international law from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam had also met to create an agenda for the promotion of international law in Asia.

In organizing its functions, the Society places a special emphasis on serving as a common forum for interaction among scholars and practitioners alike in Asia (and more broadly in other regions) on issues relating to the region; as well as encouraging young international lawyers (including both scholars and practitioners) to bring in new blood to the Asian community of international lawyers, with a view to creating a new momentum for promoting the study of international law in this part of the world.

The Executive Council is one of AsianSIL's governing bodies that have the power to make decisions concerning the management of AsianSIL. The Executive Council meets once annually to discuss developments in international law as well as AsianSIL's agenda ahead.

Currently, based on the election at the Second General Meeting of AsianSIL on 2 August 2009 at University of Tokyo, Japan, there are 24 members of AsianSIL's Executive Council, consisting of some of the most renowned international scholars around the globe.

\*\*This event is not open for public.

### SCHEDULE of the ISIL 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminar (Thursday, 10 June 2010)

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| 08.30am | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 09.00am | <b>Inauguration Ceremony</b>   |
| -       | Welcome Address by Professor Hikmahanto Juwana of ISIL   |
| -       | Welcome Address by Ambassador Xue Hanqin of AsianSIL   |
| -       | Welcome Address by Marty Natalegawa, Minister of the Republic of Indonesia Foreign Affairs             |
| -       | Welcome Address by Professor Mahfud MD, The President of Constitutional Court of Republic of Indonesia |

09.45am **Seminar Keynote Address**  
His Excellency Judge Hisashi Owada, President of the International Court of Justice

10.15am Coffee Break

10.45am **Session I**

12.15pm Question and Answer Session

13.00pm Lunch

14.00pm **Session II**

15.30pm Question and Answer Session

16.15pm Closing Ceremony

### SCHEDULE of the AsianSIL 6<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting (Friday, 11 June 2010)

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| 09.00am | Registration and Coffee Break |
| 10.00am | <b>Session I</b>              |
| 12.00am | Lunch                         |
| 13.00pm | <b>Session II</b>             |
| 15.00pm | Closing                       |

## Speakers of the Seminar\*

### *President Hisashi Owada*

**(Member of the ICJ since 6 February 2003; President of the ICJ since 6 February 2009)**



Born in Niigata, Japan, on 18 September 1932. B.A., University of Tokyo (1955). LL.B., Cambridge University (1956). D. Phil. (honoris causa), Keiwa University, Japan (2000); LL.D. (honoris causa), Banaras Hindu University, India (2001), Waseda University, Japan (2004), and Groningen University, the Netherlands (2009); Member, l'Institut de Droit international (2001). Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration. Honorary Member, American Society of International Law. President, Asian Society of International Law. Member emeritus, Japanese Society of International Law. Member, Executive Council of the Japan Branch, International Law Association.

### *Shirley Veronica Scott*

**(Associate Professor at the New South Wales University)**



Shirley Scott has a global reputation for her scholarship on the politics of international law. She is the author of several books, including *The Political Interpretation of Multilateral Treaties and International Law in World Politics* and has published in leading journals of both International Law and International Relations. She has established a successful Masters program in International Law and International Relations at The University of New South Wales in Sydney, where she is currently the Director of Learning and Teaching in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Dr Scott is also the National Research Chair of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

### *Onuma Yasuaki*

**(Professor of International Law, University of Tokyo)**



Graduated from school for Law and Politics on May 1999, he has published numerous books and articles namely *The Tokyo War Crimes Trial: An International Symposium* (Kodansha International, 1986), *A Normative Approach to War: Peace, War, and Justice in Hugo Grotius* (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1993). *Japanese War Guilty and Postwar Responsibilities of Japan*, "Berkeley Journal of International Law, Vol.20, no.3(2002), and "International Law in and with International Politics: The Functions of International Law in International Society,"

### *Simon Chesterman*

**(Vice Dean and Professor at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law, and Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme)**



Educated in Melbourne, Beijing, Amsterdam, and Oxford, his previous positions include Senior Associate at the International Peace Academy and Director of UN Relations at Crisis Group in New York. Other experience includes working for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yugoslavia and interning at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He is a member of the editorial boards of various leading journals and the author or editor of eleven books.

### *Tommy Koh*

**(Ambassador-At-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the National Heritage Board and the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore)**



He was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York for 13 years. He was Ambassador to the United States of America for 6 years. He was also the President of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea and chaired the Earth Summit. He had served as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. He was also Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the USA-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. He has chaired two dispute panels for the WTO.

### *Hassan Wirajuda*

He was the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Indonesia from 2001-2009. A by training and a by choice, He has held several important posts including Director-General of Political Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (July 2000 - August 2001), Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the and other international organizations in Geneva (December 1998 - July 2000), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to (October 1997 - December 1998), and Director of International Organizations of the Department of Foreign Affairs (1993-1997).

