

# Activities of CIL in Ocean Law & Policy

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# History of CIL

- 27 Feb 2008 – DPM and Minister for Law Prof S Jayakumar announced in Parliament that the NUS FoL, AGC and MFA were working together to set up a Centre for International Law
- CIL is a university-wide centre located within and affiliated to the Faculty of Law
- Sep 2009 – Offices opened
- Oct 2009 – Official Launch of CIL & web site

# CIL Funding & Governing Board

- **Funding from International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers**
- **Governing Board:**
  - Prof Tommy Koh (Chair)
  - Prof Walter Woon (Deputy Chair)
  - Sundaresh Menon (Attorney-General)
  - Permanent Secretaries of Ministries of Law and Foreign Affairs.
  - Ong Keng Yong (former ASEAN Secretary-General)

# CIL Management & Staff

- Robert Beckman, Director
- Navin Rajagobal, Deputy Director
- Administrative Staff – 4
- Faculty with Joint Appointments - 4
- Research Staff:
  - Research Fellows – 1
  - Research Associates – 5
  - Adjunct Research Professors – 1
  - Adjunct Research Fellows - 2

# CIL's Aim

- To become an intellectual hub and thought leader for the teaching and development of international law in the region
- To enable Singapore and the region to play a more important role in the promotion and development of international law

# CIL Documents Database

- Text of the most important international law documents and ASEAN instruments
- User-friendly
- Searchable
- International Law documents section contains the text of all leading ocean law conventions

# Major Focus Areas

- **ASEAN Law & Policy**
  - Major Research Project on ASEAN Integration headed by Profs Joseph Weiler and Michael Ewing-Chow
  - Two Research Fellow & numerous research teams
- **Trade and Investment Law & Policy**
  - Headed by Prof Michael Ewing-Chow
  - One Research Associate & One Adjunct Research Fellow
- **Ocean Law & Policy**
  - Headed by Prof Beckman
  - Three Research Associates

# Ocean Law & Policy Research

- **Submarine Cables**

- Workshop on Submarine Cables and Law of the Sea, 14-15 December 2009
- CIL/ICPC Workshop on the Protection of Submarine Cables, 12-14 April 2011

- **International Maritime Crimes**

- CIL Workshop on International Maritime Crimes: Legal Issues and Prospects for Cooperation in ASEAN, 17-18 January 2011

- **South China Sea**

- CIL Conference on Joint Development and the South China Sea, 16 -17 June 2011



# Possible areas for collaboration

- **Marine Environment:**
  - Pollution from off-shore installations and platforms, including the decommissioning of off-shore installations
  - Potential for the designation of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs) in Asia
- **Safety & security:**
  - Regional Cooperation to combat Piracy and International maritime crimes, including the 1988 SUA Convention and its 2005 Protocol
  - Regional Cooperation on search & rescue, submarine cables, sea lanes of communication (SLOCS), survey and military activities in the EEZ, etc

# Thanks for your Attention

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