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Seminar

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Practical and Innovative Approaches to Regulating Space Activities

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Dr Lee has worked in commercial practice since 1998 and is a university lecturer in air and space law, commercial law, international business law, public international law, European law, and Asian law. He has published over 50 articles on space law, international law, technology law, and commercial law. He has also presented over 60 papers at various international conferences, including the United Nations Workshops on Space Law.

He is the author or co-author of a number of books and monographs, the latest one to be published being *Law and Regulation of Commercial Mining of Minerals in Outer Space*, published by Springer in 2012.

INTRODUCTION

When the international legal principles concerning responsibility and liability flowing from space activities (including the launch and operation of satellites in orbit) were negotiated, there were a number of concepts that were somewhat beyond the contemplation of the diplomats and lawyers that formulated them in the 1960s. These concepts, such as satellites that are privately owned and operated, satellites that belong to multinational businesses or operations, and launching of microsatellites, picosatellites, and nanosatellites that “piggyback” off other launches, have posed significant problems for lawyers and policymakers alike.

Singapore has become a significant player in the development and launch of small satellites, in addition to the existing large telecommunications satellites operated by Singaporean entities. However, they are being launched into an unknown legal environment that presents liability risks to the operators and the Government of Singapore.

This seminar focuses on the domestic legislation and regulations on space activities in many countries, such as Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and discusses some practical problems and potential innovative approaches to legislating and regulating private space activities in Singapore.

Admission is free-of-charge but registration is required. To register online, please click here.

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