

Announcing the 5th Asian IP Works-in-Progress Conference

Beginning from its inception in 2015, the Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia (ARCIALA), School of Law, Singapore Management University has initiated the Asian IP Works-in-Progress Conference. The conference has successfully become recognized as the Asian IP event of the year by the academics in the last four years. The 4th conference was with 15 panels and 59 presentations in total.

We have decided to make the conference a truly Asian IP event beginning from the 5th edition by rotating its venue to other leading Asian universities. We are now teaming up with the esteemed School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, to co-host the 5th conference on **January 9 (Thursday) and 10 (Friday) 2020** in City University of Hong Kong. While emphasizing quality, we also recognize the importance of being inclusive enough to reflect the diversity of Asian IP landscape. A total of 60 presentations is what we are aiming for.

1. Presentation proposals that cover at least two Asian jurisdictions will be preferred. Interested colleagues please submit the title of the proposed presentation, an abstract of 300 words and CV in a Word document before **October 15, 2019** to arciala@smu.edu.sg.
2. As in the past 4 conferences, all presenters and non-presenting observers will take care of their travel documents and related expenses (including visa fees).
3. However, to promote and encourage the study of Asian IP laws for the betterment of IP regimes in Asia, ARCIALA has secured funding for a total of 25-28 speakers in the form of Asian IP Scholar Awards and Young Asian IP Scholar Awards (for PhD and graduate students), which includes return tickets and accommodation of three nights (excluding visa fees): 11-14 scholars (depending on the available budget), without geographical restriction, sponsored by ARCIALA, 3 scholars from Southeast Asia sponsored by the School of Law City University, 3 scholars from Japan sponsored by an anonymous sponsor, 4

presenters from Taiwan funded by Chen & Lin (Taipei), and 4 scholars from China sponsored by Sunshine Legal Foundation (Beijing). Colleagues interested in applying for the awards need to submit an abstract and CV in a Word document with an outline of 800 words (instead of the 300 word abstract) before **October 15, 2019** to arciala@smu.edu.sg. The selected paper proposals will be uploaded and displayed on the ARCIALA website; <https://arciala.smu.edu.sg>.

4. The acceptance of presentation and the selection of the 25 awardees will be done by a review committee composed of 15 leading Asian IP scholars:

Prof. Cui Guobin (Tsinghua University, China)

Prof. Ali Feroz (IIT Madras, India)

Prof. Tianxiang He (City University of Hong Kong, the co-host of the 5th Asian IP Work-in-Progress Conference)

Prof. Yahong Li (Hong Kong University)

Prof. Jyh-An Lee (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Prof. Shu-Hua Lee (National Taiwan University)

Prof. Heng Gee Lim (Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysia)

Prof. Kung-Chung Liu (SMU, Singapore / Renmin University of China)

Prof. Yinliang Liu (Peking University, China)

Prof. Ilnsan Budi Maulana ((Universitas Indonesia; Attorney at Law, Maulana and Partners Law Firm)

Prof. Masabumi Suzuki (Nagoya University, Japan)

Prof. Ichiro Nakayama (Hokkaido University, Japan)

Prof. Pek San Tay (University Malaya)

Dr. Sutatip Yuthayotin (IP judge, Thailand)

Alex Ferdinand S. Fider (University of the Philippines)

The awards and acceptance of proposals will be announced in early November 2019.

We look forward to your continuous support, participation and feedback (arciala@smu.edu.sg)

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