

The Office of the President of the Supreme Court of Thailand  
International Conference 2018

Topic

“Judicial Excellence in Response to Today’s Challenges”

13 to 14 September 2018

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The 2018 International Conference aims at presenting the experiences of the courts and judiciaries of countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, ASEAN and beyond regarding judicial excellence in response to today’s fast changing world. The Conference will include sessions on the definition of judicial excellence and the pursuit of excellence in court management; exchange of knowledge and experiences from different jurisdictions represented at the event. The Conference will also introduce an international measure of court performance - the International Framework for Court Excellence (“IFCE”), highlighting impacts of the use, modification and adoption of the Framework by some countries that have adopted the Framework. Participants in the Conference will have opportunities to explore various court management policies and measures of court performance of different countries present at the event as important tools to help achieving court excellence in response to today’s challenges. The event will include a final session which looks forward to the next evolution of the judiciary.

**Participants:** The event will involve the leadership of the Supreme Court of Thailand, and the Chief Justices of countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, namely Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, as the highest judicial authorities in this region; as well as international/regional participants, including judges from the United States, Australia and Singapore; IFCE experts and country representatives from ASEAN Countries. The Conference will also target judges from national and subnational courts from different regions in Thailand, ASEAN diplomats, law professors and practitioners.



## Agenda

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Evening of 12 or 13 September (Morning)	
	Arrival of the delegations
	Registration
Seminar day one : 13 September 2018	
Morning Session	
09.00 – 09.15	<b>Presentation of the Event as Related to the Policies of the President of the Supreme Court</b> [Strategies and policy plans regarding court excellence and international relationships among the judiciaries within the Greater Mekong Sub-region]
09.15 – 09.30	<b>Opening Remarks by the President the Supreme Court of Thailand</b> [Welcome to the conference and keynote address]
09.30 – 10.15	<b>Keynote Speech by the Chief Justices from the Greater Mekong Sub-region Countries</b> [Experiences from the region – Honorable delegates, the Chief Justices of countries in the Greater Mekong Sub- region, namely Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, to present their judicial policies/ strategies to deliver court excellence] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Honorable YOU Ottara Vice - President of the Supreme Court of Cambodia</li><li>- Honorable Khamphane Sitthidampha President, People's Supreme Court of Laos</li><li>- Honorable U Htun Htun Oo Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Myanmar</li><li>- Honorable Nguyen Hoa Binh Chief Justice, The Supreme People's Court of Vietnam</li></ul>

10.15 – 10.30	<b>Break</b>
10.30 – 10.45	<p><b>Keynote Speech by Ms. Lovita Ramguttee, Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</b></p> <p><b>Court excellence to ensure “Justice for All”</b></p> <p>[UNDP efforts in creating a network of judges and court officials to share experiences and good practices In the context of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development]</p>
10.45 – 11.30	<p><b>Presentation of Current Roles of the Court of Justice of Thailand by Hon. Justice Sarawut Benjakul, Secretary -General to the Office of the Judiciary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Roles of Thailand Court of Justice by the Secretary General of the Office of the Judiciary</b> [Court’s roles according to Constitution, the National Strategy 20 years, the Action Plans for National Legal Reforms, the President of the Supreme Court Policies, and the Court of Justice Strategy 2018 – 2021]</li> <li>● <b>Past Year Progress and Achievement of the Court of Justice of Thailand by Judges of the President of the Supreme Court</b> [The success of (1) e-filing system (2) usage of electronic monitoring device (3) e-payment for court fees and expenses and (4) work of the E-Justice Conference Center]</li> </ul>
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	
13.00 – 14.15	<p><b>Panel Discussion : The Pursuit of Excellence and Innovation in Courts in Today’s Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Associate Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, the Supreme Court of the Philippines</li> <li>- Hon. John Pascoe, Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia</li> </ul> <p>Moderator : Hon Justice Vichai Ariyanuntaka, Senior Justice of the Intellectual Property and International Trade Court</p> <p>[This session will present various practices for court managements to provide access to justice based on the experiences from different regions of the world.]</p>
14.15 – 14.30	<b>Break</b>
14.30 – 16.15	<b>Panel Discussion: Existing Court Management Systems in Different Jurisdictions</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Dory Reiling, Retired Senior Judge, Netherlands</li> <li>- Hon. Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, Former Judge of the Malaysian Court of Appeal, Consultant of MahWengKwai &amp; Associates</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Judge Dr. Supakit Yampracha, Judge of the Office of the President of the Supreme Court</p> <p>[This session will present various practices for court managements to provide access to justice based on the experiences from different regions of the world.]</p>
<b>Seminar day two : 14 September 2018</b>	
<b>Morning Session</b>	
09.15 – 09.45	<p><b>Introducing the International Framework for Court Excellence : A self - assessment methodology for court performance</b> by Ms. Elodie Beth - Programme Advisor, Governance and Peace building, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p>
09.45 – 11.00	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Quality Management Systems to Deliver Court Excellence and Justice for All</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>The International Framework for Court Excellence and its application by the United States</b> Hon. Dan Hall, Vice President, Court Services Division National Center for State Courts of the United States, and member of the Executive Committee of the International Consortium for Court Excellence</li> <li>● <b>Adapting the International Framework for Court Excellence: the Experience from Singapore</b> Hon. Jennifer Marie, Deputy Chief District Judge/Registrar State Courts of Singapore and member of the Executive Committee of the International Consortium for Court Excellence</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.15	<b>Break</b>
11.15 – 12.00	<p><b>Experiences and Knowledge Sharing Session:</b> [This session provides the opportunity for participants to exchange experiences and opinions on “Judicial Excellence in Response to Today’s Challenges”]</p>
12.00 – 13.30	<b>Break</b>

13.30 – 14.00	Closing Remark by the President the Supreme Court of Thailand
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**Note**

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