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GENERAL INFORMATION

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law are conducted under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965. The Regional Courses are organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

This Regional Course was organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

OBJECTIVES

The Regional Courses provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners from different regions and legal systems on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. In addition, the interactive nature of the training allows the participants to share experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on legal matters in the region.

The Regional Courses are intended to enable qualified professionals, mid-level government legal officers and teachers of international law from developing countries, and countries with emerging economies to deepen their knowledge of international law, and of the legal work of the United Nations and its associated bodies.

LECTURES

The lectures for this Regional Course included: "Peaceful settlement of disputes" and "Diplomatic protection" (L. Caflisch, Member and Chairman of the International Law Commission; Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies); "Introduction to international law," "State jurisdiction and immunities" and "State responsibility" (M. Kawano, Professor, Waseda University School of Law); "Law of treaties" and "International organizations" (P. Bodeau-Livinec, Professor, University Paris VIII - Vincennes Saint-Denis); "Human rights" (M. Pinto, Professor, University of Buenos Aires Law School); "Law of the sea" (T. Treves, Professor, University of Milan; Former Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); "International humanitarian law" and "International criminal law" (K. Riordan, Director General, Defence Legal Services for the New Zealand Defence Force; Adjunct lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington); "International trade law"

(M. Mbengue, Professor, Geneva University Law School and Graduate Institute of International Development Studies); and “International environmental law” (S. McCaffrey, former member of the International Law Commission; Professor, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law).

METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL

The Regional Course was conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow a maximum exchange of views. A comprehensive set of training materials was provided for each participant at the beginning of the Regional Course. Certificates were awarded to those participants who had completed the Regional Course in its entirety.

PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

The Regional Course was open to candidates from the following countries: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, and Yemen.

The 26 participants who attended the Regional Course came from the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu and Viet Nam.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Regional Course was held at the facilities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Thailand, in Bangkok, from 12 to 30 November 2012. It was conducted in English.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the Regional Courses is available at <http://www.un.org/law/rcil>.