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ASEAN-IFCE portal

- A resource portal for members of the ASEAN-IFCE Resource Network to share knowledge and useful IFCE materials
- Developed in a collaboration between State Courts of Singapore and Temasek Polytechnic
- Members are welcome to provide feedback after the presentation on portal features
 - Send your feedback to Dayalan at P_DAYALAN@statecourts.gov.sg





2022 ICCE 'Virtual' Conference

Pursuing Court Excellence in Challenging Times

15 - 16 March 2022



2022 ICCE CONFERENCE

Pursuing Court Excellence in Challenging Times

The International Consortium Court Excellence (ICCE) is pleased to announce a two-day virtual conference to be held from 15 - 16 March 2022 (SGT).

This free online conference will explore how courts in Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and the Pacific Islands have embraced new modes of operations in our new endemic world. International panellists will address the implications on the court workforce, court management practices and ultimately public trust and confidence, and share global best practice to better help courts pursue excellence in the face of these new challenges.

Day One: Tuesday 15th March 9.30am – 1.15pm SGT

Keynote Address

Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Supreme Court of Singapore

Session 1: Meeting the Challenges of the Court Workforce of Tomorrow

As Professor Richard Susskind put it, court is a service not a place. The stress and fatigue levels of the court workforce have been kept high throughout the COVID-19 pandemic as many courts grappled with the transition to an online, digital world. This session explores how courts can shape the wellbeing of tomorrow's workforce through redesigning court processes and infrastructure to match new modes of operation, equipping staff with the skills to harness new technology and providing support for the mental health and well-being of staff.

Moderator: Ms Jennifer Marie, Deputy Presiding Judge of the State Courts of Singapore, and ICCE Chair

Session 2: Embracing New Modes of Court Operations:

The adoption of technology to enhance access to justice and drive improved management of court caseloads is a core component of the International Framework for Court Excellence. The COVID-19 pandemic placed significant restrictions on traditional court practices such as face to face proceedings and court attendance to file or inspect documents. Although this initially created a considerable burden on courts, for many it also sparked a significant leap into technology driven remote hearings and digital management of cases. This session discusses how the challenges became opportunities and how courts in Australia, New Zealand, Pilau and the USA have addressed the need to balance transforming their practices with the need to preserve access to justice.

Moderator: Mr Laurie Glanfield AM, Deputy President, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration

Day Two: Wednesday 16th March 10am – 1.15pm SGT

Session 3: Change Management in a Highly Volatile and Uncertain Environment

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once wrote, “Change is the only constant in life.” While it may seem like a cliché, the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us how dramatically things can change overnight. An environment of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity is becoming more prevalent in the legal world and these challenges can be formidable. Court leaders and managers who are well-versed in change management and embrace change can minimize the negative impact and move their courts forward. This session will help court professionals better understand how to leverage change management techniques and tools to make change more positive, purposeful, collaborative, and successful. We will also explore how the process of change can be measured at the organizational level and at the individual level.

Moderator: Honorable Robert J. Torres, Justice, Supreme Court of Guam

Session 4: Harnessing Public Trust and Confidence in the Endemic World

As courts around the world pivot to provide remote services to constituents they encounter a “digital divide” where not all court users have access to the technology or adequate internet access. This can, in turn, undermine public trust and confidence, which is a central value of the International Framework for Court Excellence. Solutions to crossing the digital divide can be broken into two broad categories: those that help humans use technology and those that deal with hardware. This session provides a European and North American perspective on approaches used in these regions. It will cover the advantages and challenges of appearing remotely for lawyers from smaller practices and for self-represented litigants, and how the benefits of e-filing can be responsibly extended to self-represented litigants. The session will also present survey data on how court users have responded to expanded digital services and discuss the implications these efforts have on accountability and transparency of court processes.

Moderator: Mr Dan Hall, Vice President Court Consulting Services National Center for State Courts

ASEAN Panel

Session 1: Meeting the Challenges of the Court Workforce of Tomorrow

Panellists:

- Ms Jennifer Marie, Deputy Presiding Judge of the State Courts of Singapore, and ICCE Chair (Moderator)
- Mr Edward Simarmata, Head of Management and Leadership Training Center of Supreme Court of Indonesia, and ICCE Executive Committee member
- Judge Sorawit Limparangsri, Chief Judge, The Office of the President of the Supreme Court of Thailand
- Ms Juthika Ramanathan, Chief Executive of the Supreme Court of Singapore
- Justice Jose Midas Pascual Marquez, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Philippines

Registration link will be sent to members soon.

Discussion

- Progress of IFCE implementation in member's jurisdiction
- Collaborations/Technical assistance required
- Upcoming conferences/events in the region

Tribunal Conference 2022

Challenges and the Way Forward

- To be held from 26 – 27 April 2022
- In conjunction with the Singapore Academy of Law
- Inaugural conference to be held virtually
- Discussions on developments in the law of tribunals in Singapore, including best practices, challenges and expansion of the roles of tribunals

Sentencing Conference 2022

- Third in the series
- To be held from 31 October – 1 November 2022
- In conjunction with the Singapore Academy of Law
- Virtually for the first time with optional F2F networking event
- Focus on sentencing frameworks and their contribution to a consistent sentencing methodology, with discussions on the relevance of sentencing panels and the role of artificial intelligence in sentencing