



Fri 6
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Opening of Conference

17.00 – 18.30 28th LAWASIA Conference Welcome

Host: LawAsia
Where: The Hilton Sydney

18.30 – 20.30 Chief Justices Conference Welcome Drinks

Where: Chief Justice's Garden
Dress Code: Smart casual

Sat 7
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Conference Day One

08.30 – 09.15 Conference doors open: Explanation of technology for simultaneous interpretation 8.30-9.00 am, general information for all attendees 9.00-9.15 am

09.15 – 09.30 Opening remarks: *The Hon R S French AC (Host), The Hon T F Bathurst AC (Co-host & Chairman of Judicial Section of LawAsia)*

SESSION 1: Role of the Chief Justices

09.30 – 10.45 Sub topics: *Role in maintaining integrity of judicial system. Induction/orientation program or guidelines for Chief Justices. The importance of judicial wellbeing (physical & psychological). Protocols for physically or intellectually impaired judges.*
Chair: Chief Justice Muria

Discussion Speaker: Chief Justice Dattu Commentator: Chief Justice Hatta Ali

10.45 – 11.15 Morning tea & Formal photo session

SESSION 2: Building Confidence in the Judiciary and Court Process

11.15 – 12.30 Sub topics: *Raising community awareness of the work of courts and how the justice system works. Building public trust by strengthening media services including use of social media. Internal reform to strengthen courts' processes*
Chair: Chief Justice Sereno

Discussion Speaker: Chief Justice Lebedev Commentator: Chief Justice Terada & Chief Justice Zakaria

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

SESSION 3: Access to Expertise

13.30 – 14.45 Sub topics: *How to eliminate backlog and enhance efficiency in trial and appellate courts. Managing litigants in person. Comparing the use of parties' and court experts, court assessors and specialist tribunals. The use of expert evidence, resolving conflicts*
Chair: Chief Justice Injia

Discussion Speaker: Chief Justice Ma Commentator: Justice Sang-Hoon Lee

14.45 – 15.05 Afternoon Tea

SESSION 4: Alternative Dispute Resolution

15.05 – 16.20 Sub topics: *Promoting mediation at an appellate level. Alternative dispute resolution in trial courts.*
Chair: Chief Justice Sinha

Discussion Speaker: Vice President Rong He Commentator: Chief Justice Ingram

Formal Gala Dinner

19.00 – 23.00 **Museum of Contemporary Art**

Arrive 1900 for 1930 dinner

Dress Code: Lounge suit/Cocktail attire

Sun 8

Conference Day Two

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SESSION 5: Administrative Controls

09.00 – 10.15 *Sub topics: Court control of budget, staff, and security, particularly focussing on administrative issues around conducting terrorist trials*
Chair: Chief Justice Shrestha
Speaker: Chief Justice Menon Commentator: Judge Soares

Discussion

10.15 – 10.35 Morning Tea

SESSION 6: Commerce & Comity

10.35 – 11.50 *Sub topics: Mutual recognition of judgments, recognising international arbitrations. The application of foreign law*
Chair: Chief Justice Sapolu
Speaker: Chief Justice Allsop Commentator: Chief Justice Menon

Discussion

11.50 – 12.50 Lunch

12.50 – 13.15 Travel to Sydney University

13.15 – 13.35 Refreshments

SESSION 7: Developing Better Judicial Education

13.35 – 14.55 *Sub topics: Understanding technology to improve personal efficiency and court performance. Methods of improving judicial education and establishing distance education. How to train/educate judges without interfering with their independence. Identifying available resources, interactive teaching.*
Chair: Chief Judge Wallace
Speaker:

Discussion

Judge Tan Boon Heng

Informal Cruise & Dinner

17.00 – 19.00 **Sydney Harbour Cruise**
Where: Departs Circular Quay at 5.00pm
Dress code: Smart Casual

19.00 – Late Informal Dinner

Where: Government House
Dress code: Smart Casual

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Conference Day 3

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SESSION 8: Cultural Issues and Equality

09.00 – 10.15 *Sub topics: Unconscious bias, addressing race, gender and diversity awareness within the judiciary. Handling such issues in the courtroom*
Chair: Chief Justice Torres
Speaker: Chief Justice Mogoeng Commentator: Justice Wattanapan

Discussion

10.15 – 10.35 Morning Tea

SESSION 9: Ongoing regional interaction- the APJRF model

10.35 – 11.50 *Sub topics: Different ways to promote ongoing regional interaction, particularly with regard to the Asia Pacific Judicial Reform Forum.*
Chair: Justice Calanchini
Speaker: Justice Bell Commentator: Chief Justice Warren

Closing Session

11.50 – 12.15 Closing remarks: The Hon R S French AC (Host), The Hon T F Bathurst AC (Co-host & Chairman of Judicial Section of LawAsia) and The Hon Itsuro Terada Chief Justice of Japan.

At the end of the Conference all Chief Justices are invited to attend lunch and the Judicial Section of the LawAsia Conference which will be held at the Hilton Hotel Sydney.