

# Environmental Law Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region

## Darwin & Kakadu, 16-19 May 2000

LAWASIA is pleased to advise that a special package for NT lawyers is available for the Environmental Law Conference to take place from 16 - 19 May, 2000 in Darwin and Kakadu.

The conference, originally conceived as a training program for members of the judiciary and lawmakers in scientific and policy issues surrounding environmental law matters, has now been widened to include attendance by practitioners.

A special one-day package has been designed to enable NT lawyers to attend and to take advantage of LAWASIA's endeavours in bringing expert speakers to Darwin. This will provide a realistic and practical way for local lawyers to attend without cutting into schedules and budgets. The package includes:

- One day's worth of sessions (may be split over the two days of the conference work program)
- Catering
- Conference papers for all sessions
- cost: \$430 (member) \$500 (non-member)

### You are invited to the conference dinner

LAWASIA is also pleased to invite members of the local profession to take advantage of the opportunity to network with environmental law speakers and delegates from both interstate and overseas at the conference dinner which will be held on the Esplanade. Dinner is included in the two day package, or can be attended at the price below:

- cost (dinner only): \$75.00 (includes pre-dinner drinks, food and beverages)

### Conference sessions

Sessions on air pollution, water pollution, land degradation and biological diversity will be addressed by speakers from a range of legal and scientific backgrounds.

### Keynote speaker

The Hon. Hilario G. Davide, Jr. Chief Justice of the Philippines has generously agreed to support the conference by giving the keynote address. His Honour delivered the Philippine Supreme Court's judgement in the renowned case *Oposa v. Factoran* which upheld the standing of children to seek redress to illegal logging on the grounds of ESD principles, particularly intergenerational equity.

### Legal speakers

**Mr Antonio Oposa** — who brought the case of *Oposa v. Factoran* on behalf of his children to halt the environmental destruction caused by illegal logging in the Philippines.

**Mr M.C. Mehta** — who brought a series of environmental cases in India, including a famous case which resulted in the Supreme Court of India closing down polluting factories that were causing irremediable damage to the World Heritage listed Taj Mahal.

**Professor Wang Xi**. Vice Director of the Research Institute of Environmental Law, Wuhan University - the foremost environmental law centre in China, and the national Environmental Protection Agency of the PRC.

**Professor Koh Kheng Lian** is from the Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL), a new centre at the National University of Singapore founded with the assistance of the United Nations and The World Conservation Union.

**Professor Lye Lin Heng** is Deputy Director of APCEL in Singapore. She is a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law and chairs the IUCN Working Committee on Environmental Law Education.

**Professor Ben Boer** is Professor at the Australian Centre for Environmental Law, the leading environmental law centre in Australia.

**Professor Neil Gunningham** specialises in the field of environmental regulation. He is currently Professor of Law and Director of the Australian Centre for Environmental Law at the Australian National University.

**Brian Preston**, Senior Counsel, is a barrister at Selborne Chambers in Sydney where he maintains a high profile practice in environmental law. He is Chair of the LAWASIA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and a member of the IUCN Commission of Environmental Law.

### Scientific speakers

**Dr Peter Manins**, Leader, Air Pollution Program and Manager, Environmental Consulting and Research Unit, CSIRO Australia

**Dr Chris Mitchell**, Atmospheric Research, CSIRO, Australia. Science Adviser to the Australian Environment Ambassador and coordinator of Australia's largest science program into global climate change.

**Dr Ian Hannam**, Manager, Land & Vegetation (Compliance), Department of Land and Water Conservation, Australia

**Dr Garry Cook**, CSIRO Wildlife and Ecology, Australia. Dr Cook is an expert on land and soil degradation in the Northern Territory's Top End.

**Dr Max Finlayson**, Head, Wetlands Research Program, Environmental Research Institute of the Supervising Scientist (ERISS) Australia.

**Dr Rex Pyne** is Deputy Director (Fisheries), Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries, NT, Australia. Dr Pyne has dealt with many fishery issues, most recently and notably, the invasion of Black Striped Mussels into Darwin's harbour environment.

A full conference brochure and registration forms are available from the LAWASIA Secretariat tel: +61 8 8946 9500; fax: +61 8 8946 9505; e-mail: [lawasia@lawasia.asn.au](mailto:lawasia@lawasia.asn.au)