

## Meanwhile, from the World Jurist Association meeting in Germany

Late last year the World Jurist Association convened in Stuttgart, Germany for its *International Conference on Constitutions and Mobility Versus the Environment*.

The delegates deliberated on the role constitutions play as keystones to democracy on the global, regional and national level.

They also considered the essential need to develop a legal and policy framework under which environment is enhanced and mobility assured.

The delegates reaffirmed their commitment to world peace under the Rule of Law and urged all individuals and civil society to promote that goal.

As part of their Stuttgart Declaration, the World Jurist Association called upon all nations to:

- abide by principled restraints on the use of force;
- strengthen the existing United Nations and regional machinery for the maintenance of international peace and security;
- ratify and implement numerous treaties on Human Rights and the Environment; and
- undertake effective national, regional and international measures to establish a sustainable future for all humankind.

# Blessed by the lions



Above: LSNT vice president Merran Short...no teeth on this lion, but plenty of good will and blessings for the new Chinese year.



Above: A quick roam around the LSNT boardroom, past the presidents' wall...and then (right) on to LawAsia for their blessing.

Who would stick their arm in a lion's mouth?

Well, it was a traditional Chinese blessing lion so it wasn't that daunting for LSNT Vice President Merran Short.

It was all part of the blessing ceremonies carried out at the LSNT secretariat offices and the LawAsia offices next door to mark the start of the Year of the Sheep.

In return for blessing the premises, the "lion" was "fed" lettuces. Merran's task was to feed the lion a traditional red packet (with donation) which she did without fear or favour.



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