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To all Members of the Malaysian Bar

**BREAKING NEWS: 5th China-ASEAN Forum on Legal Cooperation and Development
(26 and 27 Sept 2011)**

Around the globe, economic recovery from the 2008 global financial crisis is fragile and tenuous. With the US recovery in disarray, the Euro zone debt crisis spreading, Japan shaken by the Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, and the Middle East locked down in riots, the threat of yet another global recession looms. Amidst the crashing stock markets, silver linings are few and far in between.

One bright spot in this gloomy environment is the advent of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (“CAFTA”) and the booming trade and investments in the region. A year after the China-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement took effect in January 2010, optimism in the CAFTA region is palpable and spreading.

Tapping into this revival of China-ASEAN trade and economic cooperation, Bar Council Malaysia, together with China Law Society, the ASEAN Law Association of Malaysia and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, are jointly hosting the 5th China-ASEAN Forum on Legal Cooperation and Development in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 26 and 27 Sept 2011.

Far back in history, China and her Southeast Asian neighbours have always enjoyed thriving trade and commerce plied by Chinese junks and Arab trading *dhow*s along the maritime Silk Route spanning the Chinese coast through Vietnam, the Malay archipelago and Indonesian isles onward to India, Middle East and Africa. “In this modern day and age, there is every reason to hitch our South East Asian economies to the booming Chinese juggernaut and every reason to believe in the mutual prosperity and benefit of win-win cooperation among CAFTA members,” says Lim Chee Wee, President of the Malaysian Bar, at the launch of the Forum on 16 Aug 2011.

With China’s plan to rely on domestic consumer spending to fuel its huge economy, there is a rising global shortage of raw materials, minerals, energy, commodities and food. Japan’s northern food basket was drastically impacted by the Fukushima radiation fallout, thus making food security, the global food shortage and rising prices major issues worldwide. Most Association of Southeast Asian Nations (“ASEAN”) economies are endowed with fertile land and abundant rainfall well suited for the cultivation of food and commodity crops on a massive scale. There is also an abundance of untapped energy and mineral resources in the region and Chinese investments are flowing into ASEAN at a fast clip.

Jeff Leong, Member of the Bar and member of the CAFTA 2011 Organising Committee points out, “The China-ASEAN Forum is one of the best networking opportunities for business lawyers and investors to establish working ties with participants from China and ASEAN for investment projects in energy, mining, commodities and food security such as oil and gas, coal, iron ore, oil palm,

rubber, tea, coffee and rice.” According to Leong, transactional lawyers in Asia will be kept busy structuring such deals for the next few years.

“The possibility of disputes can never be entirely ruled out, despite the best of trade ties and relationships,” says Sundra Rajoo, Director of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and a panellist of the upcoming Forum. Efforts are undertaken to address treaty disputes and coordinate arbitral centres in the CAFTA region. “The forum is an excellent platform for alternative dispute resolution professionals to network and exchange ideas, especially in view of the diverse cultures, legal traditions and background of the countries in the CAFTA region,” says panellist from Hong Kong, Yang Ing Loong.

“A China-ASEAN Mediation Centre will also be launched at the forum,” says the Honourable Justice Tan Sri James Foong, Chairperson of the CAFTA 2011 Organising Committee and a senior Federal Court Judge in Malaysia. A brainchild of China Law Society, the mediation centre will be located at the southern Chinese island of Hainan and is intended to matchmake joint venture parties in the CAFTA region. “Where differences in opinion and dispute arise, the mediation centre will help resolve disputes without damaging business relationships and trade ties,” explains Tan Sri James Foong.

In times of crisis and recession, the quick and the nimble survive by managing risks and tapping opportunities. Some of these opportunities lie in the CAFTA region. Register now!

Attached please find the programme of the Forum. For more information, check out the official website of the Forum at www.cafta2011.com. To register, kindly complete and submit the attached registration form by fax to 03-2032 2043 or 2026 1313; or by email to janet@malaysianbar.org.my. Online registration is also available.

Kindly contact Janet Nathan, CAFTA 2011 Organising Committee Officer, by telephone at 03-2050 2103 should you have any queries.

Thank you.

Lim Chee Wee
Deputy Chairperson
CAFTA 2011 Organising Committee

5th China-ASEAN Forum

on Legal Cooperation and Development



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Date: 25 Sept 2011 (Sunday)	
Time	Agenda
02:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Registration
06:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Welcome cocktail reception
Date: 26 Sept 2011 (Monday)	
08:30 am – 08:40 am	Opening ceremony and arrival of distinguished guests
08:40 am – 08:50 am	Welcome address by YAA Tun Dato' Seri Zaki b Tun Azmi, <i>President of ASEAN Law Association Malaysia</i>
08:50 am – 09:00 am	Welcome address by Hu Zhong, <i>Vice-President of the China Law Society</i>
09:00 am – 09:45 am	(To be confirmed) 1 st Keynote address by YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Abdul Aziz <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Department</i>
09:45 am – 10:15 am	Tea break
10:15 am – 10:45 am	2 nd Keynote address by Professor Wu Zhipan <i>Vice-President of the China Law Society and Executive Vice-President of Peking University</i>
10:45 am – 11:45 am	Session 1 : Treaty Disputes Moderator : (To be confirmed) Panellists : Malaysia: YB Datuk Azailiza bt Mohd Ahad <i>Head of International Affairs Division, Attorney General's Chambers</i> Speaker from Thailand People's Republic of China: Jia Guide, <i>Deputy Director-General of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China</i>
11:45 am – 01:15 pm	Session 2 : Arbitral Centres in CAFTA Region — Opportunities and Challenges Moderator : Singapore: Yang Ing Loong <i>Partner and Global Coordinator of International Arbitration, Sidley Austin LLP, Hong Kong</i> Panellists : Malaysia: Sundra Rajoo, <i>Director, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration ("KLRCA")</i> People's Republic of China: Professor Shen Sibao, <i>Dean of School of Law, Shanghai University, and Professor of School of Law, University of International Business and Economics</i> Indonesia: Tony Budidjaja, <i>Principal/Managing Partner, Budidjaja & Assoc</i>
01:15 pm – 02:30 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm – 03:15 pm	(To be confirmed) 3 rd Keynote address by
03:15 pm – 03:30 pm	Tea break
03:30 pm – 05:00 pm	Session 3 : Present and Future Trends of CAFTA Trade in Goods, Services and Investment Moderator : Philippines: Attorney Avelino V Cruz <i>Senior Partner, Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz Law Offices ("ACCRALAW")</i> Panellists : Malaysia: Ravindran Palaniappan, <i>Senior Director, ASEAN Economic Cooperation Division, MITI</i> Philippines: Attorney Francisco Edward Lim, <i>Co-Managing Partner, ACCRALAW</i> People's Republic of China: Professor Yang Liyan <i>Professor of School of Law, Guangxi Normal University</i>
	Free and Easy
Date: 27 Sept 2011 (Tuesday)	
09:00 am – 09:45 am	4 th Keynote address by Attorney Renato C. Corona, <i>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>
09:45 am – 10:15 am	Tea break
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Session sponsored by Zaid Ibrahim & Co Session 4 : Liberalisation of CAFTA Legal Services Moderator : People's Republic of China: Professor Ding Ding, <i>Deputy Dean of School of Law University of International Business and Economics</i> Panellists : Malaysia: Chew Seng Kok, <i>Managing Partner, Zaid Ibrahim & Co</i> Vietnam: Dr Nguyen Thanh Tu, <i>Lecturer, HCMC Law School</i> People's Republic of China: Yang Guohua, <i>Deputy Director-General of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce of China, and Wang Gongyi, Director-General of Institute of Justice, Ministry of Justice of China</i>
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	5 th Keynote address by Tan Sri Yong Poh Kon <i>Managing Director Royal Selangor Pewter and Co-Chairman of PEMUDA the Special Task-Force to Facilitate Business</i>
12:30 pm – 01:45 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm	Travel to Palace of Justice, Putrajaya
03:00 pm	Talk by YAA Tun Dato' Seri Zaki b Tun Azmi, <i>Chief Justice of Malaysia, at Putrajaya</i>
04:30 pm	Depart from Palace of Justice, Putrajaya back to Kuala Lumpur
08:00 pm	Closing dinner at Shangri-La Hotel

5th China-ASEAN Forum on Legal Cooperation and Development



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and submit this form by fax or by email to the Conference Secretariat before **31 Aug 2011 (Wednesday)**.

Full Name (please underline surname): _____

Prof Dr Mr Mrs Ms Name on Passport: _____

Affiliation/Organisation/Institution: _____

Position in the Organisation/Institution: _____

Address: _____

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Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Flight Details

Date of Arrival to Kuala Lumpur: _____ Time: _____

Flight No: _____ No of days in Malaysia: _____

Date of Departure from Kuala Lumpur: _____

(The Conference Secretariat requires the above information to issue you with an official invitation for the purpose of visa application (if needed) at the nearest Malaysian consulate in your country)

Events

(i) Cocktail Reception; 25 Sept 2011 (Sunday), 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Yes, I will attend.

(ii) Gala Dinner; 27 Sept 2011 (Tuesday), 8:00 pm
 Yes, I will attend.

Accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own reservations.

Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

RM360++ Deluxe Room (Single Occupancy/1 Breakfast)
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- ♦ Rates quoted are in Ringgit Malaysia and non-commissionable.
- ♦ Rooms are subject to availability upon confirmation.
- ♦ Please quote "CAFTA 2011 Conference Rate" when making reservations.

Conference Registration Fee

	Early Bird (if paid by 15 Aug 2011)	Standard (if paid after 15 Aug 2011)	Total
Local delegates (RM)	600	750	
Foreign delegates (USD)	200	250	

Registration fee includes cost of conference materials, meals, outing to Putrajaya and events.

Method of Payment

Payment can be made by cheque, bank draft, bank transfer or credit card. Cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to "Bar Council".

I would like to pay by:

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