

## Past Presidents



### OWADA HISASHI

Judge & Former President,  
International Court of  
Justice

President (2007 to 2009)  
& Honorary President,  
AsianSIL

*The Society's establishment was in response to the need of the international lawyers in Asia for a region-wide forum for intellectual interaction on the important issues of peace and security, international trade and investment, human rights, environment, and many other fields of international activities. This will enable the international lawyers of the region to contribute to the development of international law on a global basis and to consolidate the rule of law at a time when Asia has risen as an active and influential global player.*



### XUE HANQIN

Judge, International Court  
of Justice

President (2009 to 2011) &  
Advisory Council Member,  
AsianSIL

*The Society aims to be open and inclusive, welcoming scholars and practitioners alike in Asia and those working on issues relating to the region. We especially encourage young international lawyers, both scholars and practitioners, to join in our work.*



### VENKATESWARA SUBRAMANIAN MANI

Professor & Director  
of School of Law and  
Governance, Jaipur  
National University

President (2011 to 2013),  
AsianSIL

*Asia is a stunningly colourful showcase of diversity of ancient cultures, languages, political systems, and levels of development and offers diverse models of governance. With the many international law issues confronting this continent, the plate of the Asian Society of International Law is already overflowing, much before it was formally launched.*



### SURAKIART SATHIRATHAI

President (2013 to  
2015), Asian Society of  
International Law

Chairman, Asian Peace  
and Reconciliation Council  
(APRC)

*AsianSIL activities routinely attract scholars and practitioners from across the continent and beyond, ranging from the most eminent scholars and practitioners to students and the next generation of international lawyers. The success of AsianSIL depends on the energy and enthusiasm of our members. Expanding that member base is vital to ensure that our activities reach a wider audience and build on the growing support of international law across the region.*

## Membership

The Asian Society of International Law provides its members with information on the latest development in international law in the region and access to a larger community of international law professionals. Members receive:

- The AsianSIL monthly e-newsletter
- Subscription to Asian Journal of International Law
- Members' discounts on the biennial conference registration

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# President's Welcome

I am honoured to serve as the fifth President of the Asian Society of International Law for the next two years. I thank all my predecessors for their invaluable contributions, which have empowered our fledgling organization to stand on its own. My special thanks go to my immediate predecessor, President Surakiart Sathirathai, for his hard work and dedication over the past two years. I am also most grateful to those colleagues who have agreed to serve the Society with me in their various capacities for the next two years. It is a great privilege to work with them to promote international law in Asia.

Asia defies an easy definition. It is a vast region and encompasses more States and a larger population than any other region in the world. Asia presents historical, linguistic, cultural, and religious diversity, as well as wide-ranging stages of political evolution and economic development. Partly due to its vastness and diversity, Asia lags far behind other regions in terms of region-wide cooperation and institution-building. In light of the growing influence of Asia in the world, however, the region needs more forums for intra-regional dialogues and cooperation in various fields so that it can make coherent contribution to global affairs. Our Society was indeed a much-awaited response to such a need in the field of international law. As a region-wide forum for international legal scholarship and activities, the Society can and should play a key role in promoting international law and the rule of law in Asia, and in making the international legal system more balanced.

Launched in 2007, AsianSIL is still a young organization. As such, its priority at this stage is to grow and mature. Membership of the Society needs to increase and represent all parts of Asia so that the Society can be a truly region-wide institution. The academic activities of the Society should also expand. More interest groups need to be formed and their activities vitalized. The intellectual reputation of the Society needs to be further enhanced. The Society should be a centre for region-wide discussion of key international legal issues facing Asia and the world. In order for the Society to carry out these priority tasks, its organization needs to be streamlined and its working methods institutionalized.

As President, I will do my best to ensure that our Society grows in its membership and activities and matures in its intellectual endeavour. However the success of the Society depends essentially on its members. I therefore kindly ask for your support for and active participation in the various activities of the Society. I would also greatly appreciate it if you could share your ideas and insights about how to move our young Society forward. I thank you all for your trust and confidence and look forward to working closely with you for the next two years!

## PAIK Jin-Hyun

President, Asian Society of International Law  
Professor, Seoul National University

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea



# About the Society



The Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) is an international non-partisan, non-profit, and non-governmental organization with the following objectives:

1. To promote research, education and practice of international law by serving as a centre of activities among international law scholars and practitioners in Asia and elsewhere, in a spirit of partnership with other relevant international, regional and national societies and organizations;
2. To foster and encourage Asian perspectives of international law; and
3. To promote awareness of and respect for international law in Asia.

To these ends, the functions of the Society include organizing conferences, regional and subregional seminars, workshops and other meetings; undertaking publication for the Society, including the proceedings of the conference organized by the Society; and collecting and disseminating information relating to research, academic activities and other developments relevant to Asia in the field of international law.

There are currently four chapters of the AsianSIL. They are the Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law, the Malaysian Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law,

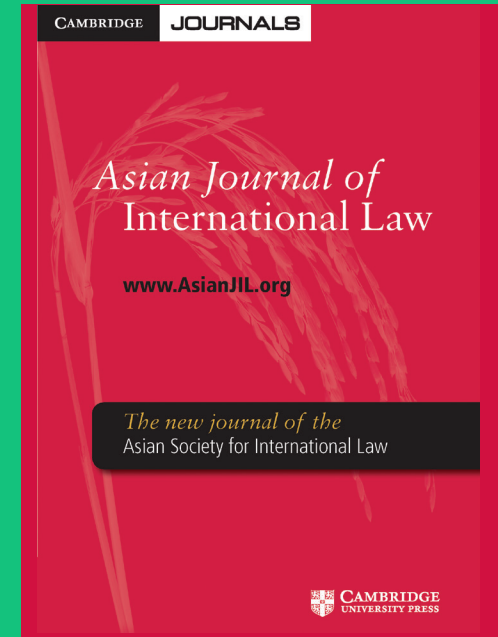
the Indonesian Society of International Law, and the Bangladesh Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law.

## Biennial Conferences

- **International Law and the Changing Economic & Political Landscape in Asia**  
Bangkok, 2015
- **Asia & International Law in the Twenty-First Century: New Horizons**  
New Delhi, 2013
- **Asia and International Law: A New Era**  
Beijing, 2011
- **International Law in a Multi-polar and Multi-civilizational World: Asian Perspectives, Challenges and Contributions**  
Tokyo, 2009
- **International Law in Asia: Past, Present and Future**  
Singapore, 2007

*The Sixth Biennial Conference will take place in Seoul in 2017.*

# Journal



The Asian Journal of International Law (AsianJIL) publishes peer-reviewed scholarly articles and book reviews on public and private international law. The regional focus of the Journal is broadly conceived. Some articles may focus specifically on Asian issues; others will bring one of the many Asian perspectives to bear on issues of global concern. Still others will be of more general interest to scholars, practitioners, and policymakers located in or working on Asia.

The Journal is published in English as a matter of practical convenience rather than political endorsement. English language reviews of books in other languages are particularly welcomed.

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