

**Qualifying for the Bar: Standards Across the Jurisdictions
Conference on Legal Education in Malaysia
(29 and 30 July 2011)**

29 July 2011 (Friday)

- 08:00 am – 09:00 am: Registration
- 09:00 am – 10:00 am: Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Speech
by YB Professor Dato Dr Hassan Said
Vice Chancellor, Taylor’s University
- Speech by Lim Chee Wee
President of the Malaysian Bar
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am: Keynote Address on “Status Report on Qualifying for the Bar in Malaysia: Transcending the Barriers”
by Steven Thiru
Chairperson, Bar Council Ad Hoc Committee on the Common Bar Course
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am: Coffee/Tea break
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Session 1: Experiences Across the Jurisdictions
- “UK: Bar Professional Training Course and Inns of Court”
by Professor Nigel Savage
Chief Executive, College of Law of England and Wales
- “Singapore: The Preparatory Course for the Singapore Bar Examination” (TBC)
- “Australia: The Legal Practice Courses”
by Christopher Roper
Consultant; Secretary, Judicial Conference of Australia
- Question and Answer Session
- 12:30 pm – 02:30 pm: Lunch
- 02:30 pm – 04:00 pm: Session 2: Experiences Across the Jurisdictions
- “India: Qualifying the All India Bar Examination as a Necessary Condition for Right to Practise the Profession of Law in India: A Critical Look at the All India Bar Examination Rules, 2010”
by Professor (Dr) N R Madhava Menon
Dr S Radhakrishnan Chair on Parliamentary Studies (Rajya Sabha)

“Hong Kong: The Postgraduate Certificate in Law”

by Dieter Yih

Vice President of the Law Society of Hong Kong

“Bar Professional Courses in New Zealand and Canada”

by Professor Bradford W Morse

Dean of Law, *Te Piringa* Faculty of Law, University of Waikato,
New Zealand; Professor of Law, University of Ottawa, Canada

04:00 pm – 04:20 pm:

Coffee/Tea Break

04:20 pm – 06:00 pm:

Session 3: Making the Transition – Overcoming Obstacles and
Proposed Timelines
(Break-Out Session)

(1) Working group of public law schools;

(2) Working group of private law schools;

(3) Working group of government institutions

(Attorney General, Certificate in Legal Practice (“CLP”), *Institut
Latihan Kehakiman dan Perundangan, Jabatan Perkhidmatan
Awam*, Legal Profession Qualifying Board, Malaysian
Qualifications Agency and Ministry of Higher Education);

(4) Working group of legal firms; and

(5) Working group of CLP students/pupils in chambers.

06:00 pm – 08:00 pm

Conference Reception

30 July 2011 (Saturday)

09:00 am – 10:30 am:

Session 4: Reflections from the Working Groups
Question and Answer Session

10:30 am – 11:00 am:

Session 5: Discussion Forum

11:00 am – 11:30 am:

Coffee/Tea break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm:

Session 6: Road Map to the Malaysian Bar Course
Question and Answer Session

12:30 pm – 01:30 pm:

The Way Forward

01:30 pm – 02:30 pm:

Lunch

02:30 pm – 04:30 pm:

Drafting of the Conference Proposals