

Conference Report

XVth LAWASIA Conference

Where can you travel in a lift with the Minister for Justice for Mongolia? Dine with a senior State Prosecutor from the Peoples' Republic of China whilst being entertained by the Philippine Ballet? At a LAWASIA conference, of course!

The XVth LAWASIA Conference was held in Manila in August and was well-attended by Northern Territory delegates. Tom Pauling QC and Sue Oliver both presented papers in a session on euthanasia, whilst Tom also presented a paper on native title in a session chaired by Neville Henwood. Sue gave a further paper on the Stolen Generations in a *Status of Women and Children* session and Professor Ned Aughterson gave a paper on international criminal law. The theme of the conference was Law in a Changing Asia, and in addition to the plenary sessions there were six streams of seminars (Energy Law, Business Law, Family Law and

Family Rights, Human Rights, General Practice and Labour Law) giving a total of 46 seminars. Certainly something for everyone! The conference also included the judicial section of the Seventh Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific. The plenary session included the opening of the conference by the President of the Philippines, His Excellency Fidel V Ramos and a session

on *Constitutionalism, the Rule of Law and the Changing Times* with guest speaker, former President Corazon Aquino. An extremely interesting lunchtime address was given on the final day by the Secretary of Justice for Hong Kong, Ms Elsie Leung.

LAWASIA conferences provide a great opportunity to gain insight into the legal systems of the region and to found relationships with lawyers from a range of jurisdictions and backgrounds.

If this all sounds too serious, then ask those who went about the social activities. One delegate was even "married" to a Filipino waiter as part of a stage show (we'll leave you guessing who). The next LAWASIA general conference will be held in Seoul in 1999 so think about making that the biggest Northern Territory delegation ever.

- Sue Oliver, NTU



Delegation to the XVth LAWASIA Conference left to right: Neville Henwood, Tom Pauling QC, Chief Justice Sir Gerard Brennan, Prof Ned Aughterson, Sue Oliver, Mr Takeo Kasugi, President, LAWASIA, Roslyn West, Prof Jesse Wu, Khami Nyunt

Studying Law in Australia

International Legal Services Advisory Council advise that the sixth edition of their publication *Studying Law in Australia*, 1998 edition is now available.

The publication, sponsored by the office of the Australian Government Solicitor, is prepared annually by the Committee of Australian Law Deans in association with the International Legal Services Advisory Council and is a comprehensive directory of undergraduate and post graduate law courses at all Australian universities.

The publication, as well as providing information to potential students in

this country, aims to encourage greater interaction in the study of law between Australia and the rest of the world.

Studying Law in Australia includes not only information on courses available at Australian higher education institutions, but also includes details on costs of living and how to provide accommodation.

As such it is an invaluable publication for students from overseas wishing to study law in Australia.

The publication can be ordered from the ILSAC Secretariat in Canberra and the Law Society has available a copy for consultation.

Office of Business Affairs

Ms Barbara Bradshaw of the Office of Business Affairs advises that she will be no longer be the Registrar for Business Affairs after November 1997.

The Office of Business Affairs will be absorbed into the Registrar-General's Office and will move up to Nicholls Place by early December.

From mid-late November, enquiries to the Office for Business Affairs should be made to the Registrar-General, Mr Phillip Timney on 8999 7211 or Ms Claire Condon, who will remain Deputy-Registrar of Associations and Business Names on tel: 8999 4132.