

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Team from NUS victorious in the 4th ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition

The NUS team comprising four Law-Business Double Degree Programme students – Marcus Lim Tao Shien, Jeanne Gwendoline Duclos, Lim Yuhui and Jennifer Gankee Ong - have won the 4th International Chamber of Commerce International Commercial Mediation Competition this February 2009. The competition is organised by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) - an established international body for alternative dispute resolution.

In the competition, law students pair up as counsel and client in a mediation against another team in front of an ICC mediator, and 2 ICC mediators who act as judges. This set-up provides a forum for participants and spectators to see the ICC mediators in action and to hear their views on appropriate negotiation techniques to be employed by lawyers and counsel in international mediation.

The competition is limited to 40 universities each year. This year the 40 universities represented 18 countries.

This is NUS's second year participating. There were four preliminary rounds in which the team beat Fordham Law School, Georgetown, Stockholm and Belarus. In the Quarter-Finals, the team beat Gujarat Law School. The Semi-Finals were against the University of California at Hastings - a finalist in last year's competition. The finals were against Hamline University from the US. This is the first time that an Asian team has won the competition.