

**Project Title:** One-Day Seminars on Criminal Justice and Human Rights for Thai Court of Appeal Judges

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**Location:** Nottingham

**Unit:** Short Courses and Training

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### **Project Summary**

Two one-day seminars for 125 Court of Appeal judges from the Judiciary of Thailand, designed on thematic areas of international human rights law and criminal justice processes. Funded by the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand.

### **Objectives**

Following a request by the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand/Judicial Training Institute of Thailand in November 2008, the HRLC produced a 2-day training course which aimed to give participants an overview of key issues in criminal justice and human rights at the domestic and international level.

### **Participants**

125 Court of Appeal judges from the Judiciary of Thailand. Seminar 1 was attended by 74 Judges from the Thai Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. Seminar 2 was attended by 50 Judges from the Thai Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

### **Activities**

Seminar one included academic study of issues of ratification and national implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; an overview of the prison system in England and Wales, and an introduction into the human rights protection system of the UK. Seminar two focused on academic study of the human rights protection in international and national law, and introduced participants to the British Criminal justice system and the role of one of its key institutions, the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Participants received a welcome pack, including HRLC notepad and pen, session materials and background information on HRLC's activities and projects. At the conclusion of the Seminar, participants received a Certificate of Attendance.

### *Method*

Sessions were conducted by experienced academics as well as senior representatives of criminal justice institutions, all of whom are renowned experts in their respective fields and had previous experience in participating in human rights training courses.

The sessions were conducted in English and aided by consecutive translation.

## **Outcomes**

The seminars were a great success with participants reporting high levels of satisfaction with their training.