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Project Summary

In September 2012, HRLC hosted a delegation of thirty six judges from the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand. The two week course, entitled *International Criminal Law* gave participants a solid knowledge and understanding of international criminal law principles and standards.

Objectives

In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between HRLC and the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand, a tailor-made programme was designed to enable participants to critically assess Thailand's position vis-à-vis the International Criminal Court.

Participants

The delegation was led by Judge Ingkaninanda, Vice-President of the Supreme Court of Thailand. He was accompanied by Justices of the Supreme Court, Appeal Court Judges and Judges from the Provincial Courts of Thailand.

Activities

The main component of the course consisted of a specifically tailored teaching programme designed and led by Dr Olympia Bekou, Head of HRLC's ICJ Unit. The content of the programme was delivered by highly renowned academics and practitioners, experts in their field.

The seminars were complemented by a two day study visit to The Hague, the Netherlands where the delegation was received at the International Criminal Court by President Judge Sang-Hyun Song, at the International Court of Justice by Judge Greenwood and at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia by Judge Agius, Vice-President of the ICTY.

Method

The course provided a solid theoretical grounding in the subject area. Seminars gave a holistic view of international standards.

Speakers

The seminars were facilitated by academics and practitioners, all experts in their field, including Professor Rob Cryer (University of Birmingham), Annika Jones (University of Exeter), Dr Dapo Akande (University of Oxford), Professor Kai Ambos (University of Göttingen) and Carla Ferstman (Director of Redress).

Outcomes

The course provided the participants with the requisite knowledge and understanding of international criminal law, to be applied and further disseminated to colleagues upon return to Thailand.