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Staff Mobility between Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE)
and University of Vigo

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INTRODUCTION

Project Background and Objectives

Background

The main objective of the DOCKSIDE is to strengthen the research capacity and quality of doctoral programs in Cambodia. Staff mobility is one of the activities used to realize the objectives of this project. As a result, the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) sent its researcher and lecturer, Ms. Hing Vandamet to visit the University of Vigo from 28th May to 8th June to strengthen international cooperation and increase research collaboration between the two universities.

Objectives

The mobility between RULE and Vigo was arranged with the following objectives:

- Contribute to the development of the DOCKSIDE objectives and activities between the two universities;
- Promote the cooperation between the two universities through research collaboration, teaching capacity, moot court program, and institutional exchange;
- Participate in joint-research projects in the area of public international law and other related research;
- Attend trainings, conferences, and research seminars; and
- Share knowledge and experiences between the two institutions and staff.

Expectations

- Provide excellent opportunities for collaboration between researchers and professors of both universities;
- Enhance the visitor's knowledge and skillset in research;
- Contribute to a prospective joint-research project or individual research collaboration between researchers of the two universities; and
- Strengthen institutional cooperation and research networks, thereby initiating further activities, such as conducting seminars, training, and conferences.

ACTIVITIES

Conduct seminars with Faculty of Legal and Labor Compliance and Faculty of Economics; University of Vigo, 29th May & 4th June 2018

It was a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to introduce RULE and the Center for Study of Humanitarian Law (CSHL), and English Language Based Bachelor of Law to our colleagues at the University of Vigo. I also had the opportunity to explore the possibility of potential research collaboration with researchers at the University of Vigo, with the purpose of strengthening cooperation between the two institutions.

My presentation focused mainly on RULE and CSHL's research projects and academic activities to promote and strengthen quality education in research and publications, life-long learning, and relevant skillset required of Cambodian law students to pursue their professional careers and further academic goals in the future.

Activities of RULE and CSHL:

- Research and Publication
- Teaching and Training
- Annual Academic Conference
- Moot Court Competitions
- Clinical Legal Education (CLE)
- Internship and Externship
- Human Rights Documentary and Public Lecture Series
- Library which offers contemporary resources related to public international law, human rights law, humanitarian law, contract law, investment law, etc.



Participated in the 1st International Compliance Congress in the Fishing Sector, 6th & 7th June 2018, World Compliance Association

The congress was composed of distinguished guest speakers, experts, and lawyers sharing their knowledge and experiences in relation to compliance on the fishing industrials, trade and international corporations, criminal responsibility in the fishing industrials, labor compliance, corporate social responsibility, and code of conduct which potentially addresses the food security. The participants were businessmen, lawyers, practitioners, and law professors who work in relation to the fishing industrial. Prof. Dr. Francisco Torres, Ms. Iria Garcia Lorenzo, and I participated in the congress.

Through participation in the congress, there are more potential room for discussion regarding these aspects of fishing industrial compliance in ASEAN region. For instance, the fishing industrials in Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Cambodia were mentioned by some of the speakers.

I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Torres for arranging my participation in the congress.



Participated in the 5th International Conference (REDEXMAR) “Strategy Blue Growth and Law of the Sea,” 7th & 8th June 2018, organized by University of Vigo

This conference was composed of internationally distinguished academics. The conference mainly addressed the concern of labor relations in Spain and the EU in line with the Blue Growth strategy. Interestingly, the historical of fishing industrial and the reform and development of legal framework for the better protection of seafarers were discussed. The collective agreements play significant role in complementing the gap in regulations which ensure decent working conditions, wages, pensions, social security, etc. A discussion regarding treaty on investment and decent work for seafarers highlighted the concern regarding the weak compliance of sailing vessels in some countries in Asia to the EU which should draw attention as it may affects the EU transaction.

I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Jaime Cabeza Pereiro for inviting me to participate in this prestigious conference. I leant a lot about labor relations and blue growth strategy in the

EU, as well as in Spain. More importantly, I have met many professors and scholars who are experts in public international law, human rights law, labor law, marine law, law of the sea, and even international humanitarian law during the conference. I am grateful for the conversation with them and the opportunity to create this network. I am hopeful that there will be collaboration research project between us in the future.



Other activities with colleagues in Vigo



POTENTIAL FUTURE RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- Call for an article on “Corporative Law in Cambodia” to be submitted to the *Corporative Economic Social*, University of Vigo, No. 39. 2017-2018. Deadline 15 September 2018
- Welcome to submit any related article to *Actas De Derecho Industrial Y Derecho De Author (ADI)* journal, Institute of Industrial Law University of Santiago De Compostela, concerning the Industrial Property, Copyright, and Competition Law in Spain, the European Union, and the International Scene.
- Publish article at DOCKSIDE website
- Potential future collaboration with Prof. Dr. Jaime Cabeza Pereiro, Labor Science Department
- Potential future collaboration with Prof. Dr. Noemi Garcia Gestoso, and Prof. Dr. Aday Jimenez Aleman, specializing in constitutional law, and Dr. Laura Movilla Pateiro, specializing in Public International Law.

CSHL Research Topics Related

- Human rights:
 - Constitutional Law
 - Protecting Labor Rights and Construction Workers
 - Crowd Management: Lessons Learnt from Hong Kong
 - LGBT rights in ASEAN: Cambodia focus
 - Women and Childrens’ rights
 - Gender and Equality
 - Food Security
 - Business & Human Rights
 - Human Rights and Environment
 - Immigration and refugees
- International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law:
 - Acceptance of criminal justice: ECCC perspective
 - The development of the international crimes: ECCC perspective
 - Peacekeeping

Vigo University donated three books to the Library at CSHL:

- Prof. Dr. Jaime Cabeza Pereiro, *Essay on Precarious Work and Vulnerable Persons*, Thomson Reuters, University of Vigo
- *Acts of Industrial Right and Author Right*, Institute of Industrial Law University of Santiago De Compostela, Volume 37, 2016-2017
- *Corporative Economic Social*, No. 38, University of Vigo, 2015-2016.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

Staff mobility provides tremendous mutual benefit and strengthens the cooperation between RULE and Vigo in terms of research collaboration and doctoral degree programs to enhance research quality. This mobility is a platform for Cambodian researchers to engage more in exchange of skill and build more networks in the academic community to expand its research quality, scope, and collaboration for the benefit of the readers, as well as contribute in the society.

Furthermore, the staff mobility of DOCKSIDE project is not only strengthened the cooperation between the partner universities in Cambodia and partner universities in the EU, but also strengthened the cooperation among the universities in the EU. For example, I met two professors from the University of Nantes participating in the conference in at the University of Vigo. More interestingly, staff mobility may also help to bring more communication across the sending/hosting university's faculty.

I personally became more empowered and inspired by the project and am eager to carry the essence of the research for contributing in the society. Therefore, I am strongly encouraged to increase more staff mobility between RULE and universities in the EU. CSHL is happy to arrange and host other EU professors and researchers to visit RULE.

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