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BABSEA CLE Quarterly Newsletter January to March 2014

Dear BABSEA CLE Friends and Supporters,

Happy Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar New Year.

For the past yearly quarter BABSEA CLE, and its many partners, were involved in numerous and successful workshops and events, in the region. This quarterly newsletter is full of articles that were written by, and about, the experiences of hardworking BABSEA CLE members, interns, and partners. It will highlight some of the successful work done, on access to justice, through legal education.

With this newsletter, you will be updated about our many successful activities. These events, among many others, include a workshop, on the essentials of contract drafting, which was hosted by the National University of Laos: the 5th Trio for Justice Pre Trio Diner; an introduction to the Legal Ethics Curriculum; and the National University of Laos opening of its own Legal Consultation Clinic.

Some articles deal with the self-reflections, of our legal fellows, and the reflections of a pro bono lawyer, in residence, and involvement with BABSEA CLE.

We also want to update you on the start of our new, UNDP funded, Further Support for the Development of CLE in Myanmar project as well as our attendance at an International Bar Association workshop in Myanmar focusing on Regional International Bar Association Best Practices.

There are a number of other articles in addition to these that we believe you will value and will help to inform you more about the work we are engaged in.

We hope that you enjoy reading our BABSEA CLE newsletter, from January to March, 2014, which serves as an annual world roundup of BABSEA CLE news, events and reports.

Sincere thanks go to all who supported the success of these events, to those who continuously support the work that BABSEA CLE and its partners do, and to those who work hard, in expanding access to justice. You really make a difference.

The BABSEA CLE Team





The Future for CLE in Myanmar

Bridges Across Borders South East Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEA CLE) and DLA Piper/New Perimeter, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), have just begun a project to provide further support to strengthen the development of CLE programmes with a minimum of 12 of the 18 Myanmar university law departments nationwide. [Read more](#)



National University of Laos Hosts Workshop on Essentials of Contract Drafting

The Faculty of Law & Political Science (FLP), at the National University of Laos and Bridges Across Borders South East Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEA CLE) held a two-day contract drafting workshop, on 13-14 January 2014. [Read more](#)



Reflection of a Pro-Bono Lawyer in Residence

My name is Roseanne Hope, and I am a corporate lawyer from the US, who is on an around-the-world vacation, which includes volunteer work. By using my legal skills, business background and experience in non-profit leadership, I want to give back to the community, and to experience local cultures, as I journey. [Read more](#)



First of its Kind: National University of Laos Opens its Own In-House Legal Consultation Clinic

On the 18th of January 2014, the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Clinical Legal Education (FLP CLE), of the National University of Laos, officially opened the doors of its In-House Legal Consultation Clinic. [Read more](#)



Teaching CLE at Trade Union University Promote yourself to be an Attractive Clinical Legal Educator

In 2012, BABSEA CLE and the United Nations Development Programme



Sweet Legal Movie Under the Stars

Escaping the freezing temperature of Hanoi, during winter, I flew to Chiang Mai, heading to the BABSEA CLE office, to work with our team and volunteers, and to help with the many interesting events that we would organize, during



The Introduction of Legal Education, Pro-Bono, Access to Justice and Professional Responsibility Curriculum in Southeast Asia

For a law student going to university, study different kinds of law, know how to apply these rules into society

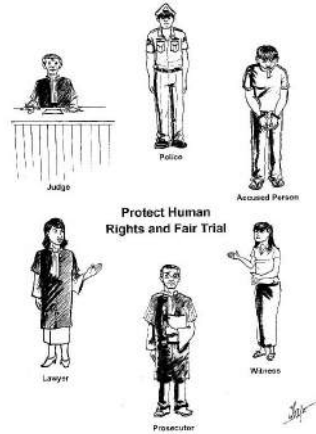
(UNDP) jointly organized and sponsored an overseas CLE lecturer training program, for the purpose of strengthening the development of the Clinical Legal Education (CLE) program, at certain core partner institutions including the Trade Union University's (TUU) Faculty of Law. [Read more.](#)



BABSEA CLE: Volunteering at its Finest

Hello, my name is Jason Bruce, and I am a new volunteer at Bridges Across Borders South East Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEA CLE). I arrived in Chiang Mai, at the beginning of September 2014, as part of the Trent Year Abroad Program (TYAP). Over the first three years of my Bachelor's degree, I learned about the Native Peoples of North America, primarily. [Read more.](#)

that time. [Read more.](#)



Self-Reflection

Over the course of my two-year legal fellowship with BABSEA CLE and CLE Foundation, I've learned students have the ability to bring strength to the community through legal education. [Read more.](#)

cases to support a client's case, always the ultimate goal of perfect, societal product. [Read](#)



National University of Laos Interactive and Informal Workshop on Legal Ethics, Pro Bono Lawyering and Access to Justice

On the 20th-21st of January 2015, the Faculty of Law and Political Science, National University of Laos, in Vientiane, Laos, in partnership with Lux Development and BABSEA CLE Foundation, organized a workshop on Legal Ethics, Pro Bono Lawyering and Access to Justice. [Read more.](#)



The 5th Trio For Justice and Pre Trio Dinner: A Great Success

The 5th Trio For Justice took place on the 12th of January 2014 in Huey Tueng Tao Park in Chiang Mai to raise funds to support clinical legal education and community



The Student Becomes the Teacher

My three week legal clinic with BABSEA-CLE was unlike any other Legal Placement. It took me a few days to get used to BABSEA-CLE's methodology; democratic and flat level leadership and the autonomy and



BABSEA CLE and CLE Foundation Access to Justice Weekend 8th-11th January 2015

BABSEA CLE and CLE Foundation's Access to Justice Weekend will take place during the 8th-11th of January 2015 to raise awareness

empowerment initiatives. [Read more.](#)

as students were given in exercising our duties and tasks. [Read more.](#)

financial and technical support for to justice, clinical legal education, community empowerment initiatives throughout the region. [Read more.](#)



[Justice Without Borders A New Project to Empower Labour Migrants to Pursue Just Compensation Even After Returning Home](#)

BABSEA CLE is proud to sponsor a new initiative that seeks to build effective legal and direct aid networks to support labor migrants who face legal challenges in wealthy host countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Founded by American lawyer and international migration expert Douglas Maclean, BABSEA CLE is fostering the initiative's development into an allied independent organization.

[Read more](#)



[International CLE Experts Lead Innovative Workshop on CLE Methodology for Thai and Laos Lecturers at Khon Kaen University](#)

On the 25th -26th of January 2014, the Faculty of Law at Khon Kaen University organized a workshop on "Incorporating Clinical Legal Education Methods Into Law Course/Teaching". [Read more](#)



[Bringing Clinical Legal Edu Myanmar - A BABSEA C Breakthrough.](#)

For almost two years now BABSEA CLE has had its mind set on expanding its mission into Myanmar. Now at the beginning of 2014, after almost a year of directly helping to assist with the immersion and awareness activities at universities in Myanmar, BABSEA CLE can say that a true national movement has now begun - to start implementing CLE programs throughout Myanmar. [Read more](#)

REGISTER TODAY FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

International Event Coordination Internship
May 26 2014 - August 8 2014

Apply: BabSEA CLE is currently accepting applications for its May 2014-August 2014 Legal Studies Externship and Events Coordination Internship. This is a unique opportunity for a select group of committed individuals with experience in events coordination, community empowerment initiatives, and a strong interest in social justice. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the development of the initiative's development into an allied independent organization.

Make a Difference! As a BABSEA CLE 2014 Legal Studies Externship or Events Coordination Internship you will:

- Gain hands-on experience in legal education and community empowerment initiatives
- Develop your leadership and communication skills
- Work with a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds
- Contribute to the success of the initiative's development into an allied independent organization

What is the City? 3 Days! 3 days of intensive, hands-on experience with the initiative's development into an allied independent organization. This is a unique opportunity for a select group of committed individuals with experience in events coordination, community empowerment initiatives, and a strong interest in social justice. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the development of the initiative's development into an allied independent organization.

How to Apply? To apply please send the following:

- Completed application form
- Resume
- Letter of recommendation
- Two letters of reference
- A portfolio of your work

What Does It Cost? BabSEA CLE does not charge a fee for this program. However, we do require that successful candidates have a minimum of \$500 in their own funds to cover the cost of travel and accommodation during the program.

Who We Are Looking For? BabSEA CLE is looking for individuals who share a strong interest in social justice and community empowerment initiatives, and who have the ability to work effectively in a team. Successful candidates will be responsible for supporting the development of the initiative's development into an allied independent organization.

For more information visit the BABSEA CLE website: [http://www.babseacle.org](#) or contact the BABSEA CLE Executive Director, Douglas Maclean, at maclean@babseacle.org



[3rd Southeast Asia/Asia Pro Bono Conference & Workshop 2014"Creating Vibrant Pro Bono Ecosystems to Strengthen Access to Justice."](#)

The 3rd Southeast Asia/Asia Pro Bono Conference and Workshop will bring together academics, law students, lawyers, judiciary, pro bono



[Looking Forward to "The 6th Justice and 4th Access to J Public Interest Fair"](#)

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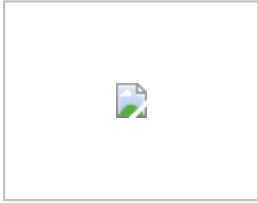
fundraising, community development and outreach, as well as business and law.

[Learn more.](#)

professionals, policy makers, civil society and non-profit representatives to consider the multifarious ways pro bono initiatives can strengthen access to justice in Southeast Asia and internationally. [Learn more](#)

friendly contest that is now in its year.

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