

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NUS Team wins The Copenhagen Competition: Protocol on Climate Change

The NUS Team emerged victorious following the Final Rounds of the Copenhagen Climate Change Competition held on 9 March 2009. The Team, comprising Winston Yien Kiat (Year 3), Choo Zheng Xi (Year 3), Lan Huishan (Year 4) and Dennis Tan Chuin Wei (Year 3) completed two days of preliminary rounds alongside seven other teams and were ranked second going into the Finals.

Also in the Finals were Australian National University, New York University and the University of Cape Town. The four teams that did not make it to the Finals were the University of Copenhagen, University of California Berkeley, Gujarat National Law University and Universidad de Chile.

The NUS Team presented a poster detailing the terms of the protocol at the IARU Climate Conference and also to the Prime Minister of Denmark Anders Fogh Rasmussen who presented the Team with the Winner's Diploma.



From Left to Right: Prime Minister of Denmark Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Ms Lan Huishan, Mr Dennis Tan Chuin Wei, Mr Winston Yien Kiat, Mr Choo Zhengxi, and Assistant Professor Lim Lei Theng

About The Copenhagen Competition: Protocol on Climate Change

The University of Copenhagen organised the "The Copenhagen Competition" in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (Conference of the Parties 15) in Copenhagen, Denmark, scheduled to take place in December 2009. The replacement protocol for the Kyoto Protocol will be negotiated at the Conference.

The Competition gave law students from various law schools around the world the opportunity to negotiate the Copenhagen Protocol before the actual Conference.

The final result of the Competition - the draft text - would hopefully inspire governments all over the world in their negotiations at the COP15. At the same time, the Competition also saw the top law students advance their individual and collective scholarship in areas of critical legal analysis of the treaties they drafted, negotiation abilities and team work.