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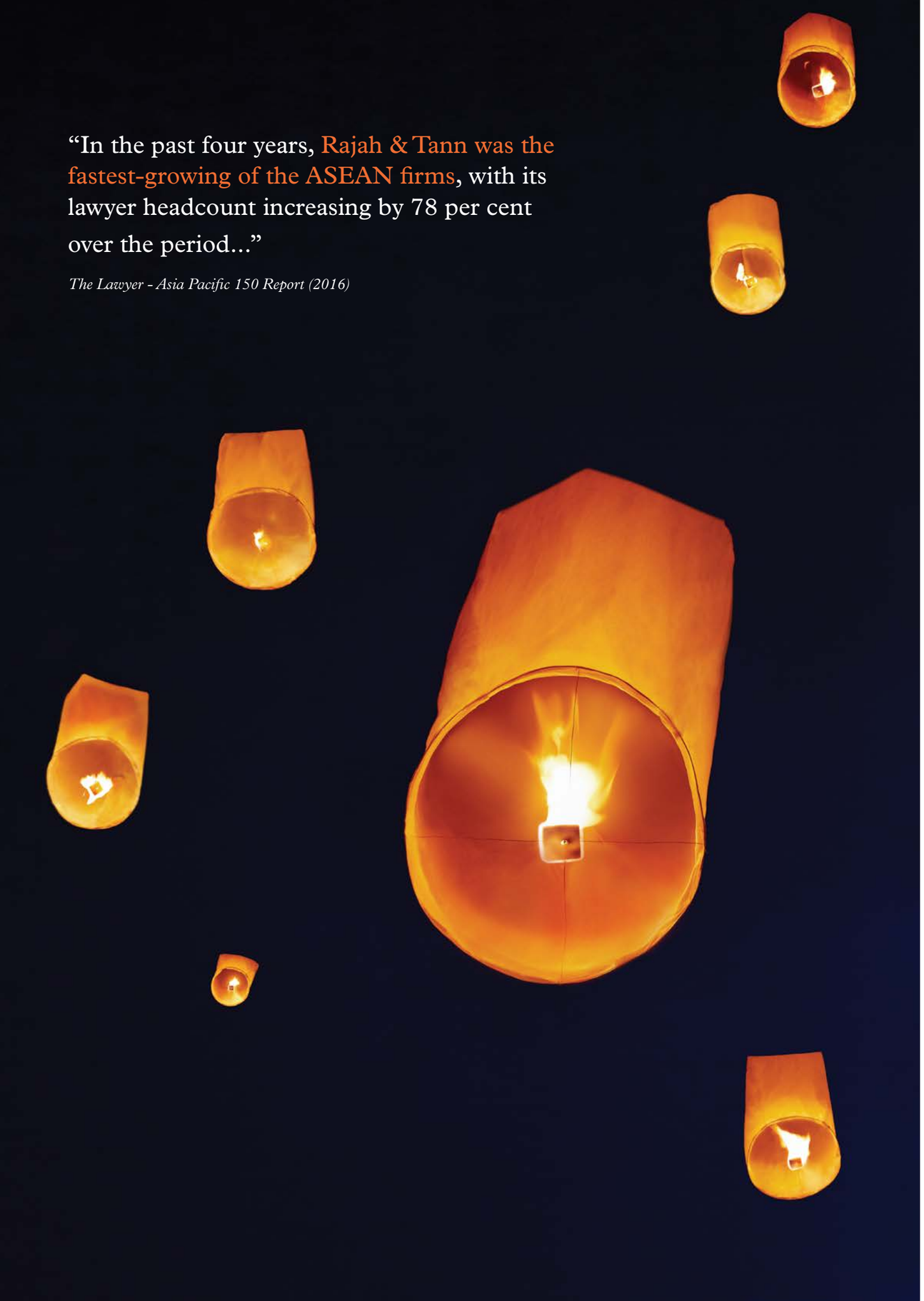

"In the past four years, Rajah & Tann was the fastest-growing of the ASEAN firms, with its lawyer headcount increasing by 78 per cent over the period..."

The Lawyer - Asia Pacific 150 Report (2016)

Foreword

We are very proud and excited to present the inaugural edition of our Year In Review series. It is a compendium of some of the highlights, achievements and activities of Rajah & Tann Asia in 2016. This was the year that our network of firms really came together, and matured and integrated into one team of 650 legal professionals operating throughout South East Asia. We are also happy to find an excellent member firm in the Philippines (C&G Law). We hope this publication gives a quick insight into Rajah & Tann Asia in 2016 - the quality, energy, ethos and optimism of our people, our spirit and identity, and why we are the best home team for legal work in this part of the world.

Lee Eng Beng, Senior Counsel
Chairman, Rajah & Tann Asia

Ten countries, one team.
Here to give you, home advantage.

CAMBODIA

R&T Sok & Heng Law Office

Based in Phnom Penh, R&T Sok & Heng is one of Cambodia's most highly regarded full service law firms, serving local and international clients, and extensively involved in local and cross-border transactions.

CHINA

Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP Shanghai Representative Office

Lawyers in Rajah & Tann Shanghai work closely with a strong Singapore-based China practice group to provide high quality legal services for all transactions in connection with China.

INDONESIA

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners

Based in Jakarta, Assegaf Hamzah & Partners has established itself as a major force locally and regionally, and is ranked as a top-tier firm in many practice areas.

LAO PDR

Rajah & Tann (Laos) Sole Co., Ltd.

Based in Vientiane, Rajah & Tann Laos is helmed by lawyers with experience in Laotian laws, and is able to advise clients planning to invest in Lao PDR.

MALAYSIA

Christopher & Lee Ong

Based in Kuala Lumpur, Christopher & Lee Ong is one of Malaysia's respected law firms, led by a team of senior partners who have accumulated considerable experience over the years.

MYANMAR

Rajah & Tann NK Legal Myanmar Company Limited

Based in Yangon, Rajah & Tann NK Legal is a long established firm with Myanmar-qualified lawyers, experienced in handling the challenges presented by their country's fast-developing legal and regulatory framework.

PHILIPPINES

Gatmaytan Yap Patacsil Gutierrez & Protacio (C&G Law)

Based in Makati City, C&G Law is one of the fastest growing and most dynamic firms in the Philippines today, and is the trusted partner and go-to firm of choice for many conglomerates and fast growing organisations.

SINGAPORE

Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Rajah & Tann Singapore has grown to be one of the largest full service law firms in Singapore, providing high quality advice to an impressive list of clients. The firm has over 300 lawyers, many ranked among the very best in their specialist practice areas.

THAILAND

R&T Asia (Thailand) Limited

Based in Bangkok, R&T Asia (Thailand) is a well-regarded full-service firm, providing local and international clients with advice of the highest quality, right across the commercial spectrum.

VIETNAM

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers

Based in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers is one of Vietnam's leading full service law firms, providing high quality legal advice to a wide range of multinational and local clients.

Staying ahead of the game
Trailblazing across the region

ASEAN

Most Innovative Asean Law Firm

FT Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyers Awards (2016)

CAMBODIA

"Outstanding" & "Highly Recommended" in Cambodia

Asialaw Profiles (2017)

CHINA

Entertainment & Sports Law Firm of the Year in China

China Business Law Awards (2016)

Legal Advisor for PRC Embassy

Formally appointed in March 2016

INDONESIA

National Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia

Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards (2016)

Tier 1 in Indonesia

Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017), The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2017), and IFLR1000 (2017)

LAO PDR

Leading Firm in Lao PDR

Chambers Asia Pacific (2017) and IFLR1000 (2017)

MALAYSIA

Tier 1 in Malaysia

Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017) and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2017)

"Outstanding" in Malaysia

Asialaw Profiles (2017)

MYANMAR

Ranked in all practice areas of IFLR1000 in Myanmar

IFLR1000 (2017)

SINGAPORE

Best Domestic Arbitration Firm of the Year

Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards (2016)

Tier 1 in Singapore

Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017), The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2017), and IFLR1000 (2017)

THAILAND

Most Responsive International Firm of the Year
Capital Markets Firm of the Year
Employment Firm of the Year

Asian-Mena Counsel - In-House Community Firms of the Year (2016)

VIETNAM

Tier 1 in Vietnam

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2017)

"Highly Recommended" in Vietnam

Asialaw Profiles (2017)

Awards & Accolades

ASIA-PACIFIC

Award:

The Most Innovative Law Firm in ASEAN
FT Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyers Awards (2016)

Rankings:

Arbitration (International)
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)
Chambers Global (2016)

International Trade/WTO in South-East Asia
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)
Chambers Global (2016)

Regional International Arbitration
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

CAMBODIA

Rankings:

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Construction & Real Estate
Corporate/M&A
Energy & Natural Resources
Insurance
Labour & Employment
Project & Infrastructure
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

General Business Law
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)
Chambers Global (2016)

Energy and Infrastructure
Financial and Corporate
IFLR1000 (2017)

CHINA

Awards:

Entertainment & Sports Law Firm of the Year
China Business Law Awards (2016)

China Deals of the Year: Disputes and Investigations

China Deals of the Year: Deals in China

China Deals of the Year: Overseas Deals
China Business Law Journal Deals of the Year (2016)

INDIA

Award:

India Deal of the Year
India Business Law Journal Deals of the Year (2016)

Rankings:

Corporate/M&A (International Firms - India) (Expertise Based Abroad)
Chambers Global (2016)

INDONESIA

Awards:

Indonesia National Law Firm of the Year
Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards (2016)

Maritime Law Firm of the Year

Debt Market Deal of the Year
ALB Indonesia Law Awards (2016)

Rankings:

Tier 1 in M&A
ALB M&A Rankings (2016)

Patents and Trademarks/ Copyrights
ALB IP Rankings (2016)

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Competition & Antitrust
Construction & Real Estate
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution
Energy & Natural Resources
Labour & Employment
Shipping, Maritime & Aviation
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Competition/Antitrust
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution
Employment
Intellectual Property
Projects & Energy
Real Estate
Telecommunications
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)

Capital Markets
Corporate/M&A
Projects & Energy
Chambers Global (2016)

INDONESIA

Rankings:

Banking
Capital Markets
Energy and Infrastructure
M&A
Project Finance
Restructuring and Insolvency
IFLR1000 (2017)

Aviation
Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Corporate and M&A
Dispute Resolution
Employment
Intellectual Property
IT and Telecoms
Projects & Energy
Real Estate
Restructuring & Insolvency
Shipping
Tax
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

LAO PDR

Rankings:

General Business Law
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)
Chambers Global (2016)

Energy and Infrastructure
IFLR1000 (2017)

Leading Firm
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

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Clients praise the firm for its "superb knowledge and commercial sense in providing solutions, the partners are easily accessible, they are good value for money, provide high quality work and are responsive to client needs".

IFLR1000 (2017)

MALAYSIA

Rankings:

Patents and Trademarks/ Copyrights
ALB IP Rankings 2016

M&A
ALB M&A Rankings 2016

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Construction & Real Estate
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution & Litigation
Energy & Natural Resources
IT, Telco & Media
Private Equity
Project & Infrastructure
Shipping, Maritime & Aviation
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

Banking & Finance
Corporate/M&A
Projects, Infrastructure & Energy
Shipping
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)

Banking & Finance
Corporate/M&A
Chambers Global (2016)

MALAYSIA

Rankings:

Banking and Finance
Capital Markets
Energy
Infrastructure
M&A
Oil and Gas
IFLR1000 (2017)

Banking and Finance
Corporate and M&A
Dispute Resolution
Intellectual Property
Labour and Employment
Projects and Energy
Real Estate and Construction
Shipping
TMT
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

MYANMAR

Rankings:

Corporate/M&A
Energy & Natural Resources
Project & Infrastructure
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

General Business Law
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)
Chambers Global (2016)

Energy and Infrastructure
Financial and Corporate
IFLR1000 (2017)

Corporate and M&A
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

SINGAPORE

Awards:

Best Domestic Arbitration Firm of the Year
Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards (2016)

Finance Deal of the Year: Project Finance
The Asian Lawyer's Asia Legal Awards (2016)

Rankings:

World's Top 100 International Arbitration Practice
Global Arbitration Review 100 (2016)

World's Top 100 Cross-border Investigations Practices
Global Investigations Review 100 (2016)

Elite Category for Competition
Global Competition Review 100 (2016)

Tier 1 in M&A
ALB M&A Rankings (2016)

Patents and Trademarks/ Copyrights
ALB IP Rankings (2016)

Contentious / Patent Copyright / Patent Prosecution / Trade Mark Contentious / Trade Mark Prosecution
Managing IP Stars (2016)

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Competition & Antitrust
Construction & Real Estate
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution & Litigation
Energy & Natural Resources
Financial Services Regulatory
Insurance
Intellectual Property
Investment Funds
IT, Telco & Media
Labour & Employment
Private Equity
Project & Infrastructure
Restructuring & Insolvency
Shipping, Maritime & Aviation
Taxation
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

SINGAPORE

Rankings:

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Capital Markets: Securitisation & Derivatives
Competition/Antitrust
Construction
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution: Arbitration
Dispute Resolution: Litigation
Employment
Insurance
Intellectual Property
Investment Funds
Projects & Energy
Real Estate
Restructuring/Insolvency
Shipping
Tax
Technology, Media, Telecoms
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution: Arbitration
Dispute Resolution: Litigation
Projects & Energy
Shipping
Chambers Global (2016)

Private Wealth Law
Chambers HNW Guide (2017)

Banking and Finance
Capital Markets
Energy & Infrastructure
M&A
Restructuring and Insolvency
IFLR1000 (2017)

Antitrust and Competition
Banking and Finance
Capital Markets
Construction
Corporate and M&A
Dispute Resolution
Employment
Financial Services Regulatory
Intellectual Property
International Arbitration
Investment Funds
Private Wealth
Projects and Energy
Real Estate
Restructuring and Insolvency
Shipping
Tax
TMT
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

THAILAND

Rankings:

M&A
ALB M&A Rankings (2016)

Banking & Finance
Competition & Antitrust
Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution & Litigation
IT, Telco & Media
Labour & Employment
Shipping, Maritime & Aviation
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

Banking & Finance
Dispute Resolution
Technology, Media, Telecoms
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)

Banking & Finance
Chambers Global (2016)

Banking and Finance
IFLR1000 (2017)

Banking and Finance
Corporate and M&A (including capital markets)
Dispute Resolution
TMT
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

VIETNAM

Rankings:

M&A
ALB M&A Rankings 2016

Banking & Finance
Construction & Real Estate
Corporate/M&A
IT, Telco & Media
Project & Infrastructure
Asialaw Profiles (2017)

Corporate/M&A
Dispute Resolution
Projects, Infrastructure & Energy
Technology, Media, Telecoms
Chambers Asia-Pacific (2017)

Corporate/M&A
Projects, Infrastructure & Energy
Chambers Global (2016)

Banking and Finance
Energy and Infrastructure
M&A
IFLR1000 (2017)

Banking and Finance
Corporate and M&A
Dispute Resolution
Insurance
Intellectual Property
Labour and Employment
Projects and Energy
Real Estate and Construction
Shipping
Tax
TMT
The Legal 500 - Asia Pacific (2017)

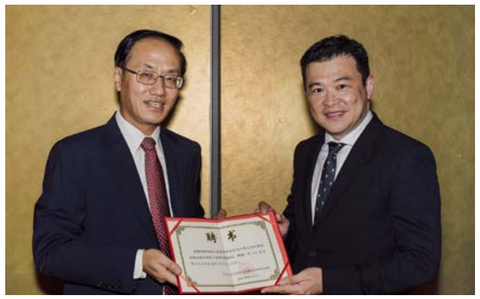
Rajah & Tann
In the Spotlight

In our constant pursuit of legal innovation and service excellence, our lawyers have received widespread recognition by industry experts.

FEBRUARY

Rajah & Tann Singapore's Aleksandar Georgiev awarded Best Speaker Prize

Associate, Aleksandar Georgiev, stood out at the Essex Court Chambers-SAL International Mooting Competition which fielded young lawyers from Australia, Brunei, India, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and South Korea.



MARCH

Rajah & Tann Singapore appointed Legal Advisor of PRC Embassy in Singapore

This is the first time that the PRC Embassy in Singapore has formally appointed a legal adviser and it comes on the back of growing bilateral trade and investments between Singapore and China.

MARCH

Rajah & Tann Singapore to offer one-stop service to combat and prevent data breaches

Rajah & Tann Singapore will be collaborating with technical/forensic specialists to provide a one-stop service for companies looking to prevent and respond to data breaches.

APRIL

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners and Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers recognised as "Employer of Choice"

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners and Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers have been recognised as two of Asia's best law firms to work for by Asian Legal Business (ALB).

APRIL

Rajah & Tann Singapore's lawyers named the World's Leading Young Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers

Partners, Low Poh Ling and Mark Cheng were featured amongst 40 of the world's leading restructuring specialists, aged 40 and under in the inaugural edition of the Global Restructuring Review (GRR).

MAY

Lawyers from Rajah & Tann Asia's Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand member firms recognised as Commended Counsel

Evaluated by industry veterans, Partners, Christopher Lee (Malaysia), Cheng Yoke Ping (Singapore), Kala Anandarajah (Singapore), Mark Cheng (Singapore), and Sui Lin Teoh (Thailand) received recognition at the Asia-MENA Counsel's In-House Community Counsels of the Year Awards.

MAY

Rajah & Tann Singapore's Paul Tan clinched "Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the Year" awarded by the Junior Chamber International (JCI)

The award formally recognises young people who excel in their chosen fields and create positive change.

MAY

Rajah & Tann Singapore's Lau Kok Keng named a World Intellectual Property Review (WIPR) Leader

The esteemed accolade is awarded based on a poll of over 15,000 in-house counsel and practice attorneys.

JUNE

Rajah & Tann Singapore won the "Most Innovative Law Firm in ASEAN" award

Rajah & Tann Singapore beat over 40 shortlisted firms to emerge winner in the coveted category at the 2016 Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards Asia.

JUNE

Rajah & Tann Singapore appoints Rebecca Chew as Deputy Managing Partner

Rebecca will oversee Rajah & Tann Singapore's operations, while Patrick Ang, who is also Deputy Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Rajah & Tann Asia's Regional Management Council, will spend more time on the firm's fast-growing regional network.

JUNE

41 partners from Rajah & Tann Singapore recognised in Best Lawyers International (2017)

Additionally, Partner Rajesh Sreenivasan was presented with the "Best Lawyer of the Year" award.

asialaw LEADING LAWYERS

AUGUST

30 partners across Rajah & Tann Asia recognised in Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2016

Partners from Rajah & Tann Asia's Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore member firms were identified as leading practitioners based on surveys and interviews from peers and clients.

SEPTEMBER

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners won "National Law Firm of the Year" award for Indonesia. Rajah & Tann Singapore named "Best Domestic Arbitration Firm of the Year", Partner Paul Tan clinched "Disputes Star of the Year" award

With a total of three awards, Rajah & Tann Asia has emerged the leader among home grown Asian firms at the 2016 awards.

OCTOBER

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners named Maritime Law Firm of the Year

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners was named "Maritime Law Firm of the Year" and awarded "Debt Market Deal of the Year" at the Asian Legal Business Indonesia Law Awards 2016.

NOVEMBER

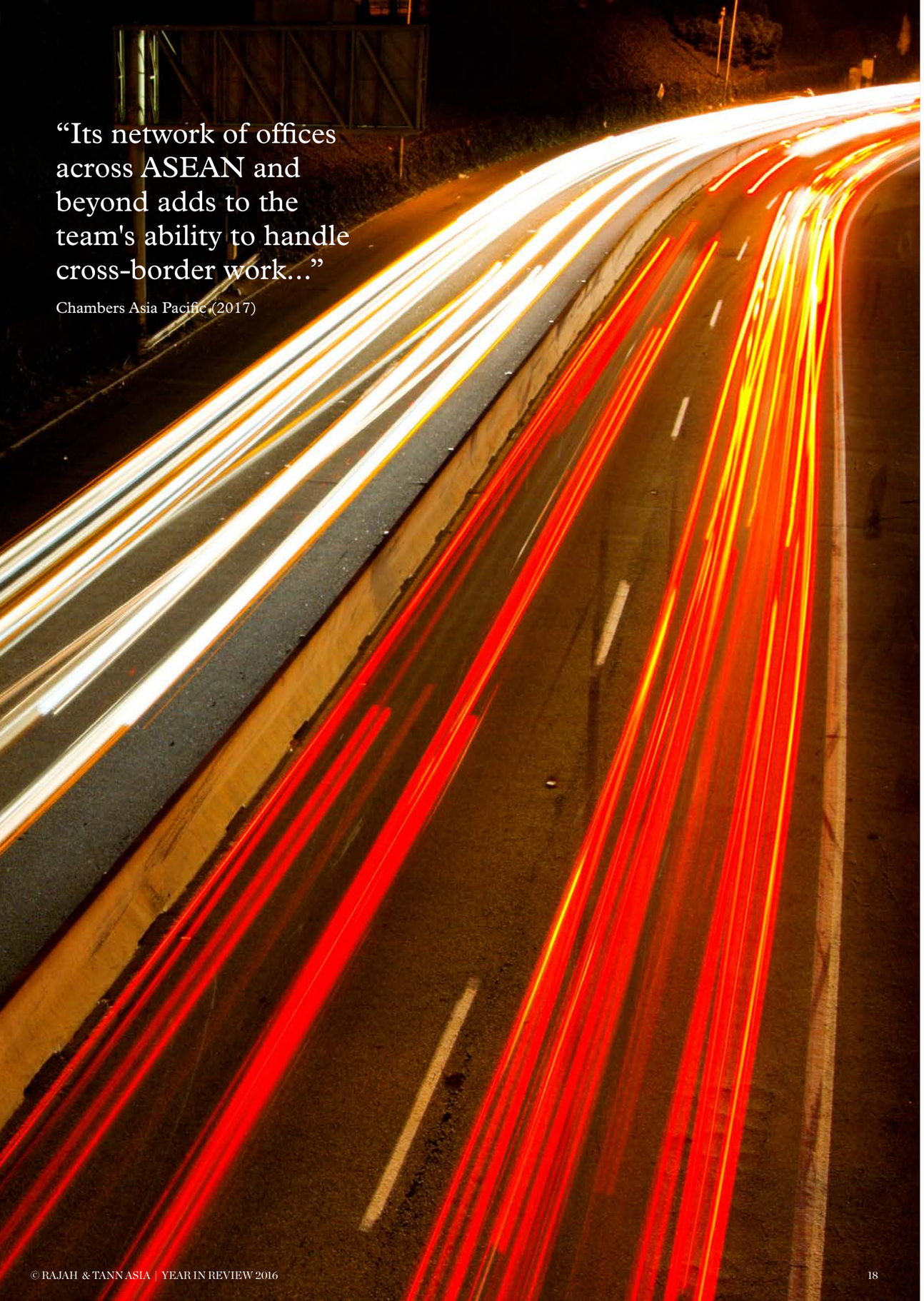
Rajah & Tann Singapore's Gregory Vijayendran named President of The Law Society of Singapore for 2017

Gregory is first non-Senior Counsel to helm the governing team in more than a decade.

DECEMBER

Ten partners from Rajah & Tann Singapore named in Singapore Business Review's (SBR) 40 and Under Most Influential Lawyers 2016 Report

This report identifies Singapore's top lawyers who are thought leaders with the potential to guide future directions, influencers with organisational leadership and promising in their respective fields.



"Its network of offices across ASEAN and beyond adds to the team's ability to handle cross-border work..."

Chambers Asia Pacific (2017)

Breaking new ground as we navigate the legal landscape in Asia

CHINA

S$786 million acquisition of China Minzhong Food

Acted for acquiror, Marvellous Glory Holdings Limited.

SINGAPORE

Merger to create the world's largest natural rubber supply chain manager

Acted for Sinochem International in the S$847.7 million merger of GMG Global and Halcyon Agri.

INDONESIA

Largest Asian USD Sukuk transaction - US$2.5 billion Wakala Sukuk

Represented Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III in the US$2.5 billion dual tranche sukuk issued by the Indonesia government.

MALAYSIA

World's largest rubber glove maker, Top Glove Corporation Bhd's secondary listing on the SGX

Acted as Malaysian counsels for Top Glove Corporation Bhd in its secondary listing by way of introduction on the Main Board of the SGX.

VIETNAM

Mapletree's Acquisition of Kumho Asiana Plaza Saigon

Acted for Mapletree Investments in its US$15 million acquisition of Kumho Asiana Plaza Saigon, a mixed-used complex located in Ho Chi Minh City's central business district.

MALAYSIA

RM40 billion development of Tun Razak Exchange

Primary legal advisor to TRX City (formerly "1MDB Real Estate Sdn Bhd") on projects and infrastructure aspects relating to TRX City (a 70-acre development in the heart of Kuala Lumpur).

INDONESIA

First utitilites company to go public in Indonesia

Advised PT Cikarang Listrindo, an Indonesian independent power producer, on its US$275 million IPO.

MYANMAR

Advised the sale of BG Group's businesses in Myanmar to Shell as part of its global US$53 billion transaction

SINGAPORE

Largest insolvency case in 2016 involving collapse of Hanjin Shipping Co

Acting for the Port of Singapore Authority in a landmark ruling where the High Court exercised its inherent jurisdiction to recognise a foreign rehabilitation order and render assistance.

THAILAND

Representing the State Railway Authority of Thailand in relation to the Thai-Chinese High Speed Railway Project

The first phase of a planned high-speed railway project will cost 179 billion baht and the 873 km rail line will link Thailand's border with Laos to the ports and industrial zones in Thailand's east.

SINGAPORE

One of the most significant and high profile judicial management cases in recent years - Swiber's judicial management

Advising the Judicial Managers of Swiber Holdings Limited and Swiber Offshore Construction Pte Ltd.

PHILIPPINES

Representing the Republic of the Philippines in defending US$15 billion claims by major oil companies

Acting for the Philippines Government in defending US$15 billion claims by two major oil companies in relation to a petroleum exploration and production service contract in the Philippines.

SINGAPORE

Most high profile enforcement action taken by the PDPC

Successfully acted for Xiaomi in resolving the PDPC's concerns relating to its cloud messaging service.

MALAYSIA

Janakuasa's US$2.1 billion power plant project in Vietnam

Advising Janakuasa Sdn Bhd on the development, construction and operation of a 1200mw coal fired power plant on a BOT basis.

VIETNAM

First foray by Canadian insurance firm into the Vietnam market

Acted for Fairfax Asia, the insurance arm of Canada's Fairfax Financial Holdings, in its acquisition of stake in BIDV Insurance.

SINGAPORE

First non-REIT and first technology IPO on the SGX in 2016

Procurri Corporation's IPO - Advising DBS Bank Ltd. as solicitors to the issue manager, bookrunner and underwriter.

THAILAND

Successfully representing Semperit Group in arbitration proceedings

Representing the Semperit Group in (i) obtaining one final and one partial award in ICC arbitration proceedings against Sri Trang Agro Industry Public Company Limited in ICC arbitration proceedings; (ii) obtaining one partial award against Siam Sempermed Corporation Limited in ICC arbitration proceedings; and (iii) in obtaining seven court judgments (three procedural and four on merit) in various civil courts in Thailand.

CAMBODIA

Initial Public Offering of Phnom Penh SEZ Plc. on the Cambodia Securities Exchange

Acting for Phnom Penh SEZ Plc.

VIETNAM

Mizuho Asia Partners investment in Vietnamese choco pie maker

Acted for private equity firm, Mizuho Asia Partners in acquiring a majority stake in Pham Nguyen Confectionary.

MYANMAR

Proposed bid for the largest whiskey producer in Myanmar

Advised Emperador on the proposed bid for Myanmar Distillery, the largest whiskey producer in Myanmar.

SINGAPORE

US$683 million acquisition of SunEdison Semiconductor by GlobalWafers Co.

Acting for SunEdison Semiconductor Limited.

VIETNAM

Kajima's Acquisition of Indochina Riverside Towers

Acted for Kajima in its acquisition of Indochina Riverside Towers, a prominent mixed-used complex in Da Nang, Vietnam.

CAMBODIA

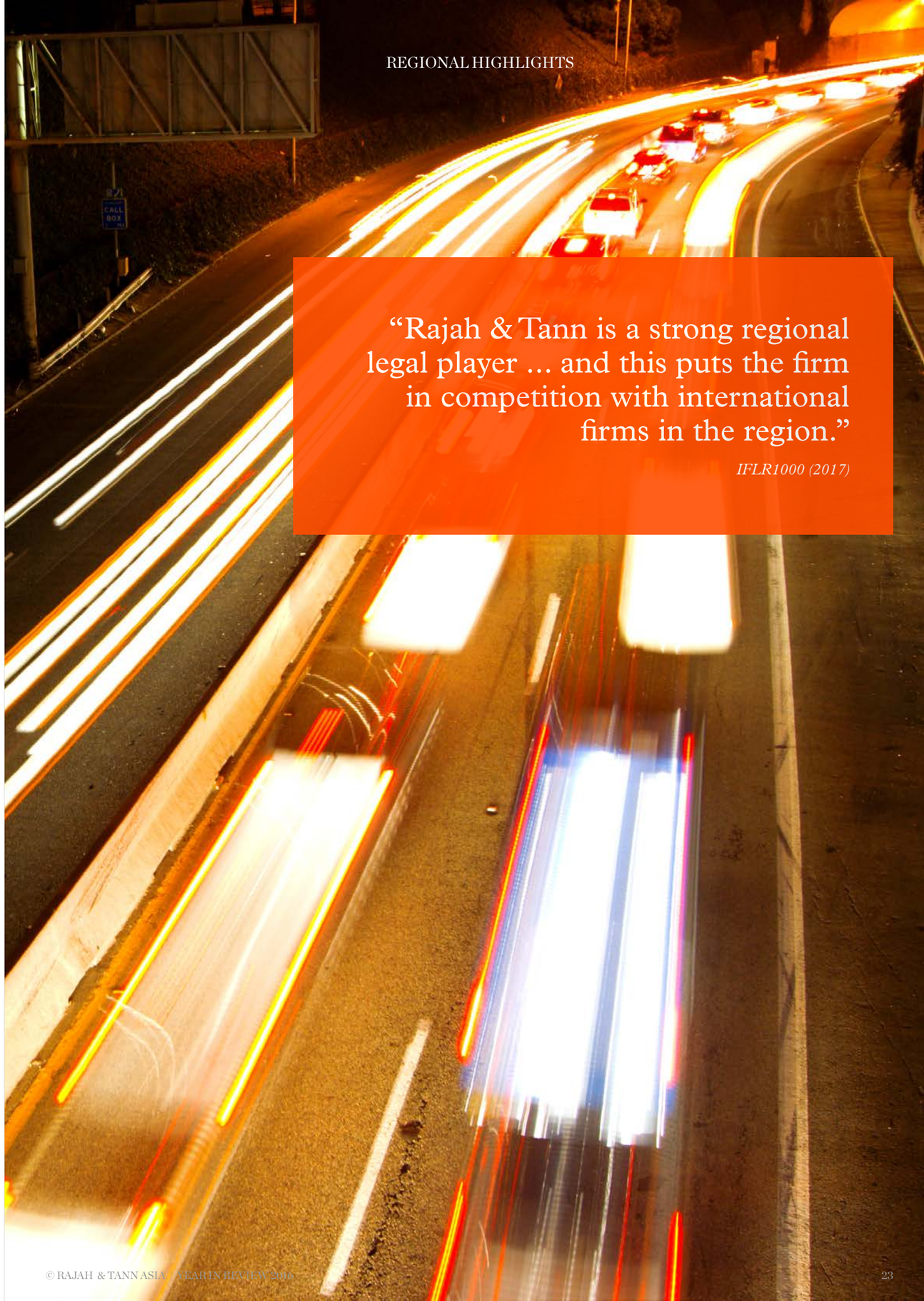
US$20 million refinancing of Donaco International's working capital provided by Mega International Commercial Bank

Advised Donaco International Limited.

SINGAPORE

First case in Singapore where punitive damages have been awarded for breach of contract

Acted successfully for the plaintiff Airtrust (Hong Kong) against contractor PH Hydraulics & Engineering.



"Rajah & Tann is a strong regional legal player ... and this puts the firm in competition with international firms in the region."

IFLR1000 (2017)

Leading discussions on issues that matter

As a leading ASEAN network, we are constantly evolving with the region, keeping abreast of developments around us, and driving discussions and conversations in our areas of expertise.

1 seminar every 9 days

Frequency of seminars organised by Rajah & Tann Asia

Hosted events in 10 countries

Spoke in 21 countries

Rajah & Tann lawyers shared their expertise around the world

350 events

Participated in over 350 conferences and seminars

Over 2,200 participants

Over 2,200 attendees at Rajah & Tann events

JANUARY

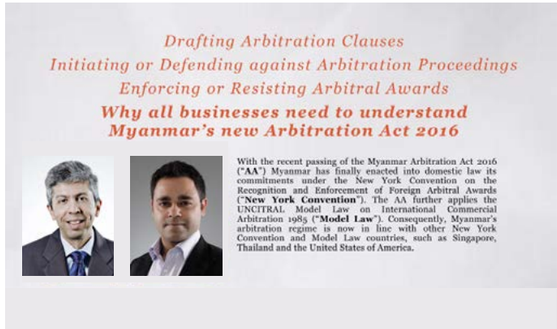
The Philippine Competition Act in the ASEAN Context

Rajah & Tann Asia, together with Gatmaytan Yap Patacsil Gutierrez & Protacio (C&G Law) and Abad Alcantara Acero Law (AAA Law), and trade advisory firm TA Trade Advisors, co-organised the 'The Philippine Competition Act in the ASEAN Context' conference in Manila.

MARCH

Why all businesses need to understand Myanmar's new Arbitration Act 2016?

Jainil Bhandari, Co-head of Rajah & Tann's Myanmar Practice, and Avinash Pradhan, Partner of Rajah & Tann Asia (Singapore and Malaysia) shared their expertise on the subject and offered practical arbitration tips for businesses operating in Myanmar.



Drafting Arbitration Clauses
Initiating or Defending against Arbitration Proceedings
Enforcing or Resisting Arbitral Awards
Why all businesses need to understand Myanmar's new Arbitration Act 2016

With the recent passing of the Myanmar Arbitration Act 2016 ("**AA**") Myanmar has finally enacted into domestic law its commitments under the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards ("**New York Convention**"). The AA further applies the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration 1985 ("**Model Law**"). Consequently, Myanmar's arbitration regime is now in line with other New York Convention and Model Law countries, such as Singapore, Thailand and the United States of America.

MAY

ASEAN Conference 2016

Rajah & Tann Asia, RSM and UOB held the ASEAN Conference 2016 entitled "New Mindsets, Right Strategies, Effective Collaborations", attended by government officials, prominent ASEAN speakers and business leaders who also touched on timely policy and business updates.

JUNE

Securities Market: A Path towards Growing Business in Cambodia

Partner Tiv Sophonnora from R&T Sok & Heng Law Office was a moderator during a discussion on "Sources of Funding and Its Contribution to Growing Business" at a public conference hosted by the Cambodia Securities Exchange.

JUNE

FIDIC Contracts in Vietnam

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers, in conjunction with UCCI, held a series of seminars in relation to FIDIC Contracts and their application in various construction agreements. Partner Pham Manh Dzung of R&T LCT Lawyers, together with Partners Soh Lip San and Sim Chee Song of Rajah & Tann Singapore, shared their extensive knowledge of FIDIC Contracts.

JULY

Japan Desk - Practical Issues of Joint Venture Agreements and Dispute Resolution

Partners Vikram Nair, Terence Quek and Shuhei Otsuka from Rajah & Tann Singapore conducted a talk for Japanese companies based in Singapore to discuss unforeseen issues faced in joint ventures.

AUGUST

Economics and Competition Law in Malaysia: Going beyond A B C to 1 2 3 - Structuring Your Business in a Competition Friendly Manner

Organised by the American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce, Rajah & Tann Asia, and PwC Malaysia, Partner Kuok Yew Chen from Christopher & Lee Ong, Chief Economic and Policy Advisor at Rajah & Tann Singapore, Tanya Tang, and Patrick Tay, Executive Director of PwC Malaysia, presented on Economics and Competition Law.

SEPTEMBER

In-House Congress Singapore 2016

Partner Steve Tan from Rajah & Tann Singapore, conducted a workshop on Data Security Challenges at the 17th installment of the annual In-House Congress Singapore 2016. The workshop took a closer look at the implications faced by businesses in the wake of a burgeoning reliance on technology and push towards the monetisation of data.

OCTOBER

Risk and Returns: Investing in Indonesia

Rajah & Tann Asia organised a seminar aimed to help attendees understand the current macro-economic situation, obtain an update on foreign direct investment regulations, and gain insights into navigating any potential legal uncertainties when investing in Indonesia.
The seminar included speakers from Rajah & Tann Singapore, Assegaf Hamzah & Partners, International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, Bank Indonesia, Singapore Representative Office, and The Indonesian Investment Promotion Centre (IIPC) Singapore.

NOVEMBER

Malaysia: Renewable Energy in Malaysia – How Foreigners may Invest

Philippines: The Duterte Administration's Policies on the PPP Sector

Rajah & Tann Asia brought together experienced lawyers, Christopher Lee, Senior Partner of Christopher & Lee Ong, and Jim Gatmaytan, Managing Partner of C&G Law, to provide an overview of the renewable energy sector in Malaysia, and to discuss Duterte administration's policy on infrastructure projects under the PPP framework in the Philippines.

DECEMBER

Turn the Tide through Internationalisation for Local SMEs in Singapore

Rajah & Tann Asia's Business Fundamentals group conducted a legal workshop in conjunction with the Google Go Global "Turn the Tide through Internationalisation for Local SMEs" at Google Singapore's newly opened location. The legal workshop gave participants some crucial insights on the drafting of Licensing and Franchising Agreements to commercialise valuable Intellectual Property assets and best practices to handle legal disputes.

Reaching Out From the Heart

CAMBODIA

Kampong Plok High School

R&T Sok & Heng Law Office went to Kampong Plok High School, the only high school in the Floating Village in Siem Reap Province and is accessible only by boat. A handful of students are enrolled but a low percentage graduate as many quit school due to poor family conditions. Hundreds of textbooks and materials such as notebooks and stationery were distributed to the students. Books for the school library were also donated.

Image Source: www.probonoforum.org/asia

INDONESIA

Forum - Building Pro Bono Momentum in Indonesia

For the first time in five years, the three different bar associations in Indonesia agreed to be on the same stage for the Forum's panel discussion on "Growing Pro Bono in Indonesia". Managing Partner of Assegaf Hamzah & Partners, Ahmad Fikri Assegaf participated in the forum to address the implementation of a system of mandatory pro-bono work for Indonesian lawyers.

INDONESIA

Cugenang Gifted School

HMBC Rikrik Rizkiyana, a Partner from Assegaf Hamzah & Partners, is the Founder and Chairman of Advisory Board of the Cugenang Gifted School in Indonesia. The Cugenang Gifted School, located in Cianjur, West Java is the first of its kind in Indonesia which provides free education to gifted children from needy families.

MALAYSIA

Lighthouse Children Welfare Home

Christopher & Lee Ong threw a party for the children of the Lighthouse Children Welfare Home Association Kuala Lumpur and Selangor. The home provides a safe environment for the children, all of whom come from poverty and some from homes with addiction and abuse.

MALAYSIA

Little Sisters of the Poor Home

Christopher & Lee Ong donated a hypertension vital signs monitor to the Little Sisters of the Poor Home in Kuala Lumpur. The home provides the neediest elderly of all races and religions a place where they can live out the last years of their lives with dignity and comfort.

DAW KHIN KYI FOUNDATION

MYANMAR

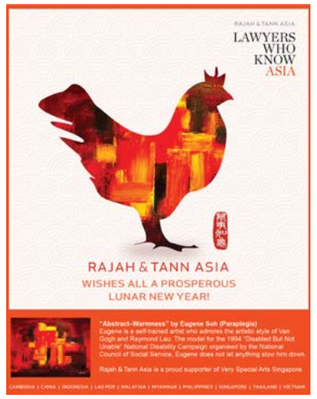
Daw Khin Kyi Foundation

Rajah & Tann NK Legal, through Managing Partner, U Nyein Kyaw, made a donation to the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation which was established by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to promote living standards of the people of the country, focusing its attention especially on the needs of Myanmar's least developed areas.

SINGAPORE

Migrant Workers Awareness Week

Rajah & Tann Singapore is proud to support the Migrant Workers Awareness Week (MWAW), an initiative launched by students from the National University of Singapore and Yale-NUS to bridge the gap between local and migrant communities. The event brought together over 100 migrant workers and more than 300 students and members of the public.



SINGAPORE

Rajah & Tann Asia Festive Greetings in support of Very Special Arts Singapore

Rajah & Tann Asia featured artwork from Very Special Arts Singapore in the network's Christmas and Lunar New Year greetings. Very Special Arts Singapore is a charity organisation dedicated to providing opportunities for people with disabilities to be involved in the arts.

SINGAPORE

WYCA's Weekend Sustenance Packing

Lawyers and staff of Rajah & Tann Singapore and their families helped with packing and distribution of dry rations to needy families supported by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

SINGAPORE

Football With A Heart

Rajah & Tann Singapore lawyers and practice trainees took part in a friendly five-a-side football tournament, Football With A Heart ("FWAH"), held at the National Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub. FWAH is an annual football fundraising event participated in by corporate teams from various industries.

SINGAPORE

Willing Hearts

Around 30 lawyers and staff of Rajah & Tann Singapore experienced the joy of volunteering at the Willing Hearts' soup kitchen which feeds over 5,000 needy and underprivileged families across Singapore.

SINGAPORE

The Red Pencil

Rajah & Tann Singapore held a fundraising cocktail reception with The Red Pencil, an arts therapy humanitarian organisation serving children and families locally and internationally. The Arts for a Cause event drew arts aficionados and philanthropists keen on aiding The Red Pencil's efforts for children and families.

THAILAND

AmCham / Fed Ex Career Camp

Lawyers from Rajah & Tann's Thailand office volunteered their time to participate in the mock interview session organised by AmCham for its 90 university scholarship students. The event was organised to assist students to prepare for the job market. It was also the first time many of the students had experienced interviews in the English language.

VIETNAM

ULAW Career Day

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers is a proud sponsor of the “ULAW Career Day 2016”. The firm’s senior lawyers conducted on-campus interviews with student applicants, while Managing Partner, Chau Huy Quang, delivered an insightful presentation on pursuing a legal career. Impressed with the calibre of students, the firm hopes to explore opportunities to extend internships to outstanding students with a passion to learn and develop.

VIETNAM

Sponsorship for flood/typhoon victims in central provinces of Vietnam

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers, through Managing Partner, Chau Huy Quang, made a donation to the Children’s Rights Protection Association of HCMC that provided one ton of rice to the victims in Hue province during the typhoon season Oct 2016.

VIETNAM

Legal Pro Bono Projects in Vietnam

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers has been active in pro bono engagements. Led by Logan Leung, the firm's legal team had the opportunity to work on a number of legal projects for leading local and overseas NGOs. The projects comprise research and preparation of advocacy reports for various causes, including improvement of labour working conditions, promotion of HIV/AIDS awareness and marine life protection. The firm has also developed a strategic cooperation with LIN Center, one of Vietnam's most prominent NGO resource centre, having provided legal assistance to the NGO on a number of initiatives.

Image Source: Khăn ấm cho em www.facebook.com/khanamchoem

VIETNAM

"Warm Towel for Kids"

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers, through Managing Partner, Chau Huy Quang, made a donation to “Khăn ấm cho em”, a non-profit organisation that provides warm towels to children from needy families to tide through the cold season.

Image Source: Globalized Era Scholarship www.facebook.com/gescholarship

VIETNAM

Sponsorship for GES Vietnam

Rajah & Tann LCT Lawyers sponsored VND 5 million for the Globalized Era Scholarship (GES) programme run by the major leading local law firms. Seminars were also delivered as part of a training session for the law students. The scholarship is targetted at high-achieving scholars in law school, and aims to bolster the talents of young trainee lawyers in the country.

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