





Professor Christie Warren speaking at the Myanmar Legal Aid Training

During the training week, the Myanmar delegation was hosted by the British High Commissioner, the Spanish Ambassador, and top international law firms for various aspects of the training program. The Myanmar delegation also spent a day with senior prison officers from Changi Prison, who shared their experience with prison management and the rehabilitation of offenders.

Sessions for skills training and capacity building were hosted by the National University of Singapore's Lee

Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Clifford Chance, and Shearman & Sterling. This proved to be a unique platform for open discussion and meaningful engagement between government officials and young lawyers.

This ground-breaking event heralded an exciting start for Myanmar projects by IBJ. Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received from participants who suggested that more should be done to pave the future path for Myanmar's legal aid system. IBJ is committed to further closer engagement with all stakeholders to promote criminal legal aid in Myanmar.

The SJTC's other major achievement in its third year was the launch of 50 eLearning modules. The modules are specific to seven ASEAN countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as India. The topics include rights of the accused, rights and obligations of defense attorneys, attorney-client relations, presumption of innocence,

defense strategies, evidence, cross-examination, complaint procedures, pre-trial detention and preventing investigative and other torture.

To ensure the accuracy of the modules, the SJTC has leveraged its relationships with international law firms to engage the services of lawyers within specific countries to review the material.

With these modules, the SJTC is helping an ever-expanding group of lawyers from around the world increase its skills and knowledge through an accessible on-demand training platform. This serves to fulfill IBJ's mission of providing ordinary citizens with early access to competent counsel.



Participants of the Myanmar Legal Aid Training