

Summary Report of the 12th HR Lawyers' Network Meeting

13th August 2024

The meeting discussed strategic litigation in various jurisdictions.

Mr. Saroj Ghirmire from Nepal emphasized that strategic litigation had transformed social and political dimensions, noting its impact on laws and policies. He highlighted two notable cases he was involved in and pointed out that the challenges of strategic litigation include high costs, time, lack of cooperation, and ineffective implementation of court decisions. He emphasized that ongoing efforts must continue.

Ms. Sor Rattanamanee Polkla from Thailand introduced five environmental litigation cases. In some instances, judgments in favor of the plaintiffs were rendered, while in other cases, satisfactory judgments were not achieved. She highlighted the significance of working in harmony with academics and civil society and using the law to support their claims and voices.

Mr. Clarence Chou from Taiwan focused on strategic litigation against the death penalty and the ongoing efforts to challenge its constitutionality. He introduced the background, key issues, and strategies of the constitutional court oral argument held this April. The court's decision is expected to be announced in September or October.

After all participants introduced themselves and the Q&A session concluded, the moderator wrapped up the meeting by announcing that the next network meeting would be held at the LAWASIA annual conference in Kuala Lumpur this October.