

THE MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



2024 ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL ROUNDS AT GAKUSHUIN UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN JUNE 2024

CASE CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF DARK AND QUIET SKIES AND THE FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION



Background:

- Held yearly since 1992 by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL)
- Involves about 80-100 law schools from around the world every year
- Prior space law course NOT a prerequisite. Many schools that have no space law course have won Regional Rounds and World Finals
- Largest round in the five Regional Rounds: Africa, Asia Pacific, North America, Latin America, Europe

Asia Pacific Regional Rounds:

- Registration deadline: 20 December 2023
- Memorials deadline: 28 February 2024
- Oral round qualification: Late April 2024
- Regional oral rounds: 8-9 June 2024 (TBD by December 2023)
Gakushuin Univ., Tokyo, Japan
- Registration fee: ¥40,000 (per team)
- Accommodation fee: approximately ¥30,000 - 40,000 (for 4 nights)
- Financial support will be usually provided for the winning team to join the World Finals.

World Finals:

- Traditionally judged by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) judges.
- Held in October along with the International Astronautical Congress, which provides opportunities to meet space lawyers and space industry representatives from around the world.
- The 2024 World Finals will take place in Milan, Italy.

For more info go to <https://iisl.space/lachsmoot/> or

contact the Regional Organizers at: lachsmoot-asiapacific@iisl.space

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Judges for the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Round final are, from left to right: Dr. Smith, Prof. Freeland, Prof. Kozuka.



(left) The team from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, India, winner of the 2022 Asia Pacific Regional Round, from left to right: ICJ Judge Xue, ICJ Judge Tomka, and ICJ Judge Nolte.
(right) The team from China University of Political Science and Law, winner of the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Round.