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Chris Pinto quits the post of President of the Annex 7 Philippines v. China Arbitral Tribunal

On 31 May 2013, Chris Pinto quits the post of President of the Annex VII Philippines v. China Arbitral Tribunal. As is widely known, Chris Pinto's wife is a Filipino.

On 25 April 2013, the chief judge of International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, Yanan Jung, appointed Chris Pinto as an arbitrator and the president of the Annex 7 Philippines v. China Arbitral Tribunal.

Earlier this year China refused to take part in this arbitration procedure, according to the exclusion clause of the UNCLOS.

The other four arbitrators in this arbitral tribunal were:

A Polish arbitrator, Stanislaw Pawlak, representing China.

A German arbitrator, Rudy Wolfrum, former chief judge of International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, representing the Philippines.

A French arbitrator, Pierre Ke.

A Dutch arbitrator, Alfred Soons.

Events

Institute for Advanced Legal Studies of Macau University Will Become COLR's Fifth Sponsor

China Oceans Law Review, since her initiation in 2005, has been a valuable academic platform publishing excellent research results home and abroad relating to oceans law, maritime law and oceans policies for the purpose of promoting the development of the marine economy.

In order to promote academic exchange, extend the journal's international influence and enhance institutional research capabilities, and to boost the concept of "One Greater China", *China Oceans Law Review* will start formal cooperation with the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies of Macau University from Volume 2013, Number 1, when our journal will be jointly published by Xiamen University Center for Oceans Policy and Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Center for Oceans Law and Policy, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University C. Y. Tung International Centre for Maritime Studies, Sun Yat-sen University (Kaohsiung Taiwan) Institute of Marine Affairs and the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies of Macau University. New members will then join the Academic Committee to further improve the journal's quality.

Global Challenges and Freedom of Navigation Conference Held in Seoul, Korea

A Conference on "Global Challenges and Freedom of Navigation" was held 1-3 May 2013 in Seoul, Korea. The conference was organized and sponsored by Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia; Korea Maritime Institute; South China Sea Institute, Xiamen University; Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore; and National University of Ireland, Galway.

<http://www.virginia.edu/colp/annual-conference.html>

A Workshop on "South China Sea Issue and Method and Practice of Maritime Boundary Delimitation" Successfully Held

On 19 and 20 May 2013, a workshop on "South China Sea Issue and Method and Practice of Maritime Boundary Delimitation" was successfully held under the sponsorship of XMU South China Sea Institute, XMU College of Ocean & Earth Sciences and XMU Coastal and Ocean Management Institute. Prof. Vivian Louis Forbes from the University of Western Australia was the keynote speaker of the workshop. Also attending the workshop were Prof. Kuen-chen Fu, Prof. XUE Xiongzhi, Prof. ZHANG Luoping, Associate Prof. XU Ke, Assistant Prof. XU Peng and other researchers.

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/en/ReferShow.asp?id=677>

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/en/ReferShow.asp?id=675>

Mr. Peter Ho Gave Lectures at SCSU, Xiamen University

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/ReferShow.asp?id=1320>

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/ReferShow.asp?id=1319>

Prof. Kuen-chen Fu Gave Lectures at Guangdong Ocean University

On 8 May, Prof. Kuen-chen Fu lectured at Guangdong Ocean University, and was appointed Guest Professor of the university.

<http://news.gdou.edu.cn/show.php?contentid=13864>

<http://www.huaxia.com/gdtb/ytjl/dskb/2013/05/3331282.html>

Cross-Strait Maritime Search and Rescue Seminar Held in Taipei

On 17-21 April, the second Cross-Strait Maritime Search and Rescue Seminar, the theme of which focused on consolidating, expanding and guarding peace, was held in Taipei.

In the seminar, experts and scholars from both sides of the Strait specializing in maritime search and rescue discussed a range of topics such as application of the latest sailing technology in search and rescue, typical cases in maritime research and rescue, the role of technology in preventing and monitoring marine pollution, the need to deepen and expand cooperation in fields of maritime search and rescue, etc.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/yzyd/local/20130426/c_115558339.htm

The Second China Annual Conference and Forum for Development of Marine Renewable Energy Held in Guangzhou

On 17 May, the second China Annual Conference and Forum for Development of Marine Renewable Energy was held in Guangzhou. The theme was Pioneering and Innovation – the Road to Blue Energy. The annual conference had three different themed sessions (research on ocean energy conversion technology, research on ocean energy application technology and construction of ocean energy public support service system). The forum was attended by 19 foreign experts from 17 countries including America and Canada.

http://news.southcn.com/g/2013-05/17/content_69124024.htm

International Conference on Marine Economy and Marine Power Construction Sponsored by Zhejiang University

The International Conference on Marine Economy and Marine Power Construction, organized by Zhejiang University, was held on May 13-14, 2013 in Hangzhou, China. In-depth discussions were held at the conference about six topics ranging from the development of traditional marine

<http://www.sinoss.net/2013/0521/45967.html>

The Founding Conference of China Marine Strategy Research Centre/ The First Conference on Chinese Marine Power Strategy Held in Shanghai

On 12 May, the founding conference of the China Maritime Strategy Research Centre, set up by the Shanghai Academy of Social Science, was held in Shanghai, China.

<http://www.sh-popss.gov.cn/newsInfo.asp?idval=1245>

The 2013 Conference on Summer Fishing Moratorium in South China Sea Held in Zhanjiang

On 26 April, the conference on the summer fishing moratorium in the South China Sea was held in Zhanjiang. The conference summarized the work of the 2012 summer fishing moratorium in the South China Sea and marked the state of the 2013 summer fishing moratorium.

http://www.nhyzchina.gov.cn/Html/2013_04_27/2_1458_2013_04_27_3446.html

2013 South China Sea Monsoon Onset Consultation Held at National Climate Centre

On 7 May, the National Climate Centre held the 2013 South China Sea monsoon onset videophone consultation. The conference was attended by many experts from institutions including the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Science, the Guangzhou Tropical Marine Meteorological Institute, the First Institute of Oceanography, SOA, the National Climate Centre, the National Meteorological Center. Experts participating in the consultation discussed monitoring monsoons in the South China Sea and predicting the onset and intensity of said monsoons.

http://www.gov.cn/gzdt/2013-05/09/content_2398826.htm

Upcoming Events

International Symposium on Peaceful Use of the Sea and Maritime Cooperation to Be Held on 22-23 June 2013

An International Symposium on “Peaceful Use of the Sea and Maritime Cooperation” sponsored by the Centre for Ocean Law and Governance of Zhejiang University and organized by the Guanghua Law School is to take place on 22-23 June 2013 in Hangzhou China. Prof. Kuen-chen Fu, the director of South China Sea Institute, will attend it.

http://www.ghls.zju.edu.cn/redir.php?catalog_id=24071&object_id=50586

The Cross-Strait Seminar on the SCS Issues to be held on 18-19 July 2013

China Institute for Marine Affairs (CIMA) will host the Cross-Strait Seminar on the SCS Issues on 18-19 July 2013 in Beijing, China. Prof. Kuen-chen Fu, the director of South China Sea Institute, will at-

nd it.

The Coastal Ocean Circulation Gordon Research Conference to be held on 9–14 June 2013 at University of New England, Biddeford, ME.

<http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2013&program=coastal>

The 13th International Workshop on Wave Hindcasting and Forecasting and the 4th Coastal Hazards Symposium to be held on 27 October–1 November 2013 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

<http://www.waveworkshop.org/>

The 7th MIMA Conference on the Straits of Malacca: Keeping the Momentum, Sustaining the Cooperation, Addressing Uncertainties to be held on 24–25 June 2013 at Double Tree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur.

<http://www.mima.gov.my/mima/events-registration-form/>

The 2013 Annual Chinese Society for Oceanography Conference to be held on 2 September 2013 in Shanghai, China. The theme is “Beautiful Ocean, Blue Dream”.

<http://www.cso.org.cn/ggxx/2013/0428/769.html>

The 3rd South China Sea Conference to be held on 3–4 September 2013 by Maritime Institute of Malaysia

This conference aims at identifying current issues in the SCS and the preventative measures that could be adopted to enhance security and avoid accidents in the South China Sea. It will seek to answer the following questions: what are the confidence building measures that might be developed between China and ASEAN; what are the roles of outside powers towards preserving a stable region and what is Malaysia’s role in promoting deliberation and discussion towards a manageable situation in the South China Sea.

<http://www.mima.gov.my/mima/wp-content/uploads/3%20SCS%20Conference%281%29.pdf>

The International Conference on Earth Science and Environmental Protection (ICESEP2013) to be held on 18–20 October 2013 in Kunming, China. It aims to bring together academic scientists, leading engineers, industry researchers and scholar students to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Earth Science and Environmental Protection, to

<http://www.icesep.org/home.html>

The Oceanology International 2014 Conference to be held on 11-13 March 2014 in London. Topics of this conference: Unmanned Underwater Vehicles; Underwater Security; Marine Renewables; Underwater Positioning and Metrology; Underwater Communications; Hydrography & Geophysics - Offshore Site Investigations; Ocean Observing Systems; Operating in Extreme Environments.

<http://www.oceanologyinternational.com/en/Conferences/>

The OCEANS'14 MTS/IEEE Conference to be held on 7-10 April 2014 in Taipei, Taiwan.

<http://www.oceans14mtsieetaipei.org/>

The Third Annual CSIS South China Sea Conference: Managing Tensions in the South China Sea to be held on 5–6 June 2013.

<http://csis.org/event/managing-tensions-south-china-sea>

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Channel News Asia, May 10, 2013

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Global Times, May 27, 2013

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Taiwan rejects Manila apology

Sun Star, May 15, 2013

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Taiwan freezes hiring of Filipinos, recalls envoy

The Independent, May 16, 2013

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Manila issues fresh apology for killing of Taiwanese fisherman

Associated Press, May 16, 2013

<http://world.time.com/2013/05/16/manila-issues-fresh-apology-for-taiwan-death/>

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China Post, May 17, 2013

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The Philippine government rejects China's call to withdraw from disputed islands

Global Times, April 28, 2013

<http://mil.huanqiu.com/paper/2013-04/3883950.html>

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The Manila Times, May 8, 2013

<http://manilatimes.net/index/index.php/news/top-stories/47131-afp-mulls-deploying-more-troops-to-spratlys>

Aquino announces navy upgrade

Agence France-Presse, May 22, 2013

<http://globalnation.inquirer.net/75187/ph-boosts-military-to-resist-bullies>

Philippine activity on Ren'ai Reef draws Chinese caution

Global Times, May 23, 2013

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/783645.shtml>

China to start code of conduct talks with ASEAN soon

Asia News Network, May 3, 2013

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/China-to-start-code-of-conduct-talks-with-Asean-so-46262.html>

China releases photographs of measurement identifying objects on Huangyan Island for the first time

People's Daily Online, May 8, 2013

<http://mil.huanqiu.com/china/2013-05/3914627.html>

Ships return from surveillance mission

English.news.cn, April 29, 2013

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United Press International, May 16, 2013

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Chinese fishery research ship, Nanfeng, expands the research range to include Nansha

China Fisheries News, May 6, 2013

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Fishing fleet sets sail for Nansha Islands

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CRI Online, May 11, 2013

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Philstar.com, May 24, 2013

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South China Sea Institute Faculty Recruitment Announcement

The South China Sea Institute of Xiamen University was formally established on 3 Nov. 2012. Organized and led by Professor Kuen-chen FU, the institute is an interdisciplinary research institution concentrating on issues related to the South China Sea. Its establishment takes advantage of the interdisciplinary opportunities offered by the International Law and Oceanography departments of Xiamen University in Southeast Asia in order to strengthen research concerning the South China Sea and to serve as a think-tank for work on the laws and policies governing the area.

The South China Sea Institute of Xiamen University strives to become the world's foremost institution and think-tank for legal and other research on the South China Sea. To that end, outstanding academic talents are essential. The South China Sea thus extends the following invitation for domestic and international talents to join us in our work.

Full-time Researchers Recruitment Information

1. Research Areas and Directions

International Law, International Relations, History, International Economics, Aquatic and Marine Sciences and other related marine/maritime majors.

2. Requirements

- 1) PhD from a qualified university or research institute.
- 2) Professional experience in relevant academic backgrounds and a strong background in research.
- 3) Under 45 years old with an interest in marine research.

3. Salary and Work

- 1) Salary and welfare are granted according to the relevant regulations of the Xiamen University postdoctoral department; bonuses are offered for research by outstanding candidates.
- 2) The institute provides excellent research facilities and materials, unique opportunities for international exchange, and career guidance services.
- 3) All work is full-time.

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