

The 12th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2014)

(An Inter-University Competition for Asia-Pacific Region)

Activities on March 14, 2014

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is dedicated to preventing and alleviating human suffering in warfare and in emergencies such as epidemics, floods and earthquakes. The Movement is governed by seven Fundamental Principles, including humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. While the IHL are international rules to limit the effects of armed conflict for humanitarian reasons, we hope that participants taking part in the IHL Moot could also go beyond the Mooting and have reflection on humanitarian issues. Also through the interactive and exploration activities, participants are expected to exchange their knowledge and experience on humanitarian issues. Two programs are specially organized this year on March 14, 2014 (Friday).

(A) Exploration Activities for Humanity

University Student + Humanity 大學生+人道

Gathering time	Non-local Participants : 09:00 at lobby of Panda Hotel Local Participants : 09:45 at event venue
Programme Time	10:00-13:30
Programme Venue	Room 3.19, 3/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, The University of Hong Kong Pokfulam, Hong Kong 香港薄扶林香港大學鄭裕彤教學樓 3 樓 3.19 室 [Location Map - http://www.maps.hku.hk/]
Dress Code	Smart Casual Wear (Shorts, Dress, skirt and slippers are not recommended as participants will sit on the floor and have some light activities) <i>** The Dress code for Keynote Seminar in the afternoon is smart casual wear. As we shall proceed to the seminar venue immediately after the exploration activities, participants could see if you will bring along clothing to change after the activities but it is not compulsory as long as you are in a neat and tidy attire.</i>
Remarks	1. Mooters from participating teams <ul style="list-style-type: none">You will be arranged to join the activity.Those from teams entering Quarter-final Round on 14.3.2014 may opt out if really required. (<i>Please reconfirm your participation on 13.3.2014 evening after knowing the General Rounds results.</i>) 2. Researchers, Observers, & Team Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none">Due to limited capacity, we are sorry for being unable to accommodate you based on the existing enrolment.You may check with our colleagues on 13.3.2014 evening on seat availability after teams entering Quarter-final Round have updated on their participation.Researchers, observers and team coaches not able to participate in the exploration activities can have free time on 14.3.2014 morning.

Objectives:

- To facilitate participants to explore humanitarian issues and Red Cross' humanitarian actions
- To encourage exchange of humanity concept and humanitarian issues knowledge among participants studying IHL

Expected outcomes:

1. To deepen the understanding on the concept of humanity
2. To arouse participants' awareness on humanitarian issues
3. To reflect the linkage between oneself as university student and humanitarian issues

Tips to Participants:

1. Program content will focus more on the concept of 'Humanity', with links to IHL principles as relevant.
2. It is an INTERACTIVE program that participants are expected to contribute active participation and reflection.
3. Participants will take part in different exploration activities and play in different roles.
4. Participants will be requested to share their own feelings and point of views after the activities.
5. There will be no absolute answer on questions to be raised, but simply a free sharing among participants.
6. The programme is held by University volunteers from International Humanitarian Service Leadership Programme of Hong Kong Red Cross. Your active support and participation is important to them.
7. Your comments are welcome after the programme, which will help improve the programme in future.

Organizer:

University volunteers from International Humanitarian Service Leadership Programme (ISLP)



Brief introduction of ISLP: International Humanitarian Service Leadership Programme (ISLP) nurtures university students as youth humanitarian leaders with global humanitarian vision and actions within their ability. The program facilitates students to develop caring and concern projects on humanitarian issues. Since its inception in 2005, ISLP has collaborated with numerous universities in Hong Kong and National Red Cross / Red Crescent Societies in other regions to facilitate participants to concern humanitarian issues including refugees, landmine victims and HIV/AIDS patients.

Time	Programme Rundown
09:45-10:00	Reception
10:00-10:40	Briefing and Ice-breaking activity
10:40-11:10	<u>Program 1: Red Vs Black</u> -To explore the Humanitarian Leadership Qualities -To handle the group dilemma
11:10-11:40	<u>Program 2: Global Village</u> -To broaden the Global Humanitarian Vision -To enhance awareness on the current international humanitarian issues
11:40-11:50	Break
11:50-12:50	<u>Program 3: Human Library</u> - To share Humanitarian Voluntary Service experience - To raise the awareness on youth power
12:50-13:30	Sharing, Evaluation & Photo Taking

(B) Seminar on IHL

Gathering time	Non-local Participants at Hotel : 12:15 at lobby of Panda Hotel Local Participants : 13:15 at event venue
ProgrammeTime	14:30-17:15
Programme Venue	Large Moot Court, 2/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU [Location Map - http://www.maps.hku.hk/]
Dress Code	Smart Casual <i>*Teams who are eligible to enter Quarter-final Round should put on proper clothing for the competition that would be held shortly after the seminar.</i>
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants of the Seminar will include all participating team members, as well as legal professionals and parties interested in IHL. Meals arrangement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Light meals (13:30 – 14:15) have been arranged for all participating teams. (b) Participants with meal vouchers will have their meals (17:15 – 18:00) at the New Union Restaurant of HKU. All participating teams must return to the Large Moot Court by 18:15 for the Quarter-final Round.

Aims:

- To further enlighten the understanding and application of IHL among all participants of the IHL Moot, as well as legal professionals, academic scholars or parties interested in IHL.

Time	Programme Rundown
14:15-14:30	Registration
14:30-14:40	Welcoming Speech
14:40-15:15	<u>Topic (1)</u> “Current Challenges facing the International Criminal Court (ICC)” <i>Speaker:</i> <i>Ambassador Noor Farida Ariffin, Former Director-General, Research, Treaties and International Law, Foreign Affairs Ministry of Malaysia</i>
15:15-15:25	Q & A
15:25-16:00	<u>Topic (2)</u> “International Law and the Syrian Crisis” <i>Speaker:</i> <i>Prof Donald R Rothwell, Professor of International Law and Head of School, College of Law, Australian National University</i>
16:00-16:10	Q & A
16:10-16:45	<u>Topic (3)</u> “Engaging with Non-State Actors to Promote Compliance with IHL” <i>Speaker:</i> <i>Mr François Sénéchaud Head of Division, Integration and Promotion of the Law, International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva)</i>
16:45-16:55	Q & A
16:55-17:15	Souvenir Presentation & Photo Taking