

Concept Note

Thailand International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Competitions 2021

By the International Committee of the Red Cross in co-operation with
the Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University (English Edition) and
the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University (Thai Edition)

Background

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is a neutral and independent international humanitarian organization whose mandate is to disseminate the knowledge on international humanitarian law (IHL) and its principles. We engage and partner with universities/academic institutions around the world to promote IHL through various academic activities, such as seminars, academic workshops on the teaching of IHL, and special lectures.

This year, the IHL Department at ICRC Bangkok Regional Delegation is looking to organize the National IHL Competition 2021 and the Thai language IHL Competition 2021, both of which consist of Moot Court Competition and IHL Role Play Competition.

There are two Editions of the IHL Competition. The National Competition, co-hosted by Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, will be conducted in English, to select Thailand's representatives to participate in regional competitions. The Thai language IHL Competition, co-hosted by Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, will be conducted in Thai and serves to disseminate and raise awareness of IHL amongst Thai students and academics.

Due to the effects of COVID-19, it has been agreed that the Competition will be held online via Zoom Application. The English Edition of the Competition is expected to take place from 18th to 19th and from 25th to 26th September 2021. The Thai Edition of the Competition is expected to take place from 13th to 14th and from 20th to 21st November 2021.

Objectives

The key objectives of the National IHL Competition (English Edition) are:

1. To select the Thai representatives to participate in the upcoming Regional IHL Moot Court Competition;
2. To select the Thai representative who will receive support from the ICRC to participate in the upcoming Jean-Pictet Competition;
3. To disseminate the international humanitarian law and its principles. In this regard, the participants will take on various roles involved in simulated humanitarian situations; and
4. To create a greater partnership between ICRC and partner university and create a network between experts/academics.

The key objectives of the Thai language IHL Competition (Thai Edition) are:

1. To enhance the dissemination the international humanitarian law and its principles in Thailand. In this regard, the Competition is organized in Thai to facilitate this objective;
2. To disseminate the international humanitarian law and its principles; and

- To create a greater partnership between ICRC and partner university and create a network between experts/academics.

Date and Time

The **English Edition** of the Competition is expected to take place from Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th September and from Saturday 25th September to Sunday 26th September 2021.

The **Thai Edition** of the Competition is expected to take place from Saturday 13th November to Sunday 14th November and from Saturday 20th November to Sunday 21st November 2021.

Venue

Due to the effects of COVID-19, it has been agreed that the competition will be held online via Zoom Application.

Organizers

The National Competition (English Edition) will be co-hosted by Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University.

The Thai language IHL Competition (Thai Edition) will be co-hosted by Faculty of Law, Thammasat University.

Details of the Competition

Both Competitions will be organized on Zoom Application, in cooperation with partner universities. This year's Competition accepts **10 teams** from all universities in Thailand permitted to participate. **After the registration period, teams will be given an IHL test to select the 10 participating teams**, based on the result of the test. **To ensure representation and participation for as many universities as possible, each participating university is guaranteed a place in the Competition.** It is highly encouraged for the University/Faculty to carry out internal selection process to identify the most suitable participants.

Tentative timeline and key dates of the National IHL Competition

English Edition

Key Dates	Description	Remarks
Within May 2021	Announce the IHL Competition via ICRC Blog, FB, email to interested universities	
By end of July (at the latest)	Distribution of Moot Problem via ICRC Blog, FB, email to interested universities	
1 June – 10 July 2021	Registration of teams	By 23.59 of 10 July 2021
11 July 2021	IHL Test (time allocated for test: 24 hours) Distribution of text: 0930 on 11 July 2021	

	Submission deadline: 0930 on 12 July 2021	
By 8 Aug 2021	Submission of Clarification from teams (if any)	
By 13 Aug 2021	Release the Clarification Response (if any)	
30 Aug 2021	Submission of Memorials from Participants: electronic copies by email	By 23.59 of 30 Aug 2021
31 Aug 2021	Receive electronic copies of memorials of the opposing teams	
11 Sep 2021	Receive background documents for IHL Role Play	
12 Sep 2021	Online technical testing workshops for Participants	
18 Sep 2021	Receive material for IHL Role Play	
18-19 Sep 2021	IHL Role Play Competition	
25-26 Sep 2021	IHL Moot Court Play Competition	

Thai Edition

Key Dates	Description	Remarks
Within May 2021	Announce the IHL Competition via ICRC Blog, FB, email to interested universities	
By September (at latest)	Distribution of Moot Problem via ICRC Blog, FB, email to interested universities	
1 June – 4 Sep 2021	Registration of teams	By 23.59 of 4 Sep 2021
5 Sep 2021	IHL test - time allocated for test: 24 hours Distribution of text: 09.30 on 5 Sep 2021 Submission deadline: 09.30 on 6 Sep 2021	
12 Sep 2021	Submission of Clarification from teams (if any)	
20 Sep 2021	Release the Clarification Response (if any)	
24 Oct 2021	Submission of Memorials from Participants: electronic copies by email	By 23.59 of 24 Oct 2021
25 Oct 2021	Receive electronic copies of memorials of the opposing teams	
6 Nov 2021	Receive background documents for IHL Role Play	
7 Nov 2021	Online technical testing workshops for Participants	
13 Nov 2021	Receive material for IHL Role Play	
13-14 Nov 2021	IHL Role Play Competition	
20-21 Nov 2021	IHL Moot Court Play Competition	

Format of the Competition

Role Play

The first part of the Competition will focus on Role Play. Each session will take approximately 60 to 90 minutes. The team with the highest score overall will be declared the winner of the Competition. The winner of the National Role Play Competition will be eligible for financial support from the ICRC in applying for the upcoming Edition of the Jean-Pictet Competition.

Moot Court

The second part of the Competition will be dedicated to Moot Court sessions. Each session will take roughly 90 minutes. The team with the better score of each session will advance into the next round. The winner of the Finals will be declared the winner of the Competition. The winner of the National Moot Court Competition will be selected as the Thailand's representative in the next Regional IHL Moot Court Competition.