

Concept Note

Thailand National International Humanitarian Law Competition

IHL Moot Court & Role Play 2022

Organized by

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bangkok Regional Delegation,
Faculty of Law, Thammasat University and School of Law, Mae Fah Luang University

14th – 16th October 2022

At Faculty of Law Thammasat University, Thaprachan Campus, Bangkok

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 2022 which consist of IHL Moot Court Competition and IHL Role Play Competition.

The National Competition, co-hosted by Faculty of Law, Thammasat University and School of Law, Mae Fah Luang University, will be conducted in English, to select Thailand's representatives to participate in regional and international competitions and serves to disseminate and raise awareness of IHL amongst students and academics in Thailand.

Objectives

The key objectives of the National IHL Competition 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.
4. To create a greater partnership between ICRC and partner universities and create a network between experts/academics.

Dates

The National Competition is expected to take place from **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th October 2022**.

Venue

The National Competition will be held in person and respect the measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, Thaprachan Campus, Bangkok.

Organizers

The National Competition will be co-hosted by Faculty of Law, Thammasat University and School of Law, Mae Fah Luang University.

Details of the Competition

The National Competition will be organized in person, 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 2022 National IHL Competition

Key Dates	Description	Remarks
August	Announce the IHL Competition and distribution of Moot Problem via ICRC Blog, FB, email to interested universities	
25 Aug – 1 Sep	Registration of teams	23:59 of 1 Sep
2 – 4 September	IHL Test	23:59 of 4 Sep
ASAP	Submission of Clarification from teams (if any)	
By 15 September	Release the Clarification Response (if any)	
6 October	Submission of Memorials from Participants: electronic copies by email to BAN_IHL_Unit_Group@icrc.org and djjaz@icrc.org	23:59 of 6 Oct
7 October	Receive electronic copies of memorials of the opposing teams	
7 October	Receive background documents for IHL Role Play	
14 October	Receive material for IHL Role Play	
14 October	IHL Role Play Competition	
15-16 October	IHL Moot Court Play Competition	

The National IHL Role Play Competition (14th October 2022)

The first part of the Competition will focus on the IHL 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.

The National IHL Moot Court Competition (15th - 16th October 2022)

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.