



NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President



Dear Friends

Following the very successful FLI-sponsored event in Shanghai with our regional Asia Pacific Partners, a number of follow-up initiatives have been put into action.

Of course, as the Network continues to expand (have already crossed the 40 members worldwide), the pressure is on FLI Brussels to continue to pursue business development opportunities for all our members either directly through our own marketing efforts or through the support of fellow-FLI NET Partners.

Orlando J. Casares



FLI NET Concludes Asia Pacific Regional Conference!

First Law International has just concluded its semi-annual FLI NET Asia Pacific Partners' Conference held in Shanghai (September 19th and 20th) in conjunction with the Belgian Delegation of the Commercial Mission to the World Expo in Shanghai.

With an impressive presence of fellow FLI NET partners from Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and our new Chinese hosts, **Zhong Yin Law Firm**, FLI has made a wonderful impression with the Belgian Ministers and the delegation of over 50 Belgian heads of industry.

This truly international array of successful business representatives added a "global feel" to the event and contributed to the overall success of that social networking evening.

With this a backdrop, FLI held two plenary sessions on September 20th with all its Asian Partners. The meetings focused on creating ways to work closer together and optimize the force of the Network to attract more and better business opportunities not only for the Asia Pacific region but throughout our FLI universe.

This memorable conference concluded with a gala reception dinner during which FLI's Principal, Mr. Orlando Casares, took the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our regional member firms. FLI NET Chinese partners were awarded with the "Distinguished Host Partner Award" for their outstanding and proactive organization of the event and FLI NET Malaysian partners with the "Most Thriving Regional Partner's Achievement Award" for their recent growth in Indonesia and Singapore.



HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

FLI NET Malaysian-based firm, **Azmi & Associates**, continues its regional impressive expansion with the opening of an office in Singapore on 1 September 2010, coinciding with its 10th anniversary. In pursuit of further growth beyond domestic corporate deals, Azmi & Associates' key strategies in Singapore are targeted towards positioning it as a robust legal adviser on Islamic finance and cross-border investment transactions. The Partners in-charge of the Singapore office are Jeffrey Tan and Serina Abdul Samad.

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FLI NET Partners – Recognized Achievements

A number of fellow FLI NET Partners have been shortlisted for their achievements during the "The Lawyer European Awards: 2010"

Albania / **Kalo & Associates** – Law Firm of the Year: Eastern Europe & The Balkans

Russia / **Muranov, Chernyakov & Partners** – Law Firm of the Year: Russia & The CIS

Spain / **Maniega & Soler** – European Managing Partner of the Year



FLI NET Colombia – Excellence in Practice

FLI NET Colombian Partners – **Rodríguez & Cavellier**, have been recognized for their excellence by the Corporate Intl Magazine with a Global Award "Aviation Advisory Excellence in Colombia 2010"