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RESULTS OF 2012 SINGAPORE NATIONAL ROUND OF THE JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

A team of law students from the National University of Singapore (NUS) has won the 2012 Singapore National Round for the Jessup Moot Court Competition, defeating a team from the Singapore Management University (SMU).

SMU was the Runner-Up for this year's Singapore National Round for the Jessup Moot Court Competition.

The oral proceedings for the 2012 Singapore National Round took place last Saturday, 4 February 2012, at the Supreme Court, with the two teams battling over a fictitious dispute between two countries involving various issues, including the legality of the destruction of a cultural site, recognition of governments which came into power by military coup and the immunity of foreign governments from jurisdiction of domestic courts.

Attorney-General, Sundaresh Menon, S.C., Judge of Appeal Justice V. K. Rajah and Managing Partner of the law firm Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Mr Philip Jeyaretnam, S.C. were the judges for the oral proceedings held at the Supreme Court.

After two highly-intensive sessions that saw students from both teams arguing each side of the case and facing numerous challenging questions from the panel, the judges unanimously awarded victory to the NUS team.

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This is the second year that a Singapore National Round of the Jessup Competition is

being held with teams from the law faculties of both NUS and SMU competing against

each other to earn the right to represent Singapore at the prestigious White & Case

International Rounds of the Jessup Competition.

The NUS team will now proceed to represent Singapore at the International Rounds of

the Jessup Competition which will take place from 25 to 31 March 2012 in

Washington, D.C.

The SMU team has been invited, once again this year, to attend the International

Rounds of the Jessup Competition in Washington, D.C. as one of the exhibition teams.

Last year, SMU was ranked first amongst the exhibition teams, and was also

recognized for having the Best Oralist among the exhibition teams.

Ms Dharshini Prasad from the National University of Singapore team was named the

Best Oralist while the Singapore Management University team was adjudged to have

submitted the Best Memorials for the 2012 Singapore National Round of the Jessup

International Law Moot Court Competition.

The Singapore National Round is administered by the International Affairs Division of

the Attorney-General's Chambers.

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