

Update



August 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

We are in the third quarter of the year, and 2019 has been an eventful one thus far for LAWASIA, as well as for the jurisdictions within the region. The first half of the year was a busy one for LAWASIA, with numerous events organised and held in the jurisdictions of several of our member organisations. [READ MORE](#)



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6 Sept 2019 | Frankfurt, Germany
- » **LAWASIA Constitutional & Rule of Law**
4-5 Oct 2019 | Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
- » **32nd LAWASIA Conference**
5-8 Nov 2020 | Hong Kong SAR
- » **LAWASIA Environmental Law Conference**
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- » **8th Family Law & Children's Rights Conference**
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Brunei halts enforcement of the death penalty

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Taiwan legalises same-sex marriage

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