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THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ASIA-KOREA (DILA-KOREA)

Ambassador **Helmut Tuerk** is a native of Linz, Austria. He obtained a Doctorate in Law from the University of Vienna in 1963 and thereafter a Postgraduate Diploma from the College of Bruges, Belgium. In 1965 he joined the Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, serving as Legal Advisor, Deputy Secretary-General, Ambassador to the United States of America as well as to the Holy See. He further held the position of Director-General of the Office of the Austrian Federal President. From 2005 to 2015 he was a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany, also serving a term as Vice-President. Subsequently he was elected President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, for the term 2015/2016, where he also held the position of Chairman of the Review Committee until 2017. He is the author of numerous publications in the field of international law, in particular the law of the sea. In recognition of his contributions to the development of international law and his academic writings he was appointed a Professor by the Austrian Federal President.

The Development of International Law in Asia-Korea (DILA-KOREA) is a new academic entity which is responsible for *The Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia* (DILA) along with the *Asian Yearbook of International Law* (AsianYbIL) and *Asia Pacific Ocean Law Institutions Alliance* (APOLIA).

The Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA)

<http://www.dilafoundation.org/>

The Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA) was established in 1989, at a time when its prime movers believed that economic and political developments in Asia had reached the stage at which they would welcome and benefit substantially from a mechanism to promote and facilitate exchanges among their international law scholars that had failed to develop during the colonial era.

DILA was established to promote the study of: (a) and analysis of topics and issues in the field of international law, in particular from an Asian perspective; and (b) dissemination of knowledge of international law in Asia; promotion of contacts and co-operation between persons and institutions actively dealing with questions of international law relating to Asia.

DILA is concerned with reporting and analyzing developments in the field of international law relating to the region, and not primarily with efforts to distinguish particular attitudes, policies or practices as predominately or essentially "Asian". If they are shown to exist, it would be an interesting by-product of DILA's essential function, which is to bring about an exchange of views in the expectation that the process would reveal areas of common interest and concern among the State of Asia, and even more importantly, demonstrate that those areas of interest and concern are, in fact, shared by the international community as a whole.

Professor Hikmahanto JUWANA of Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia, is currently Chairman of DILA.

The Asian Yearbook of International Law (AsianYbIL)

<http://www.brill.com/publications/asian-yearbook-international-law>

Launched in 1991, ***The Asian Yearbook of International Law (AsianYbIL)*** is a major internationally-refereed yearbook dedicated to international legal issues as seen primarily from an Asian perspective. It is published by Brill under the auspices of the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA). When it was launched, the Yearbook was the first publication of its kind, edited by a team of leading international law scholars from across Asia. It provides a forum for the publication of articles in the field of international law, and other Asian international legal topics.

The objects of the Yearbook are two-fold. First, to promote research, study and writing in the field of international law in Asia; and second, to provide an intellectual platform for the discussion and dissemination of Asian views and practices on contemporary international legal issues. Each volume of the Yearbook contains articles and shorter notes, a section on State Practice, an overview of the Asian states' participation in multilateral treaties and succinct analysis of recent international legal developments in Asia, as well as book reviews. We believe this publication to be of importance and use to anyone working on international law and in Asian studies.

In keeping with DILA's commitment to encouraging scholarship in international law as well as in disseminating such scholarship, its Governing Board decided to make the Yearbook open access from 2010 (volume 16) onwards and will be available through Brill's open access format.

Professor Seokwoo LEE of Inha University Law School, Korea and Professor Hee Eun LEE of Handong International Law School, Korea, are the Co-Editors-in-Chief of the Yearbook commencing with the 2015 edition (volume 21).

Asia Pacific Ocean Law Institutions Alliance (APOLIA)

<http://www.brill.com/products/series/maritime-cooperation-east-asia>
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In 2012, Professor ZOU Keyuan of Lancashire Law School, UK and Professor Seokwoo LEE of Inha University Law School, Korea, began to discuss the creation of a new academic organization that would focus its attention on ocean law and policy issues in the Asia-Pacific. The organization was named the ***Asia Pacific Ocean Law Institutions Alliance (APOLIA)*** and would be a hybrid organization that would include both institutional and individual participation and associations. After the first official meeting in Incheon, Korea, in 2013, the organizers invited Professors Clive SCHOFIELD and Warwick GULLET of Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) of the University of Wollongong, Australia to join as co-founders. APOLIA has moved forward to establish a book series with highly respected publisher Brill entitled ***Maritime Cooperation in East Asia (MCEA)*** with general editors Professor Seokwoo LEE and Professor ZOU Keyuan.

Another important fruit of APOLIA's endeavors is an exciting new initiative: The ***Asia-Pacific Journal of Ocean Law and Policy (APJOLP)***. The launch of this new, scholarly, peer-reviewed journal recognises the increasing importance of ocean spaces to the Asia-Pacific – the most dynamic region globally. Not only are the maritime spaces of the Asia-Pacific of great and growing significance to the states of the region but they are also increasingly contested and under threat. This gives rise to escalating oceans governance challenges and the core objective of the journal is to provide a scholarly forum where these issues can be discussed and analysed.

The journal will be published with Brill from 2016 and initially at least on a bi-annual basis. Each issue of the journal will include 3-4 scholarly articles together with state practice and current legal developments sections. Professor Seokwoo LEE and Professor Clive SCHOFIELD will serve as Co-Editors-in-Chief, the state practice section of the journal will be edited by Professor Anastasia TELESITSKY of the University of Idaho, USA, and the current legal developments section will be the responsibility of Professor Warwick GULLETT of the University of Wollongong, Australia.