



**LESI Committees:**  
**End of Year Report** for the 2024 International Management and Delegates Meeting (IMDM) – 28 April 2024  
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| <b>Committee Name</b>         | LES Asia Pacific Committee  |
| <b>Chairs and Vice Chairs</b> | Chair : Lionel Tan (LES Singapore)<br>Vice Chairs : Rosita Li (LES China, Hong Kong Sub-chapter)<br>Michelle Ray-Jones (LES Thailand) |
| <b>LESI Board Liaison</b>     | Junko Sugimura (LESI Board Liaison)   |

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## Activities conducted :

- (1) An online meeting was held with all LES Asia Pacific Presidents and LESI President Michael Lasinski in July 2023. This online meeting was organised for all the LES Asia Pacific Presidents to better understand the objectives and directions of LESI from Michael Lasinski.
- (2) A joint webinar was organised on 21 September 2023 between LES India, LES Australia/New Zealand and LES Malaysia on the topic of "Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Rights in Asia : How to Attribute Ownership and Licensing Issues". The event started with Opening Addresses from LESI-Past Presidents, Ichiro Nakatomi and Patricia Bunye. The speakers for the webinar included, Michelle Loi (LES Malaysia), Tudor Filaret (LES Australia/New Zealand) and Taruna Gupta (LES India).
- (3) The High-Growth Technology Business Conference 2023 (HTBC 2023) was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 2 & 3 November 2023. This was organised by LES Thailand with support from LES Singapore and LES Italy. The audience heard keynotes on topics such as *Manufacturing Trends and IP Strategies*, given by Audrey Yap, Past President LESI. The audience also enjoyed sessions on AI, standard essential patents, and other hot topics. On the second day, skilled trainers provided valuable knowledge in the areas of trade secret management, transaction-based growth management, and innovation ecosystem management.
- (4) The LES Asia Pacific Conference 2023 was held in Shenzhen, PRC from 17 & 18 Nov 2023. It was organised by LES China and LES China, Hong Kong Sub-chapter. The conference was very successful with a good turnout and various high profile speakers for the various panels. There was also an informative and engaging private tour of the Huawei Research Campus organised for LES members.
- (5) LES Singapore participated in the "Ask Me Anything" webinar series on 23 November 2023. The "AMA" series is initiated by Christopher Shaowei (LES China) with LES Andean societies and LES Britain & Ireland also taking part for the year.
- (6) LES Thailand successfully hosted the LESI Winter Planning Meeting 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand on 14 & 15 February 2024. President-elect Sonja London spearheaded the meeting with delegates being placed into different groups for intense brain-storming discussions and presentations. On 16 February, following the Winter Planning Meeting 2024, LES Thailand, with support of LESI, held an event entitled "Cutting-edge Strategies for Global IP Licensing". Several LESI members from around the world participated as speakers. The event featured topics such as cross-border licensing practices, patent pools, online enforcement strategies, and AI developments in Thailand.
- (7) The LESI Asia Pacific Committee has been successful in being selected to present a workshop at the LESI Annual Conference 2024 (Madrid). The workshop is entitled "IP Licensing, Clearance and Enforcement in the Era of Global Streaming Platforms". The workshop will be held on Monday 29 April 2024 (10.45 am – 12.15 pm) and will be moderated by Michelle Ray-Jones (Vice-Chair of the LES Asia Pacific Committee). The speakers for the workshop will include Isabel Urzaiz, Associate International General Counsel of Sony Music, Antonio Munez Vico, Partner, Garrigues and Mattia Dalla Costa, Partner, CBA.
- (8) A joint webinar will be held on Wednesday 3 April 2024 between LES Philippines, LES Chinese Taipei and LES Japan. The various LES societies will provide an update on important Intellectual Property and Licensing developments in their jurisdictions. They will also present on interesting and engaging activities that their societies have held recently. The objective is for all the LES Asia Pacific society members (in particular, the Executive Committee and Board Members) to better understand what activities may have been carried out in the various jurisdictions that members find interesting and perhaps consider organising similar activities as well.

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- (9) The LESI YMC Asia Pacific conference will be held on 12 April 2024 in Tokyo, Japan with the theme “Forecasting the Future of the IP Industry.
  - (10) On 26 September 2024, a joint conference will be organised by LES Japan and LES China. It will be held in Tokyo, Japan at the Akasaka Intercity Conference Centre.
  - (11) The LES Asia Pacific Conference 2024 will be organised by LES India and will be held in New Delhi, India from 22 November to 25 November 2024.
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