

World Judicial Integrity Forum 2026

"Justice, Reform, and Resilience: Towards a Global Legal Future"

Wednesday, 13th May 2026

📍 Rangsit University, Bangkok, Thailand



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INTRODUCTION

Judicial integrity remains the foundation of national stability, economic confidence, and public trust. Across Asia, courts are increasingly required to address cross-border commercial disputes, the digital transformation of judicial processes, corporate restructuring and evolving governance expectations, while safeguarding independence, transparency and accountability. In this evolving regional environment, strengthening judicial leadership and institutional resilience has become both a national imperative and a shared priority across Asia.

In recognition of these developments, the **World Judicial Integrity Forum (WJIF) 2026**, organised by the **International Strategy Institute (ISI), Malaysia**, and **co-hosted by Rangsit University (RSU), Bangkok, Thailand**, will be held on **13th May 2026** at **Rangsit University, Bangkok, Thailand**, under the theme **"Justice, Reform, and Resilience: Towards a Global Legal Future"**. Thailand has been selected as the host for WJIF 2026, forming part of a broader Asia-focused platform to encourage meaningful engagement across diverse judicial systems throughout the region.

As a Malaysia-based independent policy institute, ISI has consistently promoted discussions on governance, institutional integrity and sustainable reform through its international platforms. Through WJIF 2026, Malaysia continues to facilitate structured judicial exchange at the Asian level, recognising that although countries across Asia share commitments to the rule of law and constitutional governance, each operates within distinct legal traditions, procedural frameworks and reform priorities. These differences, alongside shared objectives, create a strong foundation for comparative learning and professional exchange.

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The choice of Bangkok reflects both strategic and practical considerations. Malaysia and Thailand maintain longstanding diplomatic relations and strong economic connectivity, supported by active cross-border trade and regional cooperation. At the same time, Thailand's position as a regional hub and its accessibility within Asia make Bangkok a suitable venue for convening judicial representatives from East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia. Hosting the Forum at Rangsit University further reinforces collaboration between judicial institutions and academia, highlighting the importance of research, legal education and policy development in strengthening judicial systems.

WJIF 2026 will bring together Chief Justices, senior judges, court administrators, legal scholars and policymakers from across Asia to examine key themes including judicial independence, court modernisation, corporate insolvency frameworks and regional legal cooperation. By expanding participation beyond a single regional grouping, the Forum seeks to promote broader Asian engagement in addressing common judicial challenges.

Through professional exchange and focused discussion, WJIF 2026 aims to enhance transparency, improve judicial efficiency, strengthen institutional credibility, and cultivate long-term collaboration among Asian legal systems. By launching this Malaysia-led initiative in Bangkok, the World Judicial Integrity Forum 2026 shared a commitment to advancing justice, reform and resilience across diverse yet interconnected legal frameworks.

OBJECTIVE

STRENGTHENING JUDICIAL AWARENESS ACROSS ASIA:

WJIF 2026 aims to reinforce awareness of the judiciary's central role in safeguarding constitutional order, promoting good governance, and sustaining public trust across Asia. The Forum emphasises the shared responsibility of Asian judiciaries in upholding integrity, transparency, and the rule of law as essential foundations for regional stability, economic growth, and institutional credibility.

ENHANCING ASIA-WIDE JUDICIAL DIALOGUE AND COMPARATIVE EXCHANGE:

The Forum seeks to strengthen structured engagement among Asian judiciaries by providing a professional platform for Chief Justices, senior judges, court administrators, and legal practitioners to exchange comparative experiences. Recognising that countries across Asia operate under diverse legal traditions and reform pathways, WJIF 2026 encourages open discussion on common challenges, institutional best practices, and evolving reform priorities across the region.

ADVANCING REGIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM:

WJIF 2026 provides a focused forum for discussing judicial policy frameworks and reform initiatives to improve court governance, procedural efficiency, transparency, and accountability. Particular emphasis will be placed on strengthening judicial systems to support cross-border trade, investment certainty, dispute resolution mechanisms, and regional economic cooperation throughout Asia.

PROMOTING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND JUDICIAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:

In light of the accelerating digitalisation of court systems across Asia, the Forum aims to support capacity-building among judges, court administrators, and legal professionals. Participants will explore practical approaches to technology adoption, case management reform, and digital court services, while ensuring that the principles of fairness, due process, and judicial independence are upheld.

FORUM PROGRAMME

8.30am - 9.00am

REGISTRATION

9.00am - 9.45am

OPENING CEREMONY

WELCOMING REMARKS

Dato' Setia Haji Nik Suhaimi bin Nik Sulaiman

Organising Chairman & Legal Advisor of International Strategy Institute (ISI)

OPENING REMARKS

The Hon. Justice Dato' Nordin bin Hassan

Federal Court Judge of Malaysia

9.45am - 10.00am

COFFEE BREAK

10.00am - 11.00am

TOPIC DISCUSSION 1 - JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE ACROSS ASIA

Judicial independence remains a cornerstone of constitutional governance across Asia, yet maintaining public confidence requires balancing independence with transparency and institutional accountability. As Asian societies evolve politically and economically, courts face increasing scrutiny regarding decision-making processes, case backlogs, ethical standards, and judicial conduct.

This session will examine how Asia's judiciaries can strengthen institutional integrity while preserving decisional independence. Discussions will focus on judicial appointment systems, performance monitoring mechanisms, ethics frameworks, and strategies to enhance transparency without compromising judicial autonomy. Comparative perspectives across different Asian legal systems will highlight practical approaches to maintaining credibility in diverse constitutional environments.

11.00am - 12.00am

TOPIC DISCUSSION 2 - DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF COURTS: INNOVATION, CYBERSECURITY, AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Across Asia, judicial systems are accelerating the adoption of digital tools, including e-filing systems, virtual hearings, case management platforms, and data-driven court administration. While digitalisation enhances efficiency and accessibility, it also raises concerns relating to cybersecurity, digital inequality, procedural fairness, and data governance.

This session will explore both the opportunities and risks associated with court modernisation across Asian jurisdictions. Speakers will discuss regional experiences in implementing digital court systems, managing online evidence, protecting sensitive judicial data, and ensuring equal access to justice for digitally underserved communities. The discussion aims to identify practical and sustainable models for technology-driven reform within diverse legal environments.

12.00pm - 1.30pm

NETWORKING LUNCH

FORUM PROGRAMME

1.30pm - 2.30pm

TOPIC DISCUSSION 3 - COMMERCIAL COURTS, INSOLVENCY REFORM, AND INVESTOR CONFIDENCE IN ASIA

As Asian economies become increasingly interconnected, effective commercial dispute resolution and robust insolvency frameworks are essential for maintaining economic stability and investor confidence. Courts play a pivotal role in restructuring distressed enterprises, enforcing contractual obligations and resolving cross-border commercial disputes predictably and transparently.

This session will examine how Asian judicial systems can strengthen commercial court specialisation, improve insolvency procedures and enhance cross-border recognition of judgments. Discussions will address balancing creditor protection with corporate recovery, reducing procedural delays and improving consistency in commercial adjudication. Particular emphasis will be placed on how judicial efficiency and certainty contribute directly to economic resilience across Asia.

2.30pm - 3.30pm

TOPIC DISCUSSION 4 - STRENGTHENING JUDICIAL COOPERATION: CROSS-BORDER LEGAL COORDINATION AND INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGE

In an increasingly interconnected Asia, cross-border legal cooperation has become essential. From mutual legal assistance and extradition matters to transnational commercial disputes and regulatory enforcement, Asian judiciaries are required to navigate complex legal interactions beyond national borders.

This session will focus on strengthening cooperation mechanisms among Asian courts, including information-sharing frameworks, judicial training exchanges, harmonisation of procedural practices where appropriate and capacity-building partnerships. Speakers will examine practical pathways to deepen legal understanding and institutional collaboration while respecting national sovereignty and distinct legal traditions. The objective is to move beyond dialogue towards sustained and structured cooperation among Asian judicial institutions.

3.30pm - 4.00pm

CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Professor Vicha Mahakun

Dean, School of Law, Rangsit University (RSU), Bangkok, Thailand

4.00pm - 4.30pm

COFFEE BREAK

4.30pm

END OF PROGRAMME SESSION

**Kindly note that the topics are not yet finalized and may be subject to further discussion or adjustment.*

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