

## **GMAP Internship Report / GMAP インターンシップ報告書**

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### **I. Basic information / 基本情報**

- 1) Name / 名前 : RACQUEL HIDALGO NACINO
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2018
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : March 2 – 20, 2020
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Jeff Leong, Poon and Wong (JLPW) Law Firm, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Mr. Jeff Leong
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容 : Corporate law and Litigation

### **II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想**

Including the following points: merits, demerits, lessons, contribution to your future career, personal experience etc.

My professional visit at JLPW made me highly appreciate the importance and impact of cross-border commercial transactions and litigation practice. I had a productive time with both litigation and corporate departments of the law firm. They made it possible for me to visit the courts, the Companies Commission of Malaysia, and the Malaysia Japan International Institute of Technology at the University Teknologi Malaysia. They have also given me access to their library, reading materials and online research platforms which was very helpful for my legal research.

During my three-week stay, I had the opportunity to visit the different levels of Malaysian courts and observed in various stages of the proceedings for civil, commercial and criminal cases. I was also given the chance to observe in court cases handled by the lawyers of the firm during key incidents like the promulgation of decision and modes of discovery procedure. I love the very engaging and intellectual discussions on various topics with the litigation team after every hearing over coffee. I learned a lot about Malaysian practice of law and rules of court. The Litigation Department also allowed me to review the case records of two interesting cases of the law firm that involved international transactions, contract law issues, procedural issues such as the legal standing of a foreign entity filing a case in Malaysian court, intercorporate disputes in case of merger and acquisition and the issue of minority oppression in corporate law. I saw a lot of similarities and differences between Malaysian laws and procedures with what we have in the Philippines.

The corporate department organized my visit to the Companies Commission of Malaysia and learned about the procedure of securing publicly available company records, the reportorial requirements of businesses and their evidentiary value in courts. I was also assigned a legal research on a timely, practical and interesting topic regarding the legal basis and consequences of the Movement Control Order due to Covid-19 on business operations. I found it intellectually stimulating for a foreign lawyer like me to look for the legal basis and possible impacts of the order under Malaysian laws and the task made me read more and make a comparison with what the Philippine laws also provide.

I also enjoyed the impromptu school tour at the Malaysia Japan International Institute of Technology of the University Teknologi Malaysia with Mr. Hiro from Japan Legal Services Department of the firm.

My experience with the JLPW team is invaluable and one accomplishment I am proud of. I personally love how the members call each other by their first name, how they listen to each other and conduct brainstorming sessions and how they work together as a team regardless of one's position. For me, these are essential work ethics in a busy law firm like JLPW which are very rare in South East Asia.

I am grateful to Mr. Jeff Leong, the Litigation team (Richard, Shiyama, Michelle and Shawn), the Corporate department (Kenny, Joy and Anne), Mr. Hiro, Wani and all the friendly staff for arranging my activities and making this opportunity possible despite the Covid-19 outbreak. To future interns, I highly recommend applying for internship opportunities at JLPW if you are genuinely interested in international commercial law and dispute resolution.

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