

KIMAP Internship Report / KIMAP 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 : Belkhir Achrafeddine
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2024
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : 07/07/2025 – 01/08/2025
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Jeff Leong, Poon & Wong, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Ms. Alicia Teoh
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容 : Supported legal research and due diligence tasks for corporate projects, helped with daily legal searches, legal watch, and administrative support, fact-checking,

II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想

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

1. Working Experience

During my internship in Malaysia, I helped the legal team with a range of meaningful tasks, especially in the field of due diligence for corporate projects. My main involvement was with a large secondary listing, and from the start, I joined a kick-off meeting with all project advisors. Our partner team leader, Alicia, clearly explained everyone's roles, the due diligence plan, and how to watch for conflicts of interest. Alternates were named for all main roles, ensuring the project could proceed smoothly even if someone was unavailable.

I had to do legal research frequently during the internship. Even though I am doing research as part of my master's thesis, I still learned valuable information on how to do legal searches more efficiently which helped me in my daily tasks and will be inevitably useful as a student and a future lawyer. I worked mainly on the equity guidelines and the requirements needed for a secondary listing by a foreign company. It helped me understand how complicated, even if it seems like a simple task, it was for a company to open its shares publicly to another country. I also had to gather and organise important documents along with reviewing files for compliance.

I also took part in weekly team meetings in the team leader's office. The team discussed billing,

shared updates on ongoing projects, and each month, one member presented a legal review about recent legal changes or important topics. In this way, everyone stayed aware of new rules and industry changes, which I thought was a good way to learn together as a group.

A highlight of my internship was when Alicia walked all interns through the compliance due diligence schedule and the acquisition process as it is done in Malaysia. She explained that the Malaysian compliance due diligence process starts with a detailed Kick-Off Meeting, which I had the chance to participate in. It allowed the parties to set up the project team, clarify responsibilities, and discuss the scheme, timeline, and key milestones. The due diligence working group (DDWG) was formed from investment bankers, accountants, lawyers, auditors, company officers, and independent experts. We prepared planning memoranda, meeting minutes, and director resolutions.

I learned the importance of verifying every document, conducting searches on companies and directors, checking bankruptcy and land records. As there could be changes on those areas, there was a second verification meeting to update everything that might have changed during the long process and after the securities commission's approval. Learning this complex and quite strict process gave me a solid understanding of how compliance due diligence is handled in Malaysia.



Kick-off Meeting

2. Personal Experience

At the very start of my legal studies, my ambition has been to take the Paris bar and begin my career as an international corporate lawyer. This internship in Malaysia became a defining moment in

making those ambitions more concrete and relevant. Being part of a legal team handling complex cross-border listings and mergers allowed me to see first-hand what skills and mindset are required for international legal practice. Each day, I worked on legal research, maintained an active role in monitoring regulatory updates, and participated in detailed due diligence for corporate projects. These experiences deepened my understanding of how legal principles operate not only in theory but in actual international business contexts.

Being in a multicultural environment like Malaysia, where colleagues and clients have a wide range of backgrounds but communicate efficiently in English, taught me to be both flexible and attentive. I had to adjust to different communication styles, methods of problem solving, and approaches to teamwork. This exposure taught me to communicate clearly, work respectfully across cultural lines, and draw strength from diversity within the team.

This has reinforced my commitment to prepare for the Paris bar, knowing now that the skills I am building have practical value in cross-border legal work. I left this internship more confident in my ability to adapt, contribute, and grow in the field of international corporate law, convinced that experiences like this are essential for my preparation to a legal career at the global level.



Last day photos with Ms. Alicia and the whole team

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