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TECHLAW.FEST 2020 WILL BE LARGEST EDITION YET

Five-day virtual event will be complimentary, with a new format for networking sessions and panel discussions.

SINGAPORE, 03 AUGUST 2020 – More than 5,000 members of the world’s legal and technology communities are expected to gather online at TechLaw.Fest 2020. The virtual event will have more than 100 speakers from 20 countries who will offer thought-provoking and practical insights into legal innovation, technology law, harnessing technology to improve access to justice and the future of automated legal operations.

The third edition of TechLaw.Fest will be the largest ever, both in terms of reach and content. Running from 28 September to 2 October 2020, it will be free for all attendees, said organisers Singapore Academy of Law (“SAL”), Singapore’s Ministry of Law and MP Singapore.

Ms Serene Wee, Chief Executive of SAL welcomed this, noting that the event will leverage technology to widen its reach. “The pandemic has hammered home the centrality of technology in legal work. The themes to be discussed at TechLaw.Fest 2020 are timely and global. Be it harnessing technology to improve access to justice or the regulation of technology, these issues affect multiple jurisdictions. TechLaw.Fest itself promises a wholly virtual experience, which will allow more to benefit from its nuanced and holistic discussions on issues affecting law and technology.”



Mr Mark A. Cohen, Executive Chairman of the Digital Legal Exchange and SAL Catalyst-in-Residence commented on the impact of the pandemic on the legal industry. “COVID-19 is turbocharging transformation of the legal function. This is a global phenomenon, one that focuses on how legal professionals can better serve clients and society. TechLaw.Fest will provide insights, best practices, and actionable intelligence from around the world, enabling participants to better understand the challenges, opportunities, and imperative of digital transformation.”

Said Mr Bill Deckelman, EVP & General Counsel, DXC Technology, “The future of law and the impact of legal tech and digital transformation will be one of the most pressing issues of the new decade. TechLaw.Fest 2020 promises to be an important virtual opportunity to collaborate globally with our colleagues and explore new ideas in legal and tech.”

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

- **SMART SCHEDULING:** Participants will find that there’s something for them no matter where they’re joining from. That’s because organisers have opted for a 10am-to-8pm conference clock instead of the usual 9am-to-5pm format. This allows for more content each day and makes it convenient for those living outside Asia to join the conference. Conference sessions will also be recorded and made available on-demand for even greater access.
- **NEW NETWORKING:** Networking sessions are a mainstay at TechLaw.Fest, as they facilitate the all-important forming of new contacts across sectors, jurisdictions and demographics. Their virtual counterparts will do the same, albeit with a new process. Attendees will have to make an appointment with their chosen contact and include a



short note on what they'd like to speak to them about. Formalising the process could allow more attendees to grow their networks.

- **CYBER EXHIBITION:** Participants can connect with more people through the virtual platform, no matter where they are and requiring only a fraction of the resources they'd typically use for a physical exhibit.
- **KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ:** Small group discussions on critical industry topics by key speakers and industry leaders.

THE PROGRAMME

28 September	Despite the productivity and efficiencies they bring to in-house teams, legal operations teams are woefully misunderstood. TechLaw.Fest 2020 opens with discussions on this relatively new function and explores their place in the sector today.
29 September	The focus on technology law centres on issues that arise from tech's rapid advancement, be it the regulation of Artificial Intelligence or the evolution of intellectual property laws.
30 September	Future law examines the readiness of the law to deal with emerging issues, from regulation post-COVID 19 to disruption to changing business models.
1 October	Enhancing access to justice is a common theme and goal across many jurisdictions. But what exactly does it entail and how can technology help or hinder the cause?



2 October	The sessions on the final day of TechLaw.Fest 2020 look to the future, questioning how legal innovation will change legal services in the coming years in its delivery, skillsets and products.
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About TechLaw.Fest

TechLaw.Fest is a signature Law & Technology event hosted annually in Singapore. TechLaw.Fest brings together the international community to debate, deliberate, act and innovate in both the law of technology (policies, regulations, legislation, case law and governance) and the technology of law (infrastructure, business transformation and people development). It is co-organised by the Singapore Academy of Law, Singapore's Ministry of Law and MP Singapore. More information can be found at www.techlawfest.com.



About the Singapore Academy of Law

The Singapore Academy of Law (SAL)'s vision is to make Singapore the legal hub of Asia. SAL works with our stakeholders to set new precedents of excellence in Singapore law through developing thought leadership, world-class infrastructure and legal solutions. More information can be found at www.sal.org.sg.

About Ministry of Law, Singapore

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