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4th QUARTER NEWSLETTER – October through December 2018

Welcome to the Quarter IV 2018 Chandler MHM Newsletter. For your convenience, full articles in all sections can be read by 'clicking' on the titles below. We hope you find this Quarter IV 2018 edition – value adding.

LEGAL UPDATES

Major Legislation – October through December 2018

by, Chandler MHM

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PUBLICATIONS

ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

Power Surge

Article with commentary, by Nopamon Thevit Intralib, Senior Associate
Chandler MHM

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FIRM NEWS / EVENTS –October through December 2018

Firm News

New Staff and Promotions

In October, Satoshi Kawai and Niwes Phanchaorenworakul, Co-Managing Partners, announced that in January 2019, the firm would welcome two highly experienced lawyers as Senior Partners. Arkrapol Pichedvanichok joins as Co-Head of Mergers & Acquisitions, following a distinguished career at Allen & Overy (Bangkok), with his most recent position at Allen & Overy as Head of Corporate. Chatchai Inthasuwan joins as Practice Leader of the firm's Dispute Resolution/Litigation practice. He has practiced law for nearly 30 years, including partnerships at Coudert Brothers, DLA Piper, and Thai Lawyers & Legal Counsellors Ltd. His dispute resolution/litigation experience includes a broad spectrum of industry sectors, including advising Thai state enterprises.

In November, Satoshi-Kawai, Co-Managing Partner announced three important promotions:

- Tananan Thammakiat, practice leader for the firm's REITs/Capital Markets team was promoted to Partner
- Peerapat Pongrojphao, a key member of the Litigation team was promoted to Counsel
- Pranat Laohapairoj, valued member of the M&A team was promoted to Counsel

In December, the firm announced that Nuanporn Wechsuwanarux, a specialist in M&A, and energy and natural resources would re-join Chandler MHM before year-end 2018. She earlier worked at the firm until 2015. From 2015 until this year, Nuanporn honed her legal expertise as a legal advisor at an international law firm, and as corporate secretary/head of legal at a Thai real estate and hospitality public company.

Awards and Recognition

As 2018 closed, Chandler MHM was honoured to have achieved the following recognition from international commentators as supported by clients.

Asialaw Profiles 2019: Outstanding Firm

ASIAN-mena Counsel In-House Community 2018: Firm of the Year (Thailand) / Most Responsive Domestic Firm

Chambers and Partners Asia Pacific 2019: Leading Firm

IFLR1000 (Financial & Corporate) 2019: Top Tier Firm

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019: Top Tier Firm

The firm continues its strong commitment to the delivery of legal solutions that are practical, innovative and consistently responsive to clients' need. **We Aim To Exceed Expectations – In Everything We Do.**

Firm Events

1st MHM ASEAN Regional Meeting 2018 – November 23-25th 2018 SO Sofitel, Bangkok

The Chandler MHM legal team and Mori Hamada & Matsumoto team members from across Asia met for 3 days in November to share knowledge and inspire each other in 'best practices' and thought-leadership affecting every aspect of the firm's work. Participants from Corporate/M&A, Banking & Finance, and Dispute Resolution enhanced expertise on important aspects of each practice – with a focus on client service. Colleagues from around the region also enjoyed exploring Bangkok markets, temples, museums and unique architectural treasures.

Seminar: Key Features of, and Latest Updates to – the Anti-Competition Law – 30 November 2018 The Bangkok Club

Over 60 executives and legal counsel from Thai banks and leading corporates were updated on important and pending developments regarding Anti-Competition legislation – and on how anti-competition regulations play an important oversight role as they provide guidelines and mandates on how to conduct business in Thailand. Chandler MHM presenters were, Jutharat Anuktanakul, Partner, and Pranat Laohapairoj, Counsel. Jutharat has extensive corporate/investment experience, and Pranat regularly advises clients on Anti-Competition, M&A, Anti-Trust, compliance, and labour matters.