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11 June 09 (Thu), 1500 – 1700 hrs

Venue : Library Briefing Room

The Pedra Branca Case Singapore's Experience at the World Court



Photograph showing Pedra Branca as it appears today with Middle Rocks in the background (view from north to south) [Photo credit: Memorial of Singapore]

Speaker:

**Mr. Pang Khang Chau,
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About the Talk:

The Case Concerning Sovereignty Over Pedra Branca / Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge is Singapore's first (and only) case before the International Court of Justice ("ICJ"). The ICJ's judgment of 23 May 2008 peacefully resolved a territorial dispute with Malaysia which spanned almost 30 years.

This talk will explain the origins of the dispute over Pedra Branca, how the other two features (Middle Rocks and South Ledge) came to be added to the case, and how the decision to go to the ICJ was made.

The speaker will relate legal team's experience in preparing and presenting Singapore's case before the ICJ and, in the process, explain what it takes to bring a case through the ICJ.

The talk will end with a discussion of how the ICJ arrived at its final decision and the significance of this decision for Singapore.

About the Speaker:

Mr. Pang Khang Chau is a Senior State Counsel in the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers. As an officer of the International Affairs Division, his main role is to advise Government departments on international law issues and to represent the Singapore Government in international negotiations and international disputes.

Mr Pang was part of the legal team which prepared and presented Singapore's case in the Pedra Branca dispute before the ICJ. He has been working on the Pedra Branca case since 2003, when Singapore and Malaysia signed a Special Agreement to submit the case to the ICJ.

Prior to joining the International Affairs Division in 2003, Mr. Pang served as Deputy Director, Legal Policy in the Ministry of Law from 1998 and, before that, as a State Counsel in the Civil Division of the Attorney-General's Chamber

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