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Singapore-UK Legal Sector Post COVID | 10 November 2020 - 9 am to 10 am (GMT)
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The expert panel will discuss the future of UK-Singapore collaboration after the pandemic – what future partnerships might look like, opportunities for UK businesses, and what ‘building back better’ might mean in the legal sector. [Learn more and register here](#)

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS



A Foreign Lawyers Guide to the New Qualification Exam to Become an English Solicitor

Author: Michael Padua | ENGLAND AND WALES

Qualification as a Solicitor of England & Wales: An international qualification for a borderless profession

The international reach of English law and the English legal profession means that dual-qualifying as a solicitor of England and Wales opens up a world of career opportunities. English Law is often chosen by businesses to govern their international trading, service and financing agreements and provides the legal framework for many international commercial transactions. [READ MORE](#)

China's New Foreign Investment Law brings changes to corporate structure

Author: Carolina Fabara | CHINA

Since China decided to intensify the opening-up policies, it is trying to change the regulatory framework for foreign investment business with the New Foreign Investment Law. Basically, this law replaces the Equity Joint Venture ("EJV") Law, Contractual Joint Venture ("CJV") Law and Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise ("WFOE") Law, in terms of the organization form, institutional framework and standard of conduct. [READ MORE](#)



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HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: WHAT'S NEW?

Indonesia's controversial new jobs law

Police and demonstrators clashed in Jakarta as widespread protests and labour strikes have broken out against a polarising jobs law that has now taken effect in Indonesia. [READ MORE](#)



Amnesty International operations in India come to an end

Amnesty International was forced to shut operations in India on account of reprisals from the government. Recently, the head of the European Parliament's panel on human rights 'expressed concern at the deterioration of rule of law in India and the targeting of human rights defenders.'

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Uighurs could be allowed to seek genocide ruling against China in UK?

Under proposals from Members of Parliament and their peers, Uighurs and other Muslim minorities would be given the right to petition a UK high court judge to declare that genocide is taking place in China and require the UK government to curtail trade ties with Beijing. [READ MORE](#)



Humanity waging war on nature: UN Chief

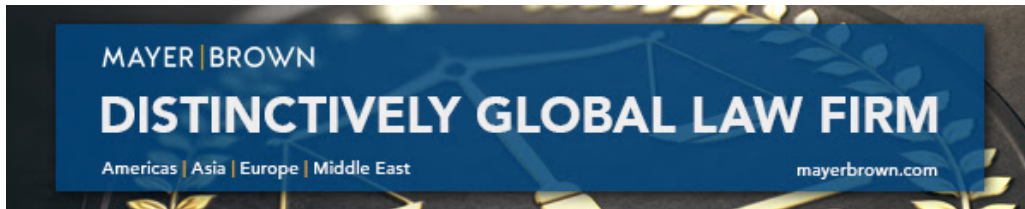
At the first UN summit on biodiversity, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres warned that humanity is waging a war on nature. Ahead of the UN summit, over 70 countries and the European Union signed a pledge to reverse losses to natural habitats by 2030. Leaders of Brazil, China, India and the US however, did not sign the pledge. [READ MORE](#)



Rohingyas living in open prison

Human Rights Watch said that approximately 130,000 Rohingya Muslims

in refugee camps in the Rakhine state live under “squalid and abusive” conditions, in an “open prison.” [READ MORE](#)



Vietnam arrests leading pro-democracy activist

Prominent human rights activist Pham Doan Trang was detained hours after the conclusion of Vietnam’s annual human rights dialogue with the United States. Trang is charged with “conducting anti-state propaganda”, and a possible jail term of up to 20 years. [READ MORE](#)



Sri Lanka returns illegal waste to Britain

Sri Lanka shipped back 21 containers with 260 tonnes of waste to Britain, which was imported illegally according to the government in violation of international laws governing the shipping of hazardous material. [READ MORE](#)



Filipino activists on most wanted list?

Recently, names and photographs of individuals known for their human rights work were found on posters branding them as "human rights violators" and "executioners". In 2018, the Philippines was ranked deadliest for environmental defenders by rights watchdog Global Witness. [READ MORE](#)



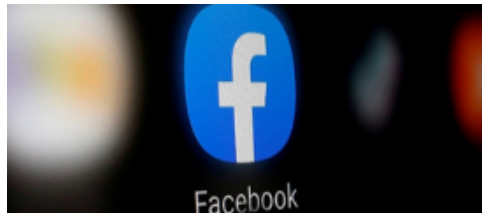
Rising concerns as Indian police's easy access to WhatsApp

Indian smartphone users are concerned about digital privacy as they see how easily the police have accessed personal phone data in a publicized probe into drug use in the film industry. The police have regularly used WhatsApp chats to build cases against human rights activists and critics of the government. [READ MORE](#)



Facebook and Climate denial

A think tank found that advertisements on Facebook 'denying the reality of the climate crisis or the need for action were viewed at least 8 million times in the US in the first half of 2020. [READ MORE](#)



Taiwan's civic hackers find a new way to run the country

Taiwan's civic hackers have introduced the world to a new way of resolving national issues. The fundamental principles of this new approach, a social media platform, are radical transparency, consensus building and democratic decision making. The model is now being



used in the UK and Singapore. [READ MORE](#)

World's longest held death row prisoner

World's longest held death row prisoner in Japan, Iwao Hakamada was sentenced to death for the murder of a family of four without any evidence. He has been on death row for almost half a century. [READ MORE](#)



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