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## 1 Introduction

This is the first of two newsletters to be released in 2010, which promises to be an exciting year for the charity. It outlines the completion of a number of shipments, including first-time donations to Eastern Europe and South America. We publish feedback and photos we've received from partner organisations in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. We also highlight an exciting development for the ILBF, the first shipments to countries with a francophone civil law tradition. A timeline shows major events since the charity's inception in 2005.

## 2 Shipment overview

The last six months has been a period of expansion for the ILBF. As well as continuing to donate a range of legal textbooks to organisations in Africa and the Caribbean, the charity has also extended its donations to organisations in Asia, Europe and South America.

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One of the achievements of 2009–2010 has been the increase in the number of countries to which the ILBF is sending first-time donations. In December 2009 the first donations to partner organisations in Eastern Europe were received by the Universitatea Petre Andrei Iasi and the Institutul de studii Europene Stefan Lupascu Iasi, in Romania, and by the College of Europe in Poland. The ILBF has also sent significant numbers of books to organisations in Asia. The charity partnered with the Asia Foundation to send over 200 boxes of books to organisations in Pakistan (including the Noor Law College; the Law and Justice Commission; the Sindh and Lahore High Courts and the LUMS Law School) and Nepal (the RESPRO Academy and the Kathmandu Law School). A consignment was also sent to the Office of the Attorney General in Bhutan. Finally, in February 2010, Mrs Justice Dobbs delivered a box of books from the ILBF to the Guyana Legal Aid Clinic, the first South American organisation to receive books from the ILBF.



Some of the boxes of books packed by ILBF volunteers over the last 6 months

## *Shipment overview (cont) ...*



Sudan: Police representative receiving books from UNDP officials at the library

As well as expanding into Europe, Asia and South America, the ILBF continued to provide books to organisations in Africa and the Caribbean. In November 2009 books sent to Sudan were handed over in an official ceremony at the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development in Juba to the United Nations Mission in Sudan (on behalf of the Prisons Service of Southern Sudan); the United Nations Development Programme (on behalf of the Police Service of Southern Sudan and on behalf of the Justice and Confidence Centres in Southern Sudan); and the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly.

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Additionally, books were sent to partner organisations in Nigeria, including Legal Practitioners; Nigerian IALE; the Nigerian Law School in Enugu and the Rivers State College of Science and Technology; to organisations in Tanzania, including the Legal Sector Reform Programme (Attorney General's Office); Tumaini University; Makumira University College; the University of Dar es Salaam Library; and the High Court in Zanzibar, as well as to the University of Zimbabwe. Additionally, the Catholic University–Centre for Legal Studies, the Mwayi Trust and St John of God Community Services in Malawi have also received ILBF books.

Finally, the ILBF has built on its partnership with the Asia Foundation. As well as the shipment to Nepal and Pakistan, as detailed above, and following a successful pilot consignment to Bangladesh last year, a second shipment of books has just arrived safely. Those books will be received by the Dhaka Law School, the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW), the Law Commission and the Legal Education and Training Institute.

As of 2010, the ILBF continues to operate at a low cost, due in large part to a band of volunteers who organise shipments, liaise with partner organisations, select and pack up donations of books. As the ILBF expands its operations, we have even more need of volunteers. If either you or your organisation is interested in supporting the ILBF's activities, through donations of books, financial contributions, or through volunteering, please contact: [info@ilbf.org.uk](mailto:info@ilbf.org.uk)



ILBF volunteers packing books for the shipment to Nigeria

### 3 ILBF books hand delivered to Guyana

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*Mrs Justice Dobbs*

In what was the ILBF's first donation of books to South America, in February 2010, Mrs Justice Dobbs personally delivered two boxes of law books to the Guyana Legal Aid Clinic, whilst on a visit to Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana for the purposes of delivering a judicial ethics workshop to the judiciary in those countries.

The Guyana Legal Aid Clinic is a non-governmental, non-profit making, non-partisan organisation formed to provide legal aid to people unable to afford the services of a member of the private bar. It opened in March 1994 and since then has assisted over 17,000 people.

Guyana gained independence on 26 May 1966 and became a Republic on 23 February 1970. It has a population of about 750,000. The Guyana Legal Aid Clinic, which was originally based in the capital Georgetown, has expanded to provide representation in two further regions of the country. It is funded by grants from the governments of Guyana, the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as other non-governmental organisations, individuals and the business community.

ILBF volunteers selected and packed various books, including legal texts on criminal law and human rights law, for the judge to deliver.

Following her visit, Mrs Justice Dobbs said:- 'There is a real need in Guyana in particular for the kind of assistance that ILBF can give, and I know that applications will soon be in the pipeline for further assistance to the Legal Aid Clinic for its regional offices and from the law department of the University'.

### 4 French books

Since its inception in 2005, the ILBF has sent hundreds of legal text books to organisations throughout the world. In general, these books have been sent to organisations in countries with an anglophone common law tradition.

2010 has seen an exciting development: the first ILBF shipments to countries with a francophone civil law tradition. In a collaboration between the ILBF, LexisNexis UK, LexisNexis France and the Paris and London offices of Clifford Chance, approximately 700 books were donated by LexisNexis France to the ILBF.

These books will be going to the following organisations:

1. the law faculty library of the University of Cotonou in Benin;
2. Institut Supérieur Africain de Formation (recently established in Senegal by Mr Elimane Kane, Mr Jacques Mestre and his team);
3. Council of Jurists of the Royal Government of Cambodia;
4. Cambodia University for Specialties;
5. Royal University of Law and Economics; and
6. Cambodian Center for Human Rights.

Myriam Carius, Avocat à la Cour at the Clifford Chance Paris office, said: 'This donation of textbooks is our way to contribute to the education of young African students.'

Fabienne Lornage, from LexisNexis France, said: 'We are used to books donation directly to small Universities but this operation was an opportunity to enlarge our impact: 700 books were selected and it concerns countries we did not have any contact with before.'

The in-cash value of the in-kind donation is equivalent to €17 000 (US\$23,000 or £14,700). This operation was a natural way to assume our corporate social responsibility and we would be happy to renew it.'

## 5 Recent feedback

*Over the last 6 months the ILBF has received valuable feedback from partner organisations who have received an ILBF shipment of books.*

**Report on the official handover of books (donated by the ILBF) at the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development (MoLCAD), Juba, Southern Sudan:**

UNDP, Governance and Rule of Law Unit recently delivered books donated by the International Law Books Facility (ILBF) organization based in the UK. The law books which were mainly for the rule of law institutions came in 35 boxes. The book donations are aimed at supporting the rule of law sector institutions in Southern Sudan through access to knowledge and best practices.

Ms. Thusitha Pilapitiya, the Team Leader of the Governance and Rule of Law Unit formerly handed over the books to recipient institutions through the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development represented by Hon. Filberto Mayuot, the Acting Undersecretary. This was done at the Ministry's main Library in Juba, Southern Sudan on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Ms. Thusitha in her handover speech informed the Acting Under Secretary, Ministry of Legal Affairs how her unit worked with the organizations that donated the books to help boost the knowledge and information sharing within the rule of law institutions.



UNDP staff sort out the books before handing over at the library

Responding, the Acting Undersecretary Hon. Filberto Mayuot expressed delight at the donated books and expressed his sincere appreciation to the organizations behind the donation particularly ILBF which is the first organization to make such donation to the Ministry and key rule of law institutions, adding that this indeed has opened up a window of opportunities for the rule of law sector to further benefit from such well-meaning nonprofit organizations.



Ms. Thusitha Pilapitiya giving her remarks during the handover ceremony at the MoLCAD library



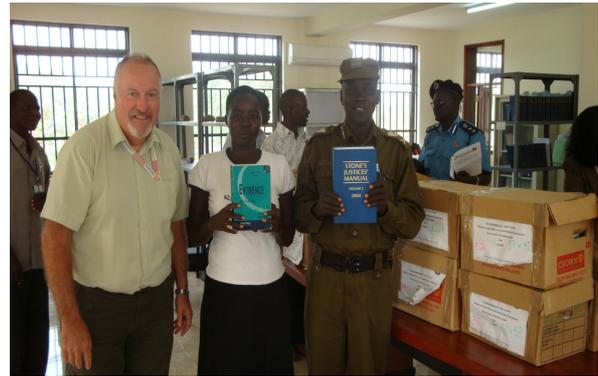
Ms. Thusitha Pilapitiya and Mr. Arike James handing a book to the Undersecretary MoLCAD

The recipients of the books (represented except Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly) library included;

1. Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development (MoLACD)
2. Rule of Law Promoters Association/Justice and Confidence Centre
3. Prisons Library
4. SSPS (Police) Library
5. Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly library



Representative from the Rule of Law Promoters Association receiving books



Mr. Bob (UNMIS) and representative from the prisons receiving the books at the library

### From the Integrity Commission, Commonwealth of Dominica:

'I wish to place on record the sincere thanks of the Integrity Commission for your efforts at securing a number of texts on behalf of the Commission. The Integrity Commission was established under section 4 of the Integrity in Public Office Act, 2003, No. 6 of 2003 and came into effect on 1st September, 2008. The Commission is in the process of developing a proper library which, in addition to serving the Commission and its staff, would be open to all persons in public life, the media and members of the public. Much of the library's collection now include texts on the law and a few subject areas such as ethics, good governance, integrity and probity in public life, accountability and other related subjects. The texts that you were able to secure on the Commission's behalf will be very useful especially in our research and public education drives. Thank you once again for your most invaluable assistance.

Yours very sincerely,  
Palestrina Rolle-George  
Secretary (Ag)  
Integrity Commission'

### From Attorney General's Office, Bhutan:

'Firstly on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General and on my own behalf I would like to thank you and your organization personally and would like to inform you that I just received the books today that you have sent. Thank you so much for taking the time to consider the request that I made on behalf of the Attorney General and processing it and following through till we got the book here.

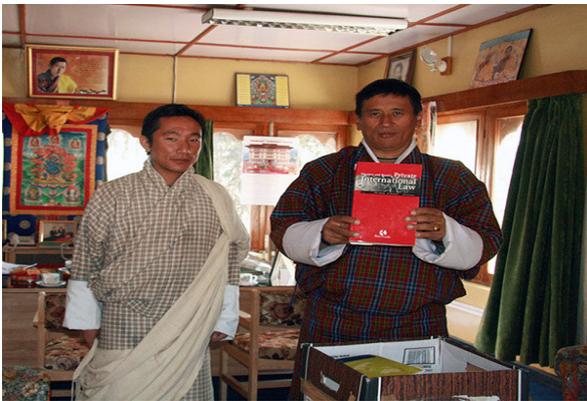


Opening of the books at the Office of the Attorney General of Bhutan

Now to update you a little about the recent happening here in Bhutan with regard to the Judiciary here, recently the first Chief Justices were appointed and one of which is our very own Attorney General and so everyone at office is a little busy but nevertheless your deliveries were at a right time especially because now we do have the Supreme Court in place and the principles of Jurisprudence is guaranteed and the safeguarding of our Constitution assured.

Once again thank you very much for this great gift as the books that ILBF has sent to us will go a long way into taking us forward as an institution for the betterment of the Rule of Law here in Bhutan.

Namgay Dorji  
Office of the Attorney General  
Thimphu, Bhutan'



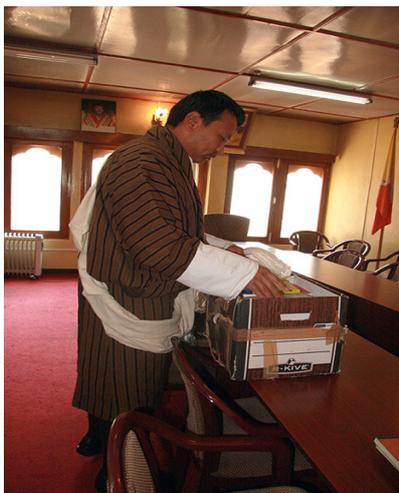
Attorney Namgay Dorji and Attorney General Phuntsho Wandri

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*Attorney Namgay Dorji*

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Senior Attorneys going through the books after opening

## 6 ILBF timeline

### 2005

The ILBF was launched on 23 November 2005 and registered as a charity (reg no. 1112628) in January.

### 2007

In 2007 the ILBF sent shipments to Swaziland, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, as well as two shipments to both Uganda and Malawi. We teamed up with the African prisons project, a charity working to improve African prison infrastructure.



Student Lawyers at Malawi Law Society

### 2009

We agreed a formal relationship with the Asia foundation (TAF). This helped us to ILBF ship 37 boxes of books to new partner organisations in Bangladesh, including the Bangladesh Bar Council, the Save the Children charity, the Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers' Association and the Law School at the University of Dhaka. During the summer of 2009 the ILBF entered into a Development Partnership with the highly respected UK-based legal charity, Advocates for International Development.

### 2006

Shipments were sent to St Vincent, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, St Lucia, St Kitts and St Nevis and Tanzania, for the most part, jointly coordinated with Book Aid International (BAI). However 2006 also saw the ILBF taking steps to achieve greater autonomy—the delivery of 1 tonne of books to the Law Society of Swaziland and 8 full sets of law reports and legal encyclopedias to Caribbean jurisdictions being effected without BAI's involvement. Promotion of the charity began with a generic insert card being added to new editions of relevant texts to encourage purchasers to donate the previous edition. The card was first used in July 2006 in Tolley's Employment Law Handbook and as a result a very useful number of previous editions were donated.

### 2008

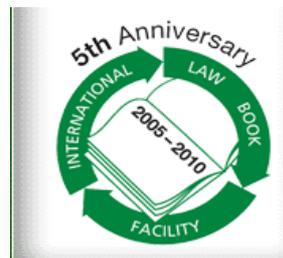
Significant shipments this year included those to Uganda, Nigeria, Sudan and Rwanda.



Kampala University, Uganda

### 2010

This year we will continue to send shipments to recipients and we are pleased to mark our five year anniversary!



## 7 ILBF's Current Donors

The ILBF is delighted to be supported by the following major donors:

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## 8 Administration of the ILBF

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**Sweet and Maxwell**  
**The Bar Council**  
**The International Bar Association**  
**The Law Society**

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