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German-Singaporean Lawyers' Association – 1st Annual Conference in Singapore

German lawyers interested in Singapore and its legal system and Singaporean lawyers with similar interests in Germany founded the German-Singaporean Lawyers' Association on 17 July 2000 in Berlin. The Association, registered with the Berlin Registrar of Societies under 'Deutsch-Singapurische Juristen-Vereinigung e V' has more than 50 members from the legal profession of both countries but is open to other individuals and organisations as well.

Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law, Professor S Jayakumar, Ambassador Professor Walter Woon, Ambassador Volker Schlegel and Professor Dietrich Rauschnig, founding father of the German law student exchange programme with the National University of Singapore, are honorary members of the Association. Other prominent Singapore lawyers include Professor L Penna, Professor Koh Kheng-Lian and Professor Peter Ellinger.

The Association is the first of its kind in Singapore although Germany has similar bilateral tie-ups with several other countries. It aims to promote deeper

knowledge and understanding of Singapore law in Germany and of German and EU law in Singapore, enhance co-operation and facilitate business relations between both countries, support a regular exchange of law students and pupils, and generally offer a forum for contacts between German and Singaporean lawyers. The Association's first conference will be held in Singapore in mid-November and feature prominent speakers from all sectors of the legal profession.

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