



**CONCLUDING REMARKS
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JUDICIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION NETWORK (JDRN)**

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The Honourable Associate Justice Jose Midas P. Marquez,
Supreme Court of the Philippines, Chair for the 4th Judicial
Dispute Resolution Network Meeting

Chief Justices, Head of Delegations and Founding Members of
the JDRN

Distinguished delegates and members who attended this
meeting in person and virtually

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum, peace be upon you, and a very good
afternoon to all.

- [1] As we draw this 4th Meeting of the JDRN to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished over these 2 days of meetings and discussions.

- [2] Over the course of yesterday's sessions, we saw how far our members have progressed in implementing JDR within their respective court systems, as well as the challenges they have encountered along the way. These exchanges have

greatly enhanced our understanding of the unique and diverse issues that must be addressed and overcome.

[3] I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Chief Justices for their presentations and for sharing their experiences on the application of JDR at the appellate level. We hope that these valuable insights will enable us to develop a best practice guide on JDR at the appellate stage, taking into careful consideration the associated structural and legal issues. Similar efforts are also envisaged in respect of bankruptcy and insolvency disputes, personal injury matters, and community and relational disputes. Following the discussions yesterday, we are hopeful of being able to produce a final draft in due course.

[4] This morning, we had the opportunity to visit the Judicial Academy, where we were introduced to the ADR mechanisms in place. The tree-planting activity was a particularly meaningful experience, symbolising growth, sustainability, and our shared commitment to the future of JDR.

[5] I am also pleased that we heard from our new members from India, Jamaica, Dubai, Qatar, the County Court of Victoria, and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, who

shared their practices and experiences in JDR. We likewise benefited from the insightful papers presented by our founding members, China and the United Kingdom.

- [6] Indeed, this meeting has been truly enriching. Through open dialogue and shared experiences, we have learned from one another in ways that would not have been possible without the platform provided by the JDRN.
- [7] Before I conclude, I would like to, once again, thank the Supreme Court of the Philippines for their generous hospitality, and to the Secretariat from Singapore, together with their Philippine counterparts, for their tireless efforts in ensuring the smooth conduct of this meeting. Your dedication has made this gathering both productive and memorable.
- [8] The positive growth of the JDRN over the past three years is a testament to the spirit of collaboration and shared commitment that defines this Network. Let us carry this momentum forward, building on the ideas and relationships fostered here, and continue to strengthen judicial cooperation across borders.

[9] As we conclude, I encourage each of us to take the insights and lessons from this meeting back to our respective jurisdictions, and to work together to further advance judicial dispute resolution. Together, we can ensure that the JDRN remains a vibrant, effective, and forward-looking platform for the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

[10] Thank you all for your active participation, your dedication, and your continued support of the JDRN. Safe travels, and we look forward to reconvening in the future for another fruitful meeting.

Thank you.