

## Overseas Guests of the Ministry of Justice



**Name: Romandelas Manurung**

**Position: IP Investigator / Legal Analyst, Directorate General of Intellectual Property, Indonesia**

Mr. Romandelas Manurung completed his bachelor's degree in law at Faculty of Law, Andalas University in 2013. He is currently continuing his master's law studies at University at Tarumanagara which began in 2024 as a part of Directorate General of Intellectual Property (DGIP) scholarship program. He began his service as a government official in 2019 as a legal analyst at the Directorate of Enforcement of the DGIP of Ministry of Law of Republic of Indonesia. Then he got a training as a Civil Servant Investigator in 2021 and since that he handled various cases related to IPR violations. Some of the global training he has received includes digital piracy training organized by Homeland Security Investigations and Interpol. The training is the result of cooperation between IP Task Force of Indonesia that initiated by DGIP since 2021 to the present.



**Name: Shamsul Nizam bin Khalil**

**Position: Deputy Director General of Enforcement, Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living, Malaysia**

Mr. Shamsul Nizam bin Khalil began his service in the Malaysian Government in 1992 and has since built an extensive career spanning over three decades in the Ministry of Domestic Trade. He has held various senior enforcement roles across key divisions, including IPR Investigation, Field Operations and Consumer Protection. Rising through the ranks from Enforcement Officer to his current position as Deputy Director General, he has served in multiple states including Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur, Kedah, Perak and has led several high-level enforcement task forces focusing on anti-profiteering, copyrights and trade compliance. Today, he plays a strategic role in the Enforcement Division under the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living, contributing to national policy enforcement and operational leadership.



**Name: Kayrel V. Padilla**

**Position: Attorney, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Intelligence Group, Bureau of Customs, Philippine**

Kayrel V. Padilla passed the 2018 bar exams and started her career in 2019 in the Philippine Customs.

In her current role at the Bureau of Customs, she has served in various capacities, including as a lawyer in the Prosecution and Litigation Division of the Legal Service and as Chief of Staff to the Deputy Commissioner of the Intelligence Group. She has handled complex cases, drafted legal opinions, and provided strategic advice to senior officials.

Additionally, she has led the Post Validation Unit in the Interim Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Office, where she worked closely with stakeholders to ensure compliance with customs regulations and international standards. This leadership experience has provided her with a profound understanding of supply chain security and trade facilitation, refining her ability to coordinate and manage diverse teams.

She has also undergone extensive training in customs administration and trade security, including programs with the Korea Customs Service and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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**Name: Vignesh Vaerhn**

**Position: Counsel, Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore**

Mr. Vignesh Vaerhn joined Allen & Gledhill LLP in 2005 and was a partner between 2011 up to 31 December 2024. Having recently retired from the partnership, he continues to practice in the Firm in the role of Counsel. His areas of expertise span all forms of Intellectual Property including Intellectual Property/Information Technology Litigation and Disputes. He has extensive experience in Intellectual Property infringement/revocation/opposition/entitlement actions including copyright disputes, both civil and criminal. He has also successfully advised and conducted proceedings for the recovery of domain and business names. He advises on the protection of trade secrets and confidential information as well as regulatory issues relating to the licensing of pharmaceutical products in Singapore and he has been involved in disputes involving the laws relating to patent linkage and pharmaceutical products. He maintains an advisory practice relating to Intellectual Property protection and portfolio management, in particular Intellectual Property exploitation strategies, including issues arising out of Intellectual Property audits/due diligence and commercialization. Of mixed heritage, Vignesh speaks, reads and writes both Japanese and Mandarin. Vignesh is also a member of the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy Panel.