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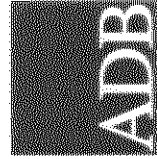
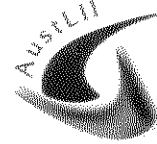
Project DIAL is being carried out by an international project team from eight countries led by DataLex Pty Ltd.

The Australasian Legal Information Institute (AusLII) provides the host computer facilities, technical development and content development for DIAL. AusLII is a joint facility of the Law Faculties of the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

DIAL is the part of AusLII's World Law resource which provides special emphasis on legislation-related materials. World Law (<http://www.austlii.edu.au/links/World/>) covers case law, legal education and other legal materials as well.

The Regional Training Coordinator for DIAL (Philippines-based CID Asia) is assisted by local Training Associates in the seven countries in which in-country training in DIAL use will be provided.

The DIAL team is also seeking contributions from content contributors with expertise in the laws of particular countries or subjects.



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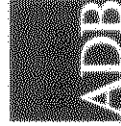
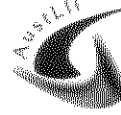
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More information

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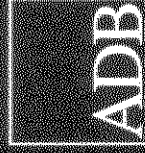
Development of the Internet for Asian Law

Access to World Law on the Internet



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A Law Library on the Internet?

There is a huge and growing quantity of legal materials being made available on the Internet's World-Wide-Web. Most of it is available for free access to anyone with access to the Internet. Governments, Courts and Universities around the world are making the legal information they produce available in this way. There is already available the full texts of legislation from over 100 jurisdictions (including the leading jurisdictions of the world), major collections of case law, treaties, law reform reports and the texts of hundreds of law journals.

The quantity of available legal materials is growing rapidly. It is a free access Internet Law Library.

The problem is that it is often very difficult to find the right legal material from around the world or from a specific country when you need it. Existing research tools on the Internet do not provide world-wide coverage and are often difficult to use with enough precision for legal research.

What is DIAL?

Project DIAL (Development of the Internet for Asian Law) is a project funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) which aims to make it easier to find and use legislation-related materials from this growing Internet Law Library. DIAL is a free access one-stop starting point to the world of legal information on the Internet.

DIAL is a catalogue and search facility of legal materials on the Internet from all countries world-wide. DIAL does not add new legal materials to the Internet - it provides better access to what is already there.

What's in DIAL?

DIAL contains two main components.

Catalogue of links DIAL is based on a well-structured catalogue of links to thousands of the world's best law sites. Although DIAL is only in its early stages of development as yet, it already links to legislation from over 100 jurisdictions world-wide, hundreds of law journals and much other material. DIAL's Subject Index will index materials by over 30 subjects.

Search engine As well as providing links to law sites DIAL also allows the full text (every word) of most of these sites to be searched. The search facility already covers over 10 gigabytes of legal texts, and this is growing very rapidly. The search facility is built by a 'web robot' being sent to sites in the catalogue.

What's special about DIAL?

Many additional DIAL features make it a powerful research resource:

Powerful search features The search engine used by DIAL provides a wide range of search options, from the simple entry of a couple of key terms through to sophisticated boolean and proximity searching. Search results are sorted with the most relevant items presented first.

Precise scope searching Each page in DIAL's catalogue contains a search form which gives users the choice of searching the full text of all sites, or of limiting the scope of the search by the location in the catalogue. This makes it possible to search over legislation from all countries (but not other materials), or over any legal material from a particular country, and similar precise searches.

'Search this site' It is possible to search only over the content of a single site.

Stored searches Expert searches are 'stored' as links in the catalogue, assisting users to do more expert searching.

Free access Access to DIAL is free and does not contain advertisements.

Asian focus DIAL has a special emphasis on the law of Asia-Pacific countries - an Asian perspective on access to world law.

Who benefits from DIAL?

Access to DIAL is free to all users, but DIAL is developed with the particular aim of assisting the Developing Member Countries (DMCs) of the ADB in the process of law reform by providing efficient access to a world-wide on-line library of legislation-related materials. DIAL's first priority target audience is the law reform and legal drafting personnel of DMCs who do not otherwise have access to comparative law materials.

DIAL is also intended to benefit legal education, the legal profession and the general public, particularly in Bank DMCs.

In-country training

The Project DIAL team will provide in-country training in Internet legal research to government lawyers in seven selected DMCs: the People's Republic of China, Mongolia, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam. DIAL's Regional Training Coordinator will establish DIAL Internet workstations at key locations in each country, and will assist the local Training Associate in each country to provide ongoing local training. All DIAL trainees receive ongoing support and assistance by e-mail.

On-line training

DIAL will include on-line training facilities accessible to all DIAL users through the DIAL home page. User Guides will initially be available, followed later by interactive training courses.

DIALOGUE

Project DIAL also includes DIALOGUE, an e-mail based facility by which Authorised Users in DMCs can make contact with, and obtain some assistance from, panelists with expertise in particular legal subjects. The assistance might include brief statements of general principles, and guidance on resources and further contacts. Officials in DMCs are authorised as users by the ADB's Office of the General Counsel.

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DIAL Find links to legislation-related resources on the Internet from many countries, and search the full text of these resources.

DIALOGUE An email facility for DIALOGUE Panelists and Authorised Users (Restricted Access)

New Address Most recent addresses to DIAL and World Law

Training ADB DMCs (Developing Member Countries) where legislation training is scheduled. See Project News & Information

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The Training Guide for the Project DIAL prototype (January 1998)

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