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FOREWORD

The Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies at Golden Gate University in San Francisco recently hosted its 24th Annual Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems. The theme of this year's symposium was "The Effectiveness of International Law." The event was attended by approximately 100 participants and guests, including diplomats, scholars, lawyers and students.

The morning session began with a keynote address by Professor Sophie Clavier, and included a panel featuring presentations on "Comfort Women," U.S. Policy in Central Asia, the International Criminal Court, and Modern Maritime Piracy. The afternoon session turned to international environmental law, beginning with Gustavo Alanis-Ortega's address concerning Mexican Perspectives on NAFTA, and including panel presentations on recent cases and a variety of NAFTA-related topics. Many of the articles in this edition concern international environmental law which compliments the issues addressed in this year's Fulbright Symposium. Some of the papers presented at the Symposium will be published next year in Volume XXI of the *Annual Survey*.

I want to thank Professor Christian Okeke, Director of the Sompong Sucharitkul Center, for his vision and leadership in organizing this year's Symposium. Likewise, the high quality of this volume of the *Annual Survey* is a result of his efforts as editor-in-chief. I would also like to note that this is the 20th anniversary issue of the *Annual Survey*. In honor, of our 20 years of publication, this particular issue features many Golden Gate University student and alumni articles. I hope you enjoy reviewing the articles presented in this year's *Annual Survey*.

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