The study of Asian Business Law has become highly demanding, useful and thought-provoking in this globalised interconnected economy which promotes the need to study legal environments and traditions in which corporations operate in Asia. In particular, the rapid growth of the Asian economy and its dominant role in world trade galvanises enormous interest among students and professionals in exploring business and legal prospects of this emerging market. Inevitably, the knowledge of the regulatory framework and other settings in which corporations function is fundamental to accomplish the task and conduct responsible and successful businesses. This subject is designed to respond to this need by fostering understanding of various legal issues involved in Asian business and provides the perfect opportunity for students who want to broaden their career prospects as entrepreneurs or corporate professionals. This study intends to develop students' skills, analytical abilities and confidence to intellectually grasp and manage relevant risk factors and liabilities that a business may encounter.

The subject addresses the regulatory frameworks and diverse commercial traditions in the Asian Region with special focus on China, India, Malaysia and Hong Kong. It examines a range of specific topics in the business context, including the formation and operation of corporations, contracts, corporate governance, FDI, intellectual property, risk management, ethical approach to business and compliance issues in accordance with international standards. More importantly, different business aspects of Asia are now deeply entrenched in a global context and have been integrated into the legal and institutional strategies of Australia. Given the current profile and significance of the Australasian trade relationship, the course also endorses the importance of studying and advancing this interrelationship. Sensibly, this relatively new field of study is expected to stimulate important scope and attention for research as well.

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