The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law. The UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) established UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day in 2014 to celebrate this historical resolution.

This year, an initial 25 universities and institutions across the region have joined the annual celebration to commemorate the establishment of UNCITRAL and promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL. In light of its 40th anniversary, the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), a multilateral treaty that establishes a uniform legal regime for contracts for the cross-border sale of goods, will receive special focus.