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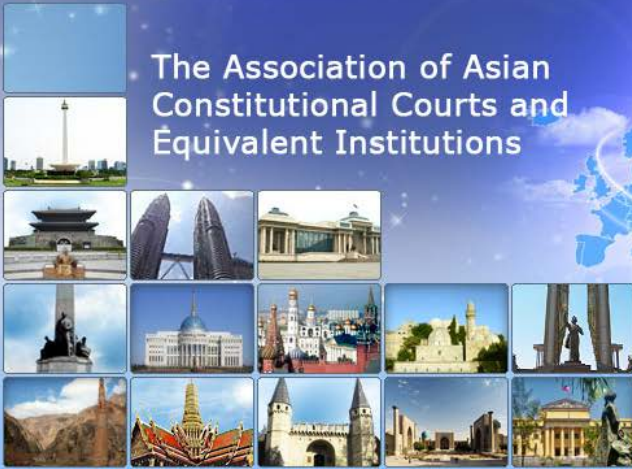
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## What is AACC?

### Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions

The Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions, or AACC, is an Asian regional forum for constitutional justice established in July of 2010 to promote the development of democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights in Asia by increasing the exchanges of information and experiences related to constitutional justice and enhancing cooperation and friendship between institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction.



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## History

### August 2015

- Secretary Generals Meeting and Meeting of the Board of Members
- Topic : Proposals of Establishment of a Permanent Secretariat of AACC  
Preparation of the 3rd AACC Congress
- Date and venue: August 13–16, Jakarta, Indonesia

### April 2015

- Secretary Generals Meeting
- Date and venue: April 25-27, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Topic : Strengthening the role of Secretary Generals of AACC

### April 2014

2nd Congress & Meeting of  
the Board of Members

- 2ndCongress
  - Date and venue: April 27-30, 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey
  - Theme
    - 1st Session:ProtectionofSocialRightsbyConstitutionalCourts
    - 2nd Session:RelationsbetweenConstitutional/SupremeCourtsandParliament
    - 3rd Session:MethodsofInterpretationinConstitutionalJustice
    - 4th Session:TheRoleofConstitutionalandSupremeCourtsinProtectionofConstitutionalOrder
- 69 participants from host country Turkey and 23 constitutional/supreme courts, etc.
- Meeting of the Board of Members
  - Date and venue: April 28, Istanbul, Turkey
  - Admitted the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan as new member
  - Elected Indonesia as the host country of the 3rdCongress
  - Participants by member country: Afghanistan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey and Uzbekistan

### May 2012

Inaugural Congress &  
Meeting of the Board of  
Members

- Inaugural Congress
  - Date and venue: May 20-24, 2012 in Seoul
  - Theme: Present and Future of Constitutional Justice in Asia
  - Participants: a total of 92 participants from 29 countries and 2 international bodies
- Meeting of the Board of Members
  - Date and venue: May 20 & 22, 2012 in Seoul
  - Admission of the Supreme Court of Pakistan as new member
  - Determination of host of the 2nd Congress to Constitutional Court of Turkey
  - Participating members: Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey and Uzbekistan

### May 2011

Preparatory Meeting of the  
Board of Members for the  
Inaugural Congress

- Held a Board of Members meeting to prepare for the Inaugural Congress in Seoul
  - Approved admission of new members Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey
  - Decided the theme and time for the Inaugural Congress
  - Participating members: Indonesia, Korea, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Uzbekistan

- 1st Meeting (Seoul, 2008)

## 2008-2010

PrepCom Meetings

- Elected the Chairperson and drafted the AACC Statute
- 2nd Meeting (Seoul, 2009)
  - Discussed on the Draft Statute of the Association
  - Expanded membership
- 3rd Meeting (Seoul, Apr. 2010)
  - Discussed the date of officially launching the Association
  - Finalized the AACC Statute
- Final Meeting (Jakarta, Jul. 2010)
  - Officially launched the AACC and agreed to convene the Inaugural Congress in Korea
  - Adopted the Jakarta Declaration on the Establishment of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions
  - Declaration signatories: Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Uzbekistan

## Oct. 2007

Organized PrepCom

- Signed an MOU to set up a preparatory committee for the establishment of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts at the 5th Conference of Asian Constitutional Court Judges in Seoul, Korea
- MOU signatories: Indonesia, Korea, Mongolia and Philippines

## Sep. 2005

Began Initial Talks

- Discussed the need to create an association of constitutional courts in Asia at the 3rd Seminar of Asian Constitutional Court Judges in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia

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## Composition

### Board of Members

A central decision-making body composed of heads of member constitutional courts and equivalent institutions which has competence in matters of importance related to AACC operation, including the admission and expulsion of members, observers and guests, as well as decision of the date, venue and topics of the Congress.

### Congress

Held every two years and attended by members, observers and guests.

### President

The head of the member hosting the next Congress who presides over the Board of Members and the Congress.

- 2010. 7. ~ 2012. 5. Constitutional Court of Korea
- 2012. 6. ~ 2014. 4. Constitutional Court of Turkey
- 2014. 4. ~ Constitutional Court of Indonesia

### Secretariat

Provided by the member organizing the next Congress.

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## Membership

### Membership qualification

Membership of the Association is open to Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions which exercise constitutional jurisdiction.

In accordance with Article 7 (Admission to Membership) of the Statute, written application for membership admission to the Association shall be submitted to the President of the Association.

### Admission to Membership

The application should be accompanied by the following documents:

- An acceptance letter of the Statute, signed by the President or Head of the applicant court or institution, addressed to the President of the Association.
- Legal instruments governing the establishment and composition of the applicant court or institution and the appointment and status of judges or members of the institution. (constitution, laws, etc.)
- Texts establishing the nature and scope of the jurisdiction of the applicant court or institution.

The admission to membership shall be effected by the Board of Members' decision made in accordance with Article 18 (Quorum) and 19 (Voting) of the Statute.

As of 2016, a total of 16 constitutional adjudicative institutions below are members of the AACC.

-  [Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of Constitution of Afghanistan](#)
-  [Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan](#)
-  [Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia](#)
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## Statute

The Statute of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions 

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### Preamble

The Presidents or Heads of the Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction:

RECALLING the Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Asian Conference of Constitutional Courts which was agreed at the 3rd Seminar of Asian Constitutional Courts Judges in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on 8 September, 2005;

TAKING NOTE with appreciation of the work done by the Preparatory Committee for the Establishment of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions since October 2007;

CONSIDERING the importance of close cooperation among the Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction for the progress of democracy and the rule of law in Asia;

REALIZING the need of sharing experiences, exchanging information, and discussing issues of mutual concern over constitutional practice and jurisprudence for the development of the Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions;

CONVINCED that the establishment of a permanently functioning body composed of the Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions will greatly enhance cooperation and exchanges of experiences and information among them;

HAVE THEREFORE AGREED on the following provisions for the establishment of an association on the basis of mutual respect and with a due regard to the principle of judicial independence.

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## PART I

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 1

##### Name

The name of the association shall be the "Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

#### Article 2

##### Legal Status

The Association shall operate as an autonomous, independent, and non-political body in accordance with this Statute. It shall not produce any legally binding effects outside the Association.

## Article 3

### Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be to promote:

- a. the protection of human rights;
- b. the guarantee of democracy;
- c. the implementation of the rule of law;
- d. the independence of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions; and
- e. the cooperation and exchanges of experiences and information among members.

## Article 4

### Functions

With a view to achieving the objectives set out in Article 3, the Association shall have the following functions:

- a. to hold regular meetings;
- b. to organize activities such as symposia, workshops and seminars;
- c. to facilitate sharing of experiences of constitutional case-law or adjudication;
- d. to promote the exchange of information on the working methods and constitutional case-law;
- e. to promote the exchange of views on institutional, structural and operational issues as regards public-law and constitutional jurisdiction;
- f. to meet requests from members for technical assistance in enhancing the independence of their constitutional courts and equivalent institutions as an essential factor in guaranteeing and implementing the objectives of the Association;
- g. to support efforts for maintaining regular contacts among members; and
- h. to enter into cooperation with organizations related to constitutional matters as deemed necessary.

## Article 5

### Working Language

1. The official working language of the Association shall be English.
2. Any member may request simultaneous translation into another language at its own expense. The member hosting the meetings of the Board of Members and the Congress shall provide support for the simultaneous translation insofar as practicable.
3. The President of the Association may allow an interpreter to translate the participation of a delegation, at the latter's expense, into English.

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## PART II

### MEMBERSHIP

## Article 6

### Membership

1. Only one institution from a sovereign country in Asia can become a member of the Association.
2. Membership of the Association is open to Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions which exercise constitutional jurisdiction.
3. 3 Members shall be fully entitled to participate in all matters related to the Association.

## Article 7

### Admission to Membership

1. A written application for admission to the Association as a member shall be addressed to the Board of Members and submitted to the President of the Association.
2. Insofar as possible, the following documents should accompany an application:
  - a. legal instruments governing the establishment and composition of the applicant court or institution and the appointment and status of judges or members of the institution;
  - b. texts establishing the nature and scope of its jurisdiction; and
  - c. the acceptance letter of this Statute, signed by the President or Head of the applicant court or institution, addressed to the President of the Association.
3. Upon receipt of the application and necessary documents, the President of the Association transmits their copies to all members.
4. The admission to membership shall be effected by a decision of the Board of Members.

## Article 8

### Loss of Membership

1. Any member may at any time declare its intention to withdraw from the Association. This declaration shall be made in written notification to the President of the Association.
2. Where there is an important reason for concluding that effective cooperation between the Association and a



member is no longer possible, the member may be decided to have lost its membership by the Board of Members and shall be declared to be so by written notification of the President of the Association.

3. The President of the Association shall inform all members of the name of the member which has lost its membership.

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## PART III

### OBSERVERS AND GUESTS

#### Article 9

##### Observers

1. The status of an observer may be granted to supranational courts, constitutional courts and equivalent institutions.
2. Observers are allowed to:
  - a. attend the Congress;
  - b. make presentation of a report on the specific themes of the Congress upon the prior request of the President of the Association;
  - c. respond to questions relating to their presentation; and
  - d. participate in the Association's activities such as symposia, workshops and seminars.
3. A written application for an observer status of the Association shall be addressed to the Board of Members and submitted to the President of the Association.
4. Upon receipt of the application for an observer status, the President of the Association transmits its copies to all members.
5. The admission to an observer status shall be effected by a decision of the Board of Members.
6. Any member may propose which observer should be invited to the next Congress. Such proposal shall be approved by the Board of Members.

#### Article 10

##### Guests

The President of the Association may invite guests to attend the Congress and Association's activities such as symposia, workshops and seminars.

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### ORGANS

#### Article 11

##### Organs

The organs of the Association shall be the Board of Members and the Congress.

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## PART V

### BOARD OF MEMBERS

#### Article 12

##### Composition

The Board of Members shall be composed of the Presidents or Heads of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions with member status. The Presidents or Heads shall be accompanied by their Secretary General, or, where appropriate, a member of their court or institution or of its secretariat.

#### Article 13

##### Competence

The Board of Members is the central decision-making body and has competence in the following matters:

- a. admission, suspension and expulsion of members;
- b. admission and expulsion of observers and guests;
- c. fixing the dates and venues and selecting topics of the meetings of the Congress;
- d. approval of the Congress budget;
- e. fixing the financial contributions to the Congress;
- f. approving financial contributions from a third party;
- g. adoption of the final declaration of the Congress;
- h. drawing up the Association regulations;
- i. amending the Statute;

- j. dissolving the Association;
- k. taking decision on recommendations from the other organ of the Association;
- l. adoption of the Association's work programmes for next two years; and
- m. taking decisions on matters related to the Association not specified in this Statute.

#### Article 14

##### Presidency

1. The President of the Association shall be the President or Head of the member which is to host the next Congress.
2. The President of the Association shall preside over the Board of Members as well as the Congress. If necessary, the President may designate participating Presidents or Heads of other members to preside over parts of the meeting.

#### Article 15

##### Meetings

1. The Board of Members shall insofar as possible hold at least one meeting between the Congress dates and, in principle, on the day preceding the opening of the Congress.
2. The Board of Members meets in general on the day preceding the opening of the Congress and also before the closing of the Congress.
3. In general, a preparatory meeting of the Board of Members will be held not later than six months before the next Congress in order to prepare for it. Other meetings of the Board of Members may be held if necessary.
4. Decisions may be taken by way of circulation.

#### Article 16

##### Agenda

1. The President of the Association shall send written invitation to all members of the Association at least three months in advance of the meeting of the Board of Members. The written invitation to the meeting of the Board of Members shall be accompanied by the provisional agenda for the meeting.
2. The provisional agenda shall include:
  - a. The individual topics for debates;
  - b. The budget for the next two years and the financial statement of the Association;
  - c. The reports on the work of the Association;
  - d. The recommendations from the other organ of the Association; and
  - e. Other items that the President of the Association deems necessary.
3. The decisions taken shall be written down in the minutes of the meeting. The Secretariat shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of the meeting.
4. Members shall be provided with the minutes.

#### Article 17

##### Venue of meetings

The Board of Members shall, as a rule, meet at the seat of the member responsible for organizing the next Congress. In a particular case, the Board of Members may fix another venue.

#### Article 18

##### Quorum

1. The Board of Members shall be empowered to take decisions if at least majority of the members of the Association are present at the meeting.
2. A judge or member, the Secretary General or another designated staff member of the court or institution concerned may represent its President or Head at meetings and vote on his/her behalf.

#### Article 19

##### Voting

1. The Board of Members shall take decisions by a two thirds majority of the members present at a meeting.
2. Each member shall have one vote.

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## PART VI

### CONGRESS

#### Article 20

##### Composition

The following shall be entitled to participate in the Congress: members, observers and guests. However, observers and guests are not allowed to participate in voting or decision-making.

## Article 21

### Meetings

1. The Association holds in general a Congress once every two years.
2. The Congress comprises an opening and a closing session as well as the debates.
3. The Congress shall start with a solemn opening session. It ends with a special closing session.
4. The Board of Members designates a chairperson for each meeting in the Congress.
5. For the preparatory meeting of the Board of Members and the Congress, the host member shall provide the participants with an updated list of members, observers and guests.

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### SECRETARIAT

## Article 22

### Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Association shall be provided by the member organizing the next Congress.

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## PART VIII

### FINANCING

## Article 23

### Principles of Financing

1. The general costs of organizing the meetings of the Board of Members and the Congress and other activities including symposia, workshops and seminars shall be financed primarily by the equal contribution of members. But the share of the contribution can be differentiated depending on respective capabilities of members as decided by the Board of Members.
2. The host member shall be responsible for the costs of the Secretariat of the Association.
3. The Board of Members may require observers to pay a fee to contribute to the costs of organizing the Congress. This fee shall be fixed in the light of the costs incurred in respect of the services provided to observers, taking into account the contribution paid by members.
4. The acceptance of all types of financial contributions from third parties shall be subject to prior approval by the Board of Members.
5. The member organizing the Congress shall draw up, insofar as possible not later than six months before the opening of the Congress, a budget for the Congress which shall be submitted for the approval of the Board of Members.
6. The final settlement is effected after the end of the Congress on the basis of a final statement of account drawn up by the member organizing the Congress.

## Article 24

### Financial Contribution of Members

1. Members shall bear their own travel and accommodation expenses.
2. The general costs of organizing the meetings of the Board of Members and the Congress are the following:
  - a. rental of the premises;
  - b. printing costs;
  - c. costs of the translation of written documents;
  - d. interpretation costs;
  - e. administrative overheads; and
  - f. costs of local transportation.
3. The Board of Members decides whether and how far the following costs may be part of the general costs of organizing the meetings of the Board of Members and the Congress:
  - a. costs of food;
  - b. costs of any recreational events;
  - c. specific costs of providing an internet site for the Association; and
  - d. costs of specific security measures.
4. The Board of Members shall furthermore decide on the number of delegates per country whose costs will be included in the general costs of organizing the meetings of the Board of Members and the Congress.
5. The costs not included in the general costs of organizing the meetings of the Board of Members and the Congress shall be billed separately.
6. The host member is free to cover partly or entirely the costs mentioned in Sections 2 and 3 above.

## Article 25

### Financial Contribution of Observers

1. Observers shall bear their own travel and accommodation expenses.
2. Observers may be required to pay a participation fee for each participant which comprises the costs of food and any recreational events.
3. The costs of special programs shall be charged to the observers.
4. The amount of the participation fee is decided based on the proposal made by the host member.
5. The host member is free to cover partly or entirely the aforementioned costs and the fee mentioned in Section 3 of Article 23.

#### Article 26

##### Financial Contribution of Guests

1. In general, guests shall bear their own travel and accommodation expenses.
2. Guests shall not contribute to the general costs of organizing the Congress and shall not be required to pay the costs of food and any recreational events.
3. The costs of special programs shall in general be charged to the guests.
4. The host member is free to cover partly or entirely the aforementioned expenses and costs.
5. The Board of Members may moreover decide that the aforementioned costs are partly or entirely included in the general costs of organizing the Congress.

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### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### Article 27

##### Liaison Officer

1. Each member shall designate one officer as Liaison Officer.
2. The Liaison Officer shall act as the channel of communication among members.

#### Article 28

##### Seating Arrangements

1. At the Congress, there shall be not more than five seats for each member and not more than two seats for each observer. Members are to be seated up-front, followed by observers. In general, seats for members and observers are arranged in alphabetical order of the names of their countries.
2. Seats for guests will be arranged by the host member.

#### Article 29

##### Media and Publicity

1. The media (press, radio, television) is invited to the opening of the Congress.
2. The debates are not open to the public.
3. After the closing session, a press conference may be held by the President of the Association, accompanied, if appropriate, by other participants in the Congress.

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## PART X

### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 30

##### Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved by a decision of the Board of Members.

#### Article 31

##### Original Copy

This Statute is done in English in a single original copy.

#### Article 32

##### Entry into Force

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption at a meeting of the Presidents or Heads or their designated representatives of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions which are members of the Preparatory Committee. The members of the Preparatory Committee who adopt this Statute shall be the founding members of the Association.

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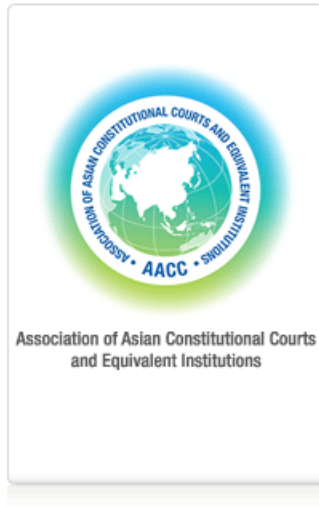
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## Emblem



This emblem of the AACC symbolizes the Association's main purpose to help promote the fundamental values of law, justice and human rights protection based on cooperation and exchanges between the Asian institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction.

The circle that surrounds the earth depicts the world embraced by cooperation and solidarity among Asian institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction.

The green and blue rays—the green symbolizing peace and vitality and the blue representing justice and human rights—spreading out to the world is the symbol of the AACC's path towards promoting the rule of law, democracy and human rights protection throughout the world.

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- The members of the AACC in alphabetical order of the name of member countries are as follows:

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- Website: [http://www.mahkamahkonstitusi.go.id/index.php?page=website\\_eng.Home](http://www.mahkamahkonstitusi.go.id/index.php?page=website_eng.Home)



### Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of Constitution of Afghanistan

- Country: Afghanistan
- Address: 6th Floor of Ministers' Council Palace ,Opposite of Foreign affairs Ministry, Kabul Afghanistan
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- Fax:
- Website:



### Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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- Fax: (+996 312) 62-20-40
- Website: [www.constpalata.kg/en/](http://www.constpalata.kg/en/)



### Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey

- Country: Republic of Turkey
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- Fax: +90-312-4637400
- Website: <http://www.anayasa.gov.tr/index.php?lang=1&c=1>



### Constituional Court of Azerbaijan Republic

- Country: Azerbaijan Republic
- Address: 1 Gencler Meydani, Baku AZ1005, Azerbaijan
- Phone: (994 12) 492 86 41
- Fax: (994 12) 492 42 19
- Website: [www.constcourt.gov.az/en](http://www.constcourt.gov.az/en)



### Constitutional Court of the Republic of Tajikistan

- Country: Republic of Tajikistan
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- Phone: +992-37-221-61-96
- Fax: (+992 37)2212520
- Website: <http://www.constcourt.tj/eng/>



### Supreme Court of Pakistan

- Country: Pakistan
- Address: Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, Pakistan
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- Fax: +92 51 9213452
- Website: [www.supremecourt.gov.pk/](http://www.supremecourt.gov.pk/)



### Supreme Court of the Philippines

- Country: Republic of the Philippines
- Address: New Supreme Court Building Annex, Padre Faura St., Ermita, Manila, Philippines 1000
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- Fax: +00632 526 6186
- Website: <http://sc.judiciary.gov.ph>



### Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea

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- Website: <http://english.court.go.kr>



### Federal Court of Malaysia

- Country: Malaysia
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- Phone: +603 8880 3503
- Fax: +603 8880 3507
- Website: <http://www.kehakiman.gov.my/>



### Constitutional Court of Mongolia

- Country: Mongolia
- Address: Khan-Uul district, 11-th khoroo, Zaisan street, Constitutional Court building, Ulaanbaatar 17024, Mongolia
- Phone: +976 9919 7824
- Fax: +976 5005 9130
- Website: <http://www.conscourt.gov.mn/index.php/en>



### Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation

- Country: Russian Federation
- Address: 190000, Saint Petersburg, Senatskaya Ploshchad, dom 1
- Phone: +7 812 404 3086
- Fax: +7 812 404 3454
- Website: <http://www.ksrf.ru/pages/default.aspx>



### Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand

- Country: Kingdom of Thailand
- Address: Building A, 120 Moo 3 Chaengwattana Road, Laksi District, Bangkok 10210
- Phone: +66 2 623 9600
- Fax: +66 2 623 9646
- Website: <http://www.constitutionalcourt.or.th/english>



### Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan



- Country: Republic of Uzbekistan
- Address: 6, Mustaqulik sq. 700078 Tashkent Uzbekistan
- Phone: +99871-239-15-93
- Fax: +99871-239-86-36
- Website: [http://www.gov.uz/en/courts\\_and\\_prosecution/1295](http://www.gov.uz/en/courts_and_prosecution/1295)



### Constitutional Tribunal of the Union of Myanmar

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- Website: [www.myanmarconstitutionaltribunal.org.mm/en](http://www.myanmarconstitutionaltribunal.org.mm/en)



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### The Court becomes the first to host a secretariat of an international body in the Korean judicial history

| November 10, 2016

It was confirmed that South Korea will host the permanent Research Secretariat of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC). This is the first time ever that a domestic judicial institution was decided as a host of an international organization.

The Korean Constitutional Court stated on the 10th of August that this was confirmed by the AACC Board of Members in its third Congress held in Indonesia.

The AACC's permanent secretariat will be composed of the Research Secretariat based in Seoul, South Korea and the Administrative Secretariat based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The permanent secretariat of the AACC will be operated as a joint secretariat by the Constitutional Court of Korea and Indonesia. The function of the Research Secretariat will be to plan and undertake long term research on constitutional adjudication theory and human rights. The role of the Administrative Secretariat will be to undertake general administrative tasks.

President Park Han-Chul mentioned right after Congress that the common Korean and Indonesian Secretariat will be a new milestone for the development of the AACC. He further stated that the Research Secretariat will hold an international symposium next year January in Seoul consisting of the AACC's constitutional Justices.

The AACC's Research Secretariat will undergo preparation for its startup until the end of this year. It will officially start its activities from next year.

The AACC which was established in 2012 consists of 16 institutions including the Constitutional Courts of South Korea, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Russia and Thailand. The Philippines and Pakistan's Supreme Courts are also members of the AACC.

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### Case on the Impeachment of the President (Park Geun-hye)

| May 17, 2017

Summary of the "Case on the Impeachment of the President (Park Geun-hye)[2016Hun-Na1, March 10, 2017]", decided by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea, has been uploaded.  
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### Opening of the new AACC Secretariat for Research and Development office

Republic of Korea | June 02, 2017

(2017. 5. 29.) We are proud to announce that the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions Secretariat for Research and Development (AACC SRD) is now open in Seoul Global Center.

AACC SRD shall be a permanent body, which exercises its functions in research and international cooperation with AACC member institutions in regards to constitutional justice and human rights.

For more information, please contact: [iod@ccourt.go.kr](mailto:iod@ccourt.go.kr)

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Republic of Korea | June 13, 2017

The Constitutional Court of Korea and Seoul Metropolitan Government signed a memorandum of understanding on 28 December 2016, conveying the two organizations' commitments to mutual cooperation in successfully managing the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development (SRD).

As per the memorandum, AACC SRD holds international conferences in Seoul on an annual basis, which will promote the city as a center for the promotion of human rights, democracy and the rule of law across Asia. Seoul Metropolitan Government supports AACC SRD by providing office space to the organization at Seoul Global Center.

"Hosting the AACC SRD will help strengthen the profile of the city as the center of human rights and democracy, and it will also foster MICE industry and job creation." said the Director General of Seoul Metropolitan Government, Byung-han Lee.

"By signing the MOU, I expect that the AACC SRD, the first ever international organization hosted by a Korean judicial body, will successfully fulfill its mandate. At the same time, this will help Seoul position itself as a global city." said the Director General of the Constitutional Court of Korea, Ho-joong Shin.

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### Justice Lee, Jinsung presents impeachment case at Indonesia Symposium

Republic of Korea | September 12, 2017

Justice Lee, Jinsung attended the International Symposium to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the Constitutional Court of Indonesia from August 9 to 10, 2017 held in Solo, Indonesia.

Presidents and justices of 17 constitutional courts as well as heads of three international constitutional institutes in the world gathered at the Symposium under the theme of Constitutional Courts as the Guardian of Ideology and Democracy in a Pluralistic Society.

Justice Lee made a presentation on Impeachment Trials of the President in Korea at Session 2 whose title was Constitutional Court and Principles of Democracy on August 10 followed by a Q&A session.

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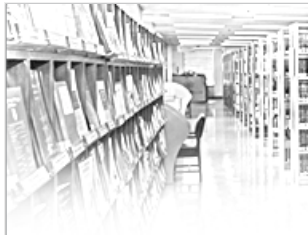
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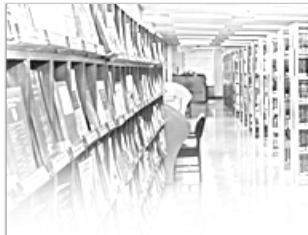
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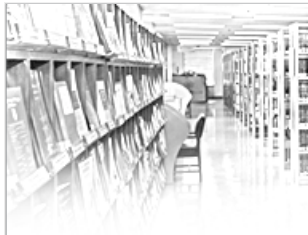
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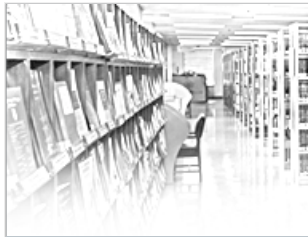
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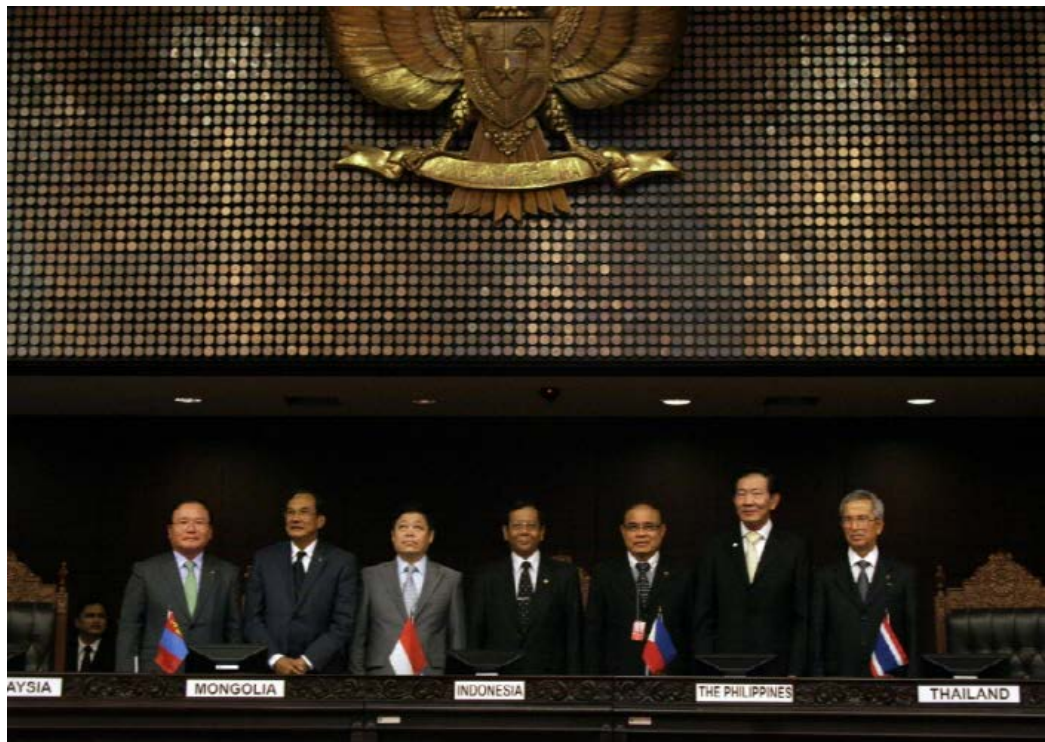
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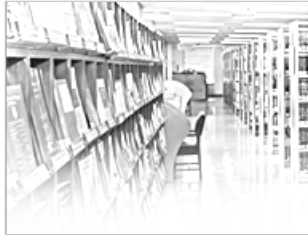
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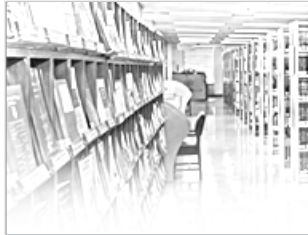
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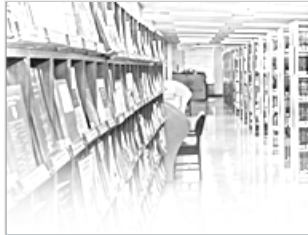
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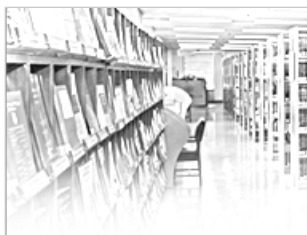
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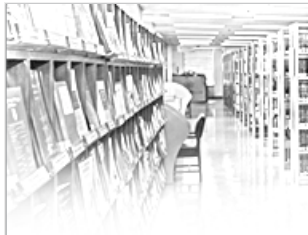
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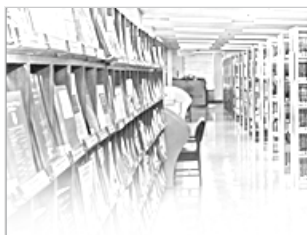
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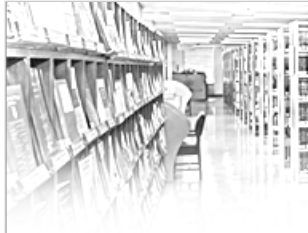
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## Welcome Message

It is a great pleasure and honor to invite you, on behalf of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC), to the AACC's Inaugural Congress to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on May 20 to 24, 2012.

The forthcoming Congress, which will be held under the theme "Present and Future of Constitutional Justice in Asia," will bring together not only the members of the AACC but also the institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction from other countries, regional and linguistic groups and legal experts to share their insights and experiences, as well as strengthen mutual trust and friendship.

All of the members and staff at the Constitutional Court of Korea including myself are making every effort to ensure the success of the upcoming event and make it a more meaningful and enjoyable moment of harmony.

Please honor us with your presence to celebrate the launch of the AACC, and I hope that you will take back wonderful memories of Seoul, a city of ancient heritage and modern technology.

We welcome your interest and participation and look forward to meeting you in Seoul in May 2012.

February 2012



Lee, Kang-Kook, Ph.D.

President of the AACC and Constitutional Court of Korea

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- Date: May 20(Sun) - 24(Thu), 2012
- Venue: Lotte Hotel Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Hosted by: Constitutional Court of Korea
- Theme: "Present and Future of Constitutional Justice in Asia"
  - Session 1  
Promotion of Democracy and Constitutional Justice
  - Session 2  
Increase in International Exchanges and Constitutional Justice : From Social, Economic and Cultural Perspective
  - Session 3  
Role and Future of the AACC
- Language  
English - Korean - Russian (Simultaneous Interpretation)
- Participants  
A total of more than 30 constitutional courts and equivalent institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction, representatives of 7 regional and linguistic groups and distinguished scholars have been invited as members, observers and guests by the decision of the Board of Members.

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09:00~10:00		Opening Ceremony 09:30~10:30	Session 2 09:00~10:30	Cultural Program 09:00~12:00	Cultural Program 09:00~12:00	
10:00~11:00		Break	Break			
11:00~12:00		Session 1 11:00~12:30	Session 3 11:00~12:30			
12:00~13:00		Luncheon 12:30~14:30	Luncheon 12:30~14:30			
13:00~14:00		Session 1 14:30~16:00	Meeting of the Board of Members 14:30~15:30			
14:00~15:00		Break	Session 3 15:30~17:00			
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16:00~17:00			Session 2 16:30~18:00			Press Conference 17:30~18:00
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18:00~19:00						
19:00~20:00	Welcome Reception 19:00~21:00	Gala Dinner 19:00~21:00	Farewell Dinner 19:00~21:00			
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### Cultural Program

Day 1 : May 23(Wed), 09:00 ~ 21:00 / All Day Tour Program

Course	Program
Tour A	Gyeongbokgung → N Seoul Tower → Namsan Hanok Village → Hangang River Cruise (Dinner)
Tour B	Samsung Electronics Digital City (Suwon City) → Korean folk Village(Yongin City) → Hangang River Cruise (Dinner)

\* This program is subject to change

Day 2 : May 24(Thu), 09:00 ~ 12:00 / Half Day Tour Program

Course	Program
Tour C	Constitutional Court of Korea → Changdeokgung → Insa-dong
Tour D	National Museum of Korea → War Memorial of Korea → Itaewon
Tour E	Coex Mall

\* This program is subject to change

### Venue Information



Gyeongbokgung, or 'The Palace Of Shining Happiness', was built in 1394, at the very beginning of the Joseon Dynasty. It is the city's largest royal palace replete with ancient buildings and relics. A changing-of-the-guard ceremony is reenacted regularly for visitors.

N Seoul Tower, located on Namsan mountain, is one of the city's most famous landmarks. The tower's observation deck offers the best views of the city. Visitors can take a cable car up the mountain and then walk to the tower.



This village of traditional Korean houses (hanok) showcases the country's



history. Namsan Hanok Village includes a traditional garden, famous houses, a museum about the history of Korean society, and a traditional music hall. There are also various performances, traditional rituals and interactive activities.

The Korean Folk Village is an open-air living museum that displays many features of the country's heritage. It has about 250 traditional homes spread out over a wide area. Visitors can learn about the housing, clothing and food of the past and see traditional artisans at work. Performances and reenactments of traditional ceremonies are held regularly.



The Hangang River is one of Seoul's most popular attractions, and a cruise along the river is an excellent way to enjoy the surroundings. Passengers can relax, feel the cool breeze and take in the impressive scenery.

The Constitutional Court was established in September, 1988 by the current Constitution, which followed after the people's successful movement for democracy in 1987. There are nine Justices who serve a six-year renewable term. The Court is housed in a five-story domed, architectural award-winning building in Seoul.

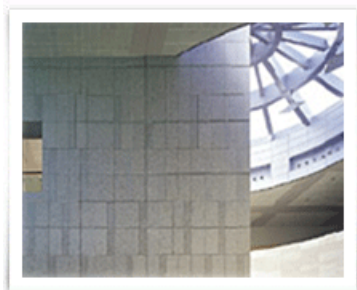


Changdeokgung Palace is one of the five Joseon Dynasty palaces in Seoul. It was first constructed in the early 15th century as a subsidiary palace, but was rebuilt several times after being destroyed. The palace includes a nearly 80-acre rear garden that was for the exclusive use of the royal family. Entrance is permitted by guided tour only.

Insa-dong has been a center of culture in Seoul for decades. A large variety of arts have surfaced in the neighborhood over the years. In Insa-dong, all galleries open new exhibitions on Wednesdays between 5pm and 7pm. Up-and-coming artists as well as veteran ones announce the opening of their exhibitions in the district.



The National Museum of Korea is the largest exhibition facility in Asia and among the six largest museums in the world. Here you will find a variety of collections that promote the uniqueness and beauty of Korean culture.



The War Memorial is the only museum of its kind in the country. This massive facility displays thousands of items from Korea's wars such the 1950-53 Korean War. There are also several monuments and outdoor exhibits including a large amount of military equipment.



Itaewon is a global village in the heart of Seoul. The streets are lined with eye-catching shops, and most merchants are able to communicate well with foreign tourists. You can find a variety of unusual and intriguing items here from all over the world.

Coex Mall, located in southern Seoul, is the largest underground shopping mall in Asia. It has about 200 stores as well as many dining options, a 16-screen movie theater, an aquarium and even a kimchi museum.



## Accompanying Persons' Tour Program

Date : May 21(Mon), 22(Tue), 09:00 ~ 18:00 / All Day Tour Program



### Hands-on experiences

Korea's ceramics, which have evolved over thousands of years, are famous for their beautiful curves and gentle colors. Visitors can see how ceramics are made and make their own pieces of art at the Dream & Hope ceramics



### Buddhist Insights

Situated in downtown Seoul, Jogyesa is a peaceful oasis. This temple is open to visitors from 4:00am to late at night, and all Buddhist events held here are open to visitors. It also has exhibits explaining much of the



### Tteok Making

Tteok, or Rice cakes, have a long tradition in Korea and are usually served on major holidays and important occasions. Tteok are available in a wide range of sizes, shapes and colors. They contain such

experience.

history of modern Buddhism. A variety of temple - stay programs are also available.

ingredients as red beans, sweet bean paste, jujubes, chestnuts, pine nuts, honey and cinnamon.

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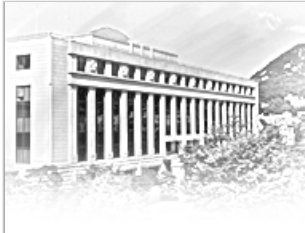
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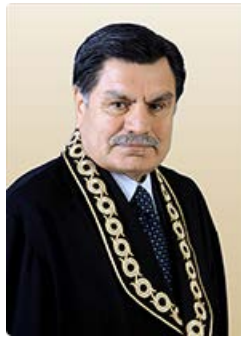
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## Welcome Message

### MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT KILIÇ FOR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE AACC



Honorable Colleagues,

I would like to welcome all our guests to the website dedicated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC)! I greet all our guests with my deepest love and respect in my capacity as the Term President of the Association.

Conference of Asian Constitutional Court Judges first emerged in 2000's with an aim to convene the constitutional courts and supreme courts of Asian countries in a joint working environment. The Conference changed its name into "**Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions**" with the Jakarta Declaration signed at the finale of the 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Asian Constitutional Court Judges, held between 12-15 June 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia. After the adoption of the Jakarta

Declaration, the Association became one of the leading organizations in Asia in the field of constitutional justice. After a successful period of 1<sup>st</sup> Term Presidency by the Korean Constitutional Court, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey was unanimously elected as the Term President of the Association during the Board of Members meeting held between 20-22 May 2012 in Seoul, Korea.

Our Association has grown larger with every passing year and reached a total number of 13 full members and 15 associate members. We have been carrying out inspiring studies in the field of different constitutional justice systems in Asian countries.

The Association creates new projects for the development of human rights and freedoms in Asia, expansion of democracy and rule of law, exchange of knowledge and experience between the members and cooperation in the field of constitutional justice.

One of the most significant projects was the 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School on Constitutional Justice hosted by our Court between 6 - 13 September 2013 in Ankara. The theme of the mentioned Summer School was determined as "**Principle of Equality and Prohibition of Discrimination**", which was thought to be a common subject as it was the first program to combine views and opinions reflecting different legal cultures. The participants had the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience both through the presentations and the discussions and Q&A sessions during the program. The contributions by the member countries and other academics will be compiled in a book titled "**Constitutional Justice in Asia**" to be presented to the benefit of all.

The Preparatory Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the AACC was held on 24 April 2013 in Ankara and the members agreed unanimously to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the Association in Istanbul. Besides, the following 4 main themes and their sub-themes were agreed to be the themes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress:

1. Protection of Human Rights
  - a. Protection of Social Rights By Constitutional Courts
  - b. Protection of Human Rights By Means of Individual Application
2. Difficulties Encountered in the Activities of Constitutional and Supreme Courts
  - a. The Execution of Judgments of Constitutional and Supreme Courts
  - b. Relations between Constitutional, Supreme Courts and Parliament
3. Interpretation in Constitutional Justice
  - a. Methods of Interpretation in Constitutional Justice
  - b. Norm Review and Constitutional Interpretation Differences in Individual Application Methods
  - c. The Dual Role of Constitutional Courts as Distributor of Individual Justice and Interpreter of the Constitution
4. The Role of Constitutional and Supreme Courts in the Protection of Constitutional Order

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all my colleagues who will come to our country to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the AACC as they will reflect the colors and patterns of their society through the presentations and



speeches that they will deliver, or the discussions that they will contribute.

Concluding my words, I would like to express that the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions has filled a considerable gap in Asia in the field of Constitutional Justice and our Association organizes events and activities to serve the protection of rights and freedoms in Asia, cooperation between courts and solidarity among the jurists of constitutional justice.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks in advance for your attention and future participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of our Association. With my wishes of success for the Second Congress, I greet you all once again with my deepest respects on behalf of our Court and on my own behalf.

**Haşim KILIÇ**  
**President of the Turkish Constitutional Court**  
**President of the Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions**

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- Venue : Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus, Republic of Turkey
- Hosted by : The Constitutional Court of The Republic of Turkey
- Theme: "Present and Future of Constitutional Justice in Asia"
  - Protection of Human Rights
    - Protection of Social Rights By Constitutional Courts
    - Protection of Human Rights By Means of Individual Application
  - Difficulties Encountered in the Activities of Constitutional and Supreme Courts
    - The Execution of Judgments of Constitutional and Supreme Courts
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08.00-00.00	Welcoming the participants at the Airport, depending on their arrival time, and transfer service to the Hilton Hotel in Istanbul
19.30-23.00	Welcome Reception at the Hilton Hotel

### 28 APRIL 2014- MONDAY

07.00-08.30	Breakfast at the hotel
09.00-10.30	Meeting of the Board of Members of AACC
10.30-10.45	Tea-coffee break
10.45-12.00	Inauguration
12.00-13.00	First Session of the Congress
13.00-14.30	Lunch
14.00-15.35	Second Session of the Symposium
15.35-15.50	Tea-coffee break
15.50-17.30	Continuation of Second Session of the Congress
17.30-20.00	Free time
20.00-23.00	Dinner
* 09.00-17.00	Istanbul Tour for the spouses

### 29 APRIL 2014-TUESDAY

07.00-09.00	Breakfast at the hotel
09.00-10.35	Third Session of the Congress
10.35-10.50	Tea-coffee break
10.50-12.20	Continuation of Third Session of the Congress
12.20-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.50	Fourth Session of the Symposium
14.50-15.05	Tea-coffee break
15.05-15.25	Continuation of Fourth Session of the Congress
16.25-17.45	Closing Speech- Handing over the flag- Speech delivered by the new President
18.00-18.30	Press Conference
19.30-23.00	Dinner
* 09.00-17.00	Istanbul Tour for the spouses

### 30 APRIL 2014- WEDNESDAY

07.00-08.00	Breakfast at the hotel
	Social Program
20.00-23.00	Gala Dinner

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08.00-10.00	Breakfast
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