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The Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and a Public Lecture of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand as the President of the AACC

The Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand is one of the seven co-founding members of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC). Currently, there are 21 countries joining the AACC. The Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand is presiding over the President of the AACC from 2023 to 2025. On Tuesday, 10th October 2023, the Constitutional Court of Mongolia handed over the AACC flag to the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand as the President of the Association.

In 2024, the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand as the President of the AACC held the 6th Congress of the AACC under the theme “The Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions in Strengthening Constitutional Justice for Sustainable Society” and the Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) between 17th and 21st September 2024 at the Athenee Hotel, Bangkok. The discussions encompassed approaches to fostering justice, peace, and human rights, as well as a collective commitment to refrain from supporting any actions that pose a threat to life, security, liberty, and dignity of individuals and nations. This is to pave the way for a peaceful and sustainable society, with a shared stance on dedicating ourselves to the principles of constitutional justice in the context of sustainable development for a fair and equitable world. We are committed to these common goals and to further strengthening cooperation with constitutional courts and equivalent institutions globally. This serves as historical evidence demonstrating the prominent role of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand in leading academic development on the international stage.

In 2025, the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand continues her role in hosting the Board of Members Meeting (BoMM), in accordance with article 15 of the AACC Statute. This meeting is scheduled to be held in a hybrid format on Tuesday 24th June 2025, at the Siam Kempinski Hotel, Bangkok, to be attended on-site by the member countries of the AACC; namely, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Türkiye, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, while others will join virtually. Additionally, a Public Lecture on “The Courts and the Protection of Human Rights” will be attended by Prof. Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat, President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand and President of the AACC, along with the Justices of the Constitutional Court, executives of the Office of the Constitutional Court, and representatives from government agencies, Courts, Constitutional Organs, and academic institutions. The public could also watch a live broadcast of the lecture on the Office of the Constitutional Court’s YouTube channel from 09.30 to 12.00 hrs. The distinguished speakers of a Public Lecture consist of:

(1) Hon. Adjunct Prof. Dr. Chiranit Havanond, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, who will deliver a lecture on “Three Decades of the Thai Constitutional Court and Challenges in the Next Decade.”

(2) Hon. Prof. Dr. Udom Rathamarit, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, who will deliver a lecture on “The Development of the Constitutional Court for the Protection of Human Rights.

(3) Hon. Dr. Suhartoyo, S.H., M.H., Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, who will deliver a lecture on “The Role of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia in the Protection of Human Rights in the Field of Education” (Online).

(4) Hon. Ms. Bokhyung Kim, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea, who will deliver a lecture on “The Role of the Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions in the Protection of Human Rights.”

(5) Hon. Prof. Dr. Yusuf Şevki Hakyemez, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye, who will deliver a lecture on “Constitutional Justice and the Role of Turkish Constitutional Court in the Protection of Human Rights.”

(6) Hon. Assoc. Prof. Askarjon Gafurov, Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who will deliver a lecture on “Issues Related to the Improvement of the Work of the Constitutional Court in Protecting Human Rights.”

Asst. Prof. Dr. Ajirapa Pienkhuntod from the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand, will act as a moderator for this event.

The selection of “The Courts and the Protection of Human Rights” as the topic for this Public Lecture aligns with a prominent and increasingly relevant theme among constitutional courts. This is further reflected in the theme of the 6th Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ): “The Human Rights of Future Generations.”

Following the above-mentioned Public Lecture, the Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) will be convened from 13.00 to 16.00 hrs. This session is exclusively for the AACC members providing a crucial platform for discussing the management and operations of the Association and making key decisions. The BoMM also serves as a vital forum for exchanging knowledge on constitutional rulings and best practices in constitutional case management. The purpose is to elevate the standards of constitutional adjudication among the members to the international level, facilitating the extension of knowledge and advancing constitutional jurisprudence in the Asian region. This initiative further enhances Thailand’s status and role in the global community within the framework of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions, ultimately strengthening the international image.

In this connection, a press conference is set to be held by the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand at the 16.10 hrs. at the Siam Kempinski Hotel, Bangkok.
