



MAHKAMAH KONSTITUSI
REPUBLIK INDONESIA



**MEETING OF THE SECRETARY GENERALS
ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS
AND EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS**

13th AUGUST 2015
JAKARTA, INDONESIA



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Opening

1. The second meeting of the Secretary-Generals of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (“the Association”) was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 13 August 2015. The meeting was attended by 7 Secretary Generals of the Association, namely Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Republic of Korea (RoK), Thailand, and The Philippines.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Janedjri M. Ghaffar, Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the incumbent President of the Association. In his opening remarks, he expected that the Meeting could facilitate the deliberation and endeavors of the Board of Members Meeting (BOMM).
3. After inviting the secretary-generals to introduce themselves and the members of their delegations, Mr. Ghaffar gave a short overview of the previous Meeting of the Secretary-General which was held on 25th–26th May, 2015 in Jakarta. In his statement, he reminded the delegations of the results of the Meeting and its follow up. It was agreed in the previous meeting that the secretary generals would report the result of the meeting to their respective heads of institution and later report back on the response at the next Meeting of the Secretary General.

Responses of the Heads of Institutions of the First Meeting of the Secretary General

4. In this session, delegations reported the responses of the Heads of Institutions regarding the First Meeting of the Secretary-Generals of the Association. The Meeting noted that Heads of Delegations welcomed the convening of the said meeting and expressed gratitude to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia for being its host. As a concerted aspiration of the meeting, the secretary generals also recommended that such

meeting of the Secretary-Generals be held on a regular basis in the future. The delegation from Thailand in particular, stated that with regard to meetings of the secretary general, it should be concentrated on the topics regarding the rule of law, democracy, and human rights.

5. The Meeting took note of the positive support shown by the Heads of Institution, particularly from Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, and Thailand, regarding the urgency for the Association to establish a permanent secretariat.
6. The delegation of the Philippines informed the Meeting that it was committed to playing an active role on the enhancement of the role of the Secretary-Generals of the Association and to support all its endeavours. While commending the initiative to establish a permanent secretariat, the delegations reiterated the call of its Head of Institution for the secretariat to be hosted by a willing member on a rotational basis.

Developments on the Proposed Establishment of a Permanent Secretariat to the Association.

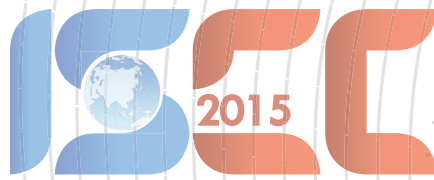
7. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the President of the Association had received letters from the Republic of Korea containing its proposal for hosting the permanent secretariat in Seoul, South Korea; A letter was also sent by Turkey supporting the Republic of Korea's proposal in principle, but asserting the need for meticulous preparation and thorough discussion; the Philippines also sent a letter stating its position on the establishment of a permanent secretariat of the Association, namely that, in the spirit of cooperation, it might be better if the Secretariat continue to be held on a rotational basis by willing members.
8. The meeting agreed to allow the ideas proposed by Republic of Korea and Indonesia on establishing the permanent Secretariat of the Association be presented before the delegations during the meeting.
9. The Meeting agreed that the proposed establishment of the Secretariat, including the proposal papers from Indonesia and the Republic of Korea be brought up in the BOMM, which will be held on 14th August 2015 for further discussion and consideration.

Closing

10. The delegations agreed to report back to their respective Heads of Institution regarding the developments heard during the Meeting in order to facilitate a smooth and successful BOMM.



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