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The 2nd Edition of AACC SPC Newsletter: September 2020—August 2021

Dear AACC members, greetings from Jakarta!

Since being declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a global pandemic, the Covid-19 spread has come amid concern in Asia about its serious impact. The pandemic of Covid-19 that has been occurring since early 2020 affects many aspects, especially to our Association. Many international events that require on-site participation are changed into online format due to some travel restrictions from many countries. It is our prayer that this pandemic will soon be diminished so our activities are back to normal as usual.

As the Secretariat of AACC for Planning and Coordination (SPC), the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia is honoured to launch the 2nd Edition of AACC SPC Newsletter that informs AACC events and activities highlight during September 2020—August 2021. On this edition, SPC will deliver several completed tasks during the mentioned period as below.

1. Publishing a compilation book for International Short Course 2017—2019

Overall the SPC had conducted three International Short Course in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The participants were two middle officers from all AACC member countries, either the judge rapporteurs, researchers, or legal officers. On the other hand, invited notable speakers were from constitutional justices, practitioners and national figures who fully understand the issues concerning democracy and ideology in Indonesia. These speakers presented their papers upon the topics that were selected carefully by considering recent global situation, meanwhile the participants were allowed to share their own perspectives or experiences from their judicial practices.

By publishing The Compilation Book Volume 1 AACC SPC: International Short Course 2017—2019, it will be easier for all members to access papers collected during the Course, thus it can be their academic references for their works. The book has been uploaded as well at AACC website www.aacc-asia.org.



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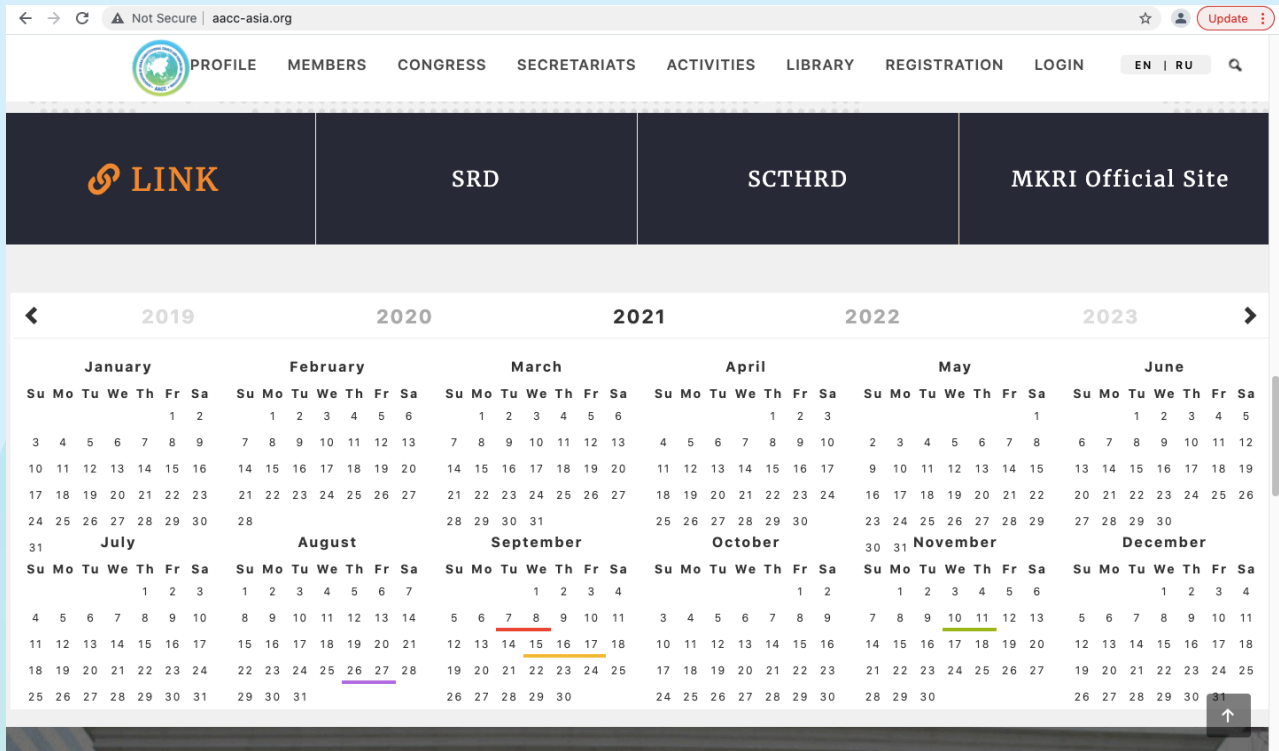
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2. Upgrading AACC Website



During the period of January—Augusts 2021, SPC has upgraded the AACC website at <http://aacc-asia.org/> by adding some features as below.

- International Calendar
By typing username and password in member's login, all AACC member countries are capable to insert their international event schedules. The system at the website will record the data and display it in international calendar. Besides to organize the international event schedule, this feature also helps member countries become more aware with other's schedule. Therefore, participations of all member countries in each international event can be increased.
- Other Secretariats Links
At AACC website, SPC provides others Secretariats' link as well. This feature allows all AACC members to keep themselves updated for other Secretariat's event and activities.

3. Inter-Secretariats Meeting

Started since last year, three permanent Secretariats agreed on conducting Inter-Secretariat meeting twice a year, on July and November. The first inter-Secretariats meeting has been held on July 30th, 2021 and participated by Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Korea, and Turkey. Mainly dis-



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cussed about the preparation of the upcoming BoMM on August 2021. The second meeting will be held on November 2021.



4. Jordan's Admission

In 2020, AACC welcomed the Supreme Court of Bangladesh as the nineteenth member of AACC. On previous newsletter last year, during the Bangladesh's admission the SPC team conducted an official meeting to meet Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic of Covid-19, it is impossible to conduct the similar visit when SPC assisted the Constitutional Court of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's admission for AACC. Jordan's admission was received before the Board of Members Meeting so SPC conveyed the application letter to the President of AACC and distributed the copy of its application to all members to request their response towards Jordan's application for AACC membership. Some members sent their response by official letters and some others delivered their response in BoMM that conducted virtually from Nur-Sultan City of Kazakhstan, on August 26, 2021.



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Welcoming The 20th Member of AACC



5. The 18th Anniversary of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia

As a result, from the amendment of 1945 Constitution, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia has a significant role to the society. Its authorities include of large range from judicial review, resolution of disputes over the state institutions as well as resolution of disputes over the results of general election and the election of governor, regents, and mayors.

Commemorating the eighteenth anniversary of the Court, the Court conducted ceremony in the front yard of the building using strict health protocol. Not all employees allowed to take part in the ceremony. Only the Judges, high officials, also some employees that announced as model employees and Satya Lencana Karya Satya grantees.

SPC humbly wishes successful endeavours in the future particularly on doing the given tasks on guarding and protecting the Constitution as well as promoting democracy and rule of law in society, also more fruitful cooperation with counterpart countries.





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6. The Meeting of Secretaries General (MSG) and Board of Members Meeting (BoMM)

Similar with the prior MSG and BoMM last year, this year those meetings conducted virtually from Nur-Sultan City of Kazakhstan on August 26th, 2021. As the Host, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, has prepared the Meetings well. The events also be streamed through the Host's website and the Host's Youtube channel.

SPC has intensively communicated with our counterpart in Kazakhstan to prepare the events including sharing some previous documents as a reference on arranging the schedule, especially on point of Jordan's admission. Some other points that have been deliberated during the BoMM are the MoU between AACC and CECC (Conference of European Constitutional Courts), recommendation for annual report from each President of AACC, and presidency transfer from the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Constitutional Court of Mongolia.

