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AACC SRD Newsletter, December 2021

Dear AACC members,

Greetings from Seoul!

This newsletter informs you of the activities and planning of the AACC SRD during the second half of 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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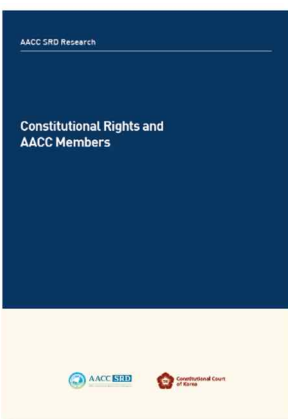
1. The 3rd International Symposium of the AACC SRD

From 10 to 11 November 2021, the AACC SRD held its 3rd International Symposium in online format. In line with the AACC SRD's 2021 book project, this conference at Justice-level discussed the topic of constitutional rights protection in Asia, focusing on the experience of AACC member institutions. The event was divided into three main sessions, respectively discussing 1) *common values and diverse aspects of constitutional rights in Asia*, 2) *new challenges to constitutional rights*, and 3) *constitutional adjudication and the universality of human rights*. This event was attended by 40 participants, consisting of Justices and special guests. The presentation materials of the speakers are available in the "Archive" section of the AACC SRD's online database.



▲ Namseok Yoo, President of the Constitutional Court of Korea, delivering the Opening Remarks.

2. AACC SRD 2021 Book Project



In December 2021 the AACC SRD published the fourth volume in its series of annual research books. The purpose of this book series is to gradually build up a compilation of materials on AACC members, which will be useful for both AACC members as well as the global research community. This year's book title is "Constitutional Rights and AACC Members." It aims to provide an overview of constitutional rights adjudication from the perspective of AACC member institutions. In joining this book project, AACC members were asked to provide information on various issues of relevance. These include themes such as the content and structure of constitutional rights provisions, the existence of jurisprudence on unenumerated rights, the impact of international human rights treaties, particularly notable cultural or historical contexts for rights interpretation, and challenges such as the current Covid-19 pandemic, digitalization, or climate change, etc. As in previous years, hard copies of this annual publication will be sent by post to AACC members. A PDF copy of the book will be available in the "Publications" section of the AACC SRD's website.

3. Launch of the new AACC Forum website

The AACC SRD is very excited to announce the launch of the newly designed AACC Forum website. Its goal is to provide staff of AACC members with an online messaging board to communicate with each other and the AACC SRD. Potential posts could discuss the AACC SRD's research projects, recent judgements of AACC member institutions, latest developments in comparative constitutional law, or any other issues regarding the work of the AACC SRD and AACC members.



Several new features have been added to the AACC Forum, including categorization of the messaging boards in terms of specific subjects and new writing functions. Users will be able to select the visibility of their posts and file attachment. There is also a notification system, which will inform users via email when new posts or replies are registered on the message boards. For more information, please refer to the attached PDF document: "Introduction to the new AACC Forum."

4. Secondment Program

a) Revision of the "Secondment Guidelines" and provision of extra funding support

In 2021 the AACC SRD introduced several changes and additions to the secondment program. The "Secondment Guidelines" was revised in June 2021, allowing AACC members to more flexibly propose their own period of secondment. Also, three external sources of funding support for the secondment have been introduced: 1) *Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)*, 2) *POSCO Asia Fellowship*, and 3) *Korean Foundation Fellowship for Field Research*. We understand that these financial sponsors will apply their own rigorous criteria in candidate selection, but the resulting benefits will be an important contribution to the mutual development and communication among the AACC SRD, the secondees and AACC member institutions. For further details regarding these funding support opportunities, please refer to the attached PDF document: "Research Guidance for Seconded Officers at the AACC SRD." The AACC SRD is looking forward to having new seconded officers next year.

b) Completion of secondment: Mongolia

Ms. Enkhmaa Enkhbold, who had joined the AACC SRD as a seconded officer from the Constitutional Court of Mongolia in February 2020, has completed her secondment period. She returned to her home institution in July 2021. During her stay, she has made important contributions to the research and operation of the AACC SRD. These include her independent research project, knowledge sharing, as well as her assistance during the AACC SRD's communication with her home institution. Through daily interactions with her, staff at the AACC SRD were able to gain a deeper knowledge of the Mongolian system of constitutional adjudication in comparative perspective. The AACC SRD hopes Ms. Enkhmaa Enkhbold all the best for her future endeavours.



Ms. Enkhmaa Enkhbold receiving her certificate of secondment completion from Jongmun Park, Secretary ▶ General of the Constitutional Court of Korea and the AACC SRD.

5. Visit by the Constitutional Court of Indonesia on 21 December



A delegation from the Constitutional Court of Indonesia visited the AACC SRD and the Constitutional Court of Korea on 21 December 2021. The delegation was led by two Justices of the Indonesian Constitutional Court, Justice Manahan M.P. Sitompul and Justice Enny Nurbaningsih. At the AACC SRD office the delegation was briefed on past and present research projects. When visiting Justice Namseok Yoo, President of the Constitutional Court of Korea, one key topic of discussion concerned the system of constitutional complaint in Korea.

◀ Justice Enny Nurbaningsih, Justice Manahan M.P. Sitompul and Jongmun Park, Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of Korea and the AACC SRD at the AACC SRD