

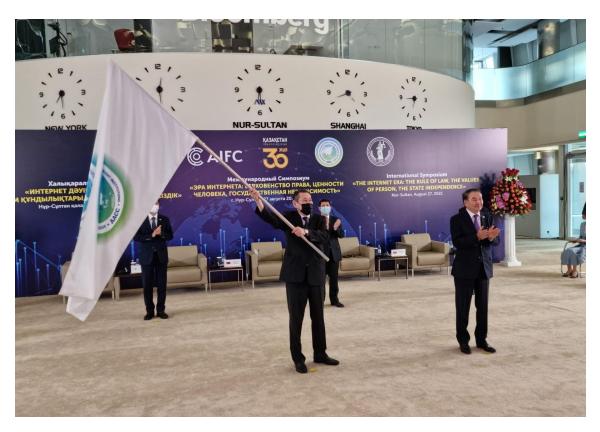


# THE ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF MONGOLIA DURING ITS PRESIDENCY OVER THE AACC IN 2021-2023

We are honored to present to you the formal activity report of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia during its presidency over the AACC from 2021 to 2023. This report aims to provide an overview of the significant contributions and achievements made by the Constitutional Court of Mongolia throughout its term.

On August 27, 2022, the Constitutional Court of Mongolia had the privilege of assuming the presidency of the AACC. This momentous occasion took place during the Board of Members meeting, where the Constitutional Court of Mongolia officially accepted the presidency.

In light of the prevailing global pandemic situation, special arrangements were made to ensure a seamless transfer of responsibilities. The flag of the Association was received by the Ambassador of Mongolia to the Republic of Kazakhstan, His Excellency Mr. L.Battulga, on behalf of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia. The symbolic handover ceremony took place through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, underscoring the commitment of Mongolia to the AACC despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.



As the Constitutional Court of Mongolia assumed the presidency, we embraced this responsibility with utmost dedication and enthusiasm, aiming to uphold the AACC principles and contribute to advancing constitutional law and protecting fundamental rights within the Asian region.



H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia was giving a speech from the podium.

We are honored to have the opportunity to serve as the host secretariat during this pivotal period, and we remain committed to the objectives and aspirations of the AACC. As detailed in the aforementioned activity report, our tenure as the president court has been marked by numerous achievements and initiatives.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the member courts of the AACC for their support and cooperation during our presidency. Their active engagement and participation have been crucial in realizing the goals of the Association and fostering a robust network of constitutional courts in Asia.

In conclusion, we express our profound gratitude to the AACC for entrusting us with the presidency, and we reaffirm our commitment to advancing the principles of constitutionalism, upholding the rule of law, and strengthening judicial collaboration within the Asian region.

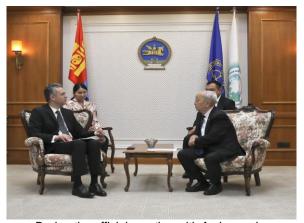
During our esteemed presidency over the AACC from 2021 to 2023, the Constitutional Court of Mongolia implemented a range of activities guided by our chosen slogan: "Mutual trust. Mutual effort. Mutual results.". This slogan encapsulates the principles that have underpinned our endeavors and reflects our commitment to fostering cooperation, unity, and tangible outcomes within the AACC.

# "Mutual trust. Mutual effort. Mutual results."



# **ONE. SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES:**

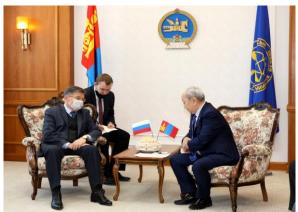
1. During the period of our presidency, several meetings were held by H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and President of the AACC, with esteemed Ambassadors representing the Republic of Türkiye, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, Japan, the European Union, and the United States of America to Mongolia. These meetings served as important platforms to inform the Ambassadors about the AACC and explore opportunities for cooperation. The Ambassadors acknowledged the critical role played by constitutional courts in upholding the rule of law and protecting human rights and expressed their readiness to cooperate and support the initiatives of the AACC under the leadership of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia.



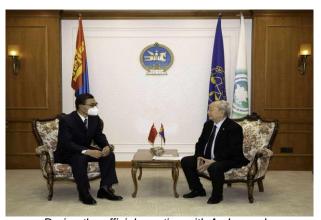
During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye to Mongolia Mr. Zafer Ateş.



During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Mongolia Mr. Jalgas Adilbayev.



During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Mongolia Mr. I.K.Azizov.



During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Mongolia Mr. Chai Wenrui.



During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Mongolia Mr. Lee Yeo-hong.



During the official meeting with the Ambassador of the European Union to Mongolia Ms. Axelle Nicaise.



During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mongolia Mr. Richard L. Buangan.



During the official meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Mongolia Mr. Kim Jong-gu.

## 2. The Constitutional Court of Mongolia collaborated with the Venice

of Commission the Council of Europe to organize highly successful online training seminar on "Transnational Constitutional Activities in Modern International Relations". This seminar, held in February 2022, aimed foster knowledge information sharing, exchange, and effective discussions the topic of on constitutional justice among employees of constitutional review



bodies from member countries of the Asian Association. Esteemed speakers, Mr. Filip Dimitrov, a Member of the Venice Commission and Judge of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria, and Mr. Laszlo Detre, Academic Adviser of the Constitutional Reform Program at the Transregional Research Forum, delivered insightful presentations during the seminar. Their expertise and contributions

greatly enriched the discussions and provided valuable perspectives on transnational constitutional activities in the context of modern international relations.

The training seminar garnered significant participation, with more than 80 representatives from 17 countries within the Asian Association joining the event. In recognition of the participants' active involvement and commitment to enhancing their understanding of transnational constitutional activities, each attendee received a Certificate of participation in the seminar. These certificates, signed by the President of the AACC and Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, and the President of the Venice Commission, Ms. Claire Bazi-Malaurie, were delivered to the participants via post. This gesture aimed to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication of the participants in furthering their professional development and contributing to the advancement of constitutional justice within their respective countries.



3. In March 2022, the Constitutional Court of Mongolia successfully organized an online meeting of the Secretaries General of the AACC. This meeting served as an important platform for representatives, headed by the Secretaries General of constitutional review bodies from 20 member countries, to convene and discuss important matters pertaining to the activities of the Association.



H.E. Mr. D.Bayanbileg, Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and Head of the AACC Host Secretariat

The meeting focused on various key topics, including the preparations for the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the AACC. Detailed discussions were held regarding the progress made in organizing the Congress, ensuring the smooth conduct of the event. Furthermore, the activity reports of the Permanent Secretariats, which play a pivotal role in ensuring the continuity of the Association's activities and facilitating cooperation between member courts, were reviewed and discussed. The Secretaries General shared their respective Secretariats' accomplishments and discussed challenges encountered. During the meeting, constructive dialogue took place on the proposed themes for the Congress and the specific topics to be covered in panel sessions. Moreover, valuable exchanges of opinions took place on the draft amendments to the Statute of the AACC and the draft document intended for approval at the conclusion of the Congress.



During the Secretaries General online meeting, in 2022.

**4.** The Constitutional Court of Mongolia commemorated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. The significant milestone of our establishment was honored by the presence of distinguished guests, including the President of Mongolia, H.E. Mr. Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, and other high-ranking state officials.

During the event, we were deeply touched by the kind gestures extended by of the heads member organizations of the Asian Association of Constitutional Courts (AACC) and the President of the Venice Commission. Through letters and videos, they heartfelt conveyed their congratulations and best wishes to commemorate our anniversary. Their warm greetings reaffirmed the bonds of friendship and collaboration within the



AACC and the global community of constitutional courts. Taking this opportunity,

I would like to express our gratitude for the warm greetings and wishes received.

**5.** The Constitutional Court of Mongolia takes immense pride in successfully organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the AACC in Ulaanbaatar in August 2022. This momentous event, held in a hybrid format, brought together more than 30 esteemed representatives, including Presidents and Chief Justices of constitutional review bodies from 20 countries, who participated both in person and online.

Under the overarching theme of "Recent Developments of Constitutional Justice in Asia", the Congress facilitated engaging presentations and dynamic discussions on a range of pertinent issues. The distinguished delegates explored topics such as the vital role of the Constitutional Court in safeguarding democracy, upholding core values, protecting fundamental human rights and freedoms, and sharing experiences related to the improvement and modernization of constitutional review. Additionally, the current state of implementation of constitutional review in various countries was assessed, and future goals were deliberated upon, promoting a comprehensive understanding of the diverse challenges and opportunities faced in the region.



We are pleased to share that the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the AACC concluded with the unanimous approval of the Ulaanbaatar Declaration. This declaration embodies the collective wisdom and shared aspirations of the member courts, reflecting their commitment to the principles of constitutional justice, the rule of law, and the protection of fundamental rights.



During the opening ceremony of the 5th Congress of the AACC



During the Board of Members meeting of the AACC



Opening ceremony of the 5th Congress of the AACC /3D show/



#### ҮНДСЭН ХУУЛИЙН ШҮҮХ БОЛОН ТҮҮНТЭЙ АДИЛТГАХ БАЙГУУЛЛАГУУДЫН АЗИЙН НИЙГЭМЛЭГИЙН 5 ДУГААР ИХ ХУРЛЫН УЛААНБААТАРЫН ТУНХАГЛАЛ

Монгол Улс, Улаанбаатар хот, 2022.08.19.

Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх болон түүнтэй адилтгах байгууллагуудын Азийн нийгэмлэгийн гишүүд бид 2022 оны 8 дугаар сарын 18-19-ний өдөр Монгол Улсын Улаанбаатар хотноо "Ази дахь Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх эрх мэдлийн хөгжлийн өнөөгийн байдал" сэдвийн хүрээнд 5 дугаар Их Хурлыг биечилсэн болон цахим хосолмол хэлбэрээр зохион байгууллаа.

5 дугаар Их Хурлаар Үндсэн хуульт ёсыг дээдэлж, улам бүр төлөвшүүлэх, Ковид 19-ийн цар тахлын нөхцөлд хүн бүхний үндсэн эрх, эрх чөлөөг хамгаалах, хүний эрхийг хамгаалах механизмыг сайжруулах талаар харилцан туршлага судаллаа. Улмаар хүний эрхийг хамгаалах механизмд Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх, түүнтэй адилттах байгууллагын эзлэх байр суурийг улам бататгав. Ийнхүү сүүлийн хоёр жил гаруй хугацааны турш үргэлжилж буй цар тахлын нөхцөл байдлаас гарч, хамтын ажиллагааны хүрээг тэлсэн, өргөжүүлсэн, үр дүнтэй нөхөрсөг уулзалтууд болсонд талархалтай байна.

ҮХШАН 2010 онд байгуулагдсанаас хойш амжилт бүтээлээ бататган, 2022 оны 5 дугаар Их Хурлын үр дүнг харгалзан бид бүхэн Улаанбаатар хотноо дараах зүйлийг тунхаглаж байна:

- Дэлхий дахинд гарч буй нийгэм, эдийн засаг, улс төр, соёлын хөгжлийн үйл явц нь улс орнууд Үндсэн хуулиа чанд сахиж, түүний биелэлтийг үр дүнтэй хангахыг улам бүр шаардаж байгааг бид дахин баталж байна.
- 2. Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх болон түүнтэй адилтгах байгууллагууд нь Үндсэн хуулийн биелэлтэд дээд хяналт тавих, Үндсэн хуулийг чандлан сахиулах баталгаа болох онцгой чиг үүргээ гүйцэтгэсээр байгаа бөгөөд эдгээр байгууллагын хариуцлага цаашид өсөн нэмэгдэх нь зайлшгүй байгааг цохон тэмдэглэв. Сүүлийн жилүүдэд үүссэн Ковид 19-ийн цар тахлын хор уршиг зэрэг гэнэтийн тааварлашгүй нөхцөл байдлууд нь Үндсэн хуулийн шүүхүүдийн үйл ажиллагаанд шууд нөлөөлөх сорилт болж байгааг тэмдэглэж байна.
- 3. Бүгд Найрамдах Индонез Улсын Балид 2022 оны 10 дугаар сарын 4-8ны өдрүүдэд зохиогдох Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх эрх мэдлийн Дэлхийн бага хурлын 5 дугаар Их Хуралд ҮХШАН-ийн гишүүдийг идэвхтэй оролцохыг уриалж байна.
- 4. ҮХШАН нь бидний нийтлэг зорилгыг баримталдаг Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх болон түүнтэй адилтгах байгууллагуудад нэгдэн ороход нээлттэй. Үүнтэй холбогдуулан 5 дугаар Их Хурлын үеэр Палестины Үндсэн хуулийн дээд шүүхийн ҮХШАН-т элссэнийг сайшаан хүлээн авч, ҮХШАН нь тууштай өргөжин тэлэх бодлогоо дахин нотолж байгаа ба Азийн бусад Үндсэн хуулийн шүүх болон түүнтэй адилттах байгууллагуудыг Нийгэмлэгийн гишүүнээр элсэхийг дахин урьж байна.

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# THE ULAANBAATAR DECLARATION OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND FOLIVALENT INSTITUTIONS

August 19, 2022, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

We, the Members of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions, held the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress in a hybrid form – in person and virtually, on August 18-19, 2022 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, under the theme "Recent Developments of Constitutional Justice in Asia".

During the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress, we have mutually exchanged experience on respecting and strengthening the constitutionalism, protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, and improving the mechanisms for human rights protection. Consequently, the role of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions within the mechanism of human rights protection has been reaffirmed more than ever. It's appreciative that we have been able to overcome the long-standing pandemic situation that dragged on for more than two years and held productive, amicable meetings that have expanded the scope of our cooperation.

Reiterating the achievements of the AACC since its establishment in 2010, taking into consideration the outcome of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress 2022, we declare the following in Ulaanbaatar:

- We reaffirm that the social, economic, political and cultural development process taking place throughout the world increasingly demands the countries to adhere to the Constitution and ensure its effective implementation.
- 2. We emphasize that the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions have been playing an exclusive role in exercising supreme supervision over the implementation of the Constitution and in guaranteeing for strict observance of the Constitution, and that the responsibilities of these bodies would inevitably increase in the future. We stress the fact that the unforeseen circumstances, such as the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in recent years, have directly challenged the functioning of constitutional courts.
- 3. The Members of the AACC are encouraged to take active part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice to be held on October 4-8, 2022 in Bali, Republic of Indonesia.
- 4. The AACC is open for accession of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions that pursue our common goals. In this regard, welcoming the accession to the AACC of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Palestine during the 5th Congress, the AACC reiterates its policy of steady expansion, and therefore invites once again other Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions to become a member of the Association.

PRESIDENT OF THE AACC

CHINBAT NAMJIL



#### УЛААНБААТАРСКАЯ ДЕКЛАРАЦИЯ ПЯТОГО КОНГРЕССА АССОЦИАЦИИ АЗИАТСКИХ КОНСТИТУЦИОННЫХ СУДОВ И ЭКВИВАЛЕНТНЫХ ИНСТИТУТОВ

19 августа 2022 г., Улаанбаатар, Монголия

Мы, члены Ассоциации азиатских конституционных судов и эквивалентных институтов, провели 18-19 августа 2022 года в г. Улаанбаатар, Монголия, Пятый Конгресс на тему «Текущее развитие конституционного правосудия в Азии» в гибридном формате — очно и виртуально.

В ходе Пятого Конгресса мы взаимно обменялись опытом по соблюдению и укреплению конституционализма, защите основных прав и свобод каждого человека в условиях пандемии Ковид-19, совершенствованию механизмов защиты прав человека. В результате, роль конституционных судов и эквивалентных институтов в механизме защиты прав человека подтверждается более чем когда-либо. Отрадно, что нам удалось преодолеть затянувшуюся более чем на два года ситуацию с пандемией и провести продуктивные, дружеские встречи, расширившие рамки нашего сотрудничества.

Подтверждая достижения ААКС с момента ее создания в 2010 году, принимая во внимание итоги Пятого Конгресса 2022 года, заявляем в Улаанбаатаре о нижеследующем:

больше требует от стран соблюдения Конституции и обеспечения ее эффективной реализации.

- 2. Мы придаем особое значение тому, что конституционные суды и эквивалентные институты играют исключительную роль в осуществлении высшего контроля за выполнением Конституции и в гарантировании неускорительного соблюдения Конституции, и что обязанности этих органов неизбежно возрастут в будущем. Мы подчеркиваем тот факт, что непредвиденные обстоятельства, такие как разрушительные последствия пандемии Ковид-19 в последние годы, напрямую осложнили функционирование конституционных судов.
- Члены ААКС призываются принять активное участие в Пятом Конгрессе Всемирной конференции по конституционному правосудию, который состоится 4-8 октября 2022 года на Бали, Республика Индонезия.
- 4. ААКС открыт для присоединения конституционных судов и эквивалентных институтов, преследующих наши общие цели. В связи с этим, приветствуя присоединение к ААКС Верховного конституционного суда Палестины во время Пятого Конгресса, ААКС подтверждает свою политику неуклонного расширения и, следовательно, вновь приглашает другие азиатские конституционные суды и эквивалентные институты стать членами Ассоциации.

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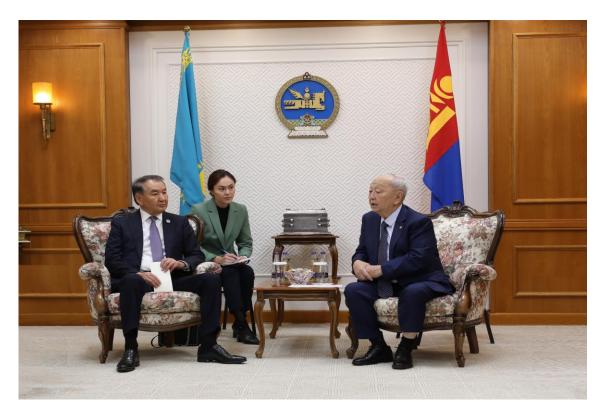
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The Board of Members convened on the first and last day to address important matters pertaining to the Association. Discussions centered around key topics such as recruiting new members, amending the Statute, and reviewing the draft of the Ulaanbaatar Declaration.

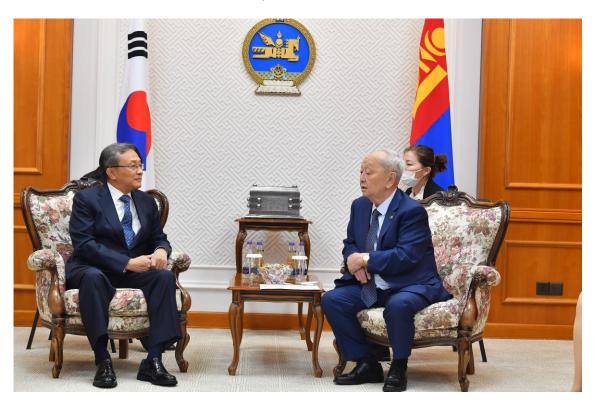


A significant development occurred during these meetings when the Supreme Constitutional Court of the State of Palestine submitted a formal request for membership in the AACC. The request, accompanied by the necessary documents, was presented in advance through the Permanent Secretariat for Planning and Coordination. The Board of Members thoroughly deliberated on the request and unanimously accepted it, officially welcoming the Supreme Constitutional Court of the State of Palestine as the 21<sup>st</sup> member of the AACC.

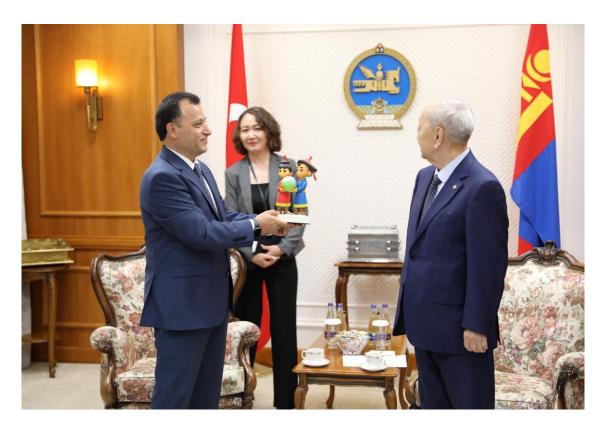
During the 5th Congress, esteemed dignitaries including H.E. Mr. Yoo Nam-seok, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Kairat Mami, Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and H.E. Mr. Zuhtu Arslan, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye, paid an official visit to Mongolia. This visit provided a valuable opportunity for bilateral engagements and the strengthening of relationships between the respective constitutional courts.



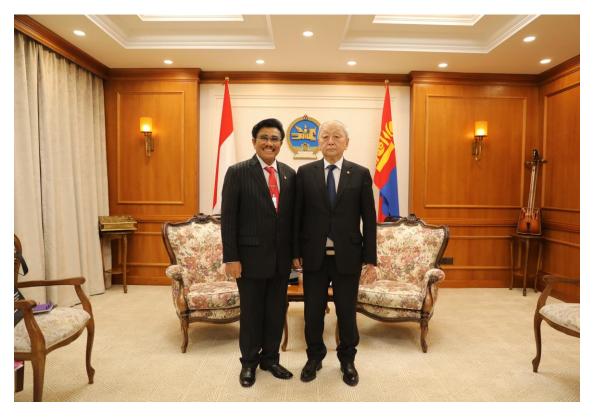
During the bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Kairat Mami, Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan



During the bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Yoo Nam-seok, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea



During the bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Zuhtu Arslan, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye



During the bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Manahan M.P Sitompul, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia

During their visit, the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and the President of the AACC, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, held bilateral meetings with the delegations. These meetings served as a platform for productive

discussions various topics, including the activities the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, bilateral relations, and cooperation between the courts, both within the framework of



the AACC and beyond. The exchange of opinions and experiences fostered a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by constitutional courts in the region, enabling greater cooperation and collaboration. Additionally, the visiting delegations had the honor of making a courtesy call to H.E. Mr. Zandanshatar Gombojav, Chairman of the Parliament of Mongolia.

**6.** To reiterate, the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the first democratic Constitution of Mongolia and the establishment of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia holds immense significance. It is particularly noteworthy that this historic occasion coincided with the period of our court's presidency over the AACC. In light of this, we undertook various initiatives to honor and celebrate this milestone.

One of the initiatives undertaken by our court was the issuance of special postage stamps themed "30th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of Mongolia". Furthermore, a special medallion was issued to mark our court's presidency over the AACC. This medallion symbolizes the spirit of leadership and cooperation within the Association, reflecting our commitment to promoting constitutional justice and fostering collaboration among member courts.

In recognition of the occasion, we also took the initiative to translate the Mongolian Constitution into 12 languages. This multilingual publication aims to promote a broader understanding and awareness of the constitutional principles and values enshrined in Mongolia's Constitution. The translated editions were compiled into a book, serving as a valuable resource for comparative constitutional studies and facilitating international exchange and dialogue.





Postal stamp "The 30th Anniversary of the Adoption of Mongolian Constitution"

During the 5th Congress of the AACC, these special editions, including the postal stamp, the medallion, and the book containing the translated Mongolian Constitution, were presented to the delegations participating in the Congress.



Medallion "The Constitutional Court of Mongolia and the symbol of the AACC"

**7.** Furthermore, we created a symbolic representation of our presidency over the Asian Association. This symbol was introduced to all member countries as a visual embodiment of solidarity and cooperation among the member courts.



The symbol depicts a boy and a girl dressed in traditional Mongolian attire, symbolizing the national identity. By featuring both genders, we aimed to emphasize the importance of gender equality in the field of constitutional justice.

To further underscore the global nature of the AACC, the boy and girl are depicted leaning on a globe, which serves as the symbol of the Association. This imagery represents the collaborative spirit shared by member courts.

By introducing this symbol, we sought to visually convey the values of solidarity, cooperation, and mutual respect that underpin the AACC. It serves as a reminder of our collective commitment to upholding constitutional principles, promoting justice, and working together toward the advancement of constitutionalism in Asia.

**8.** The delegation led by H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and the President of the AACC, participated in the 5th Congress of the WCCJ held in Bali, Indonesia.



The first joint conference of the AACC and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa was held during the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress. This joint event provided a unique opportunity for constitutional courts from Asia and Africa to come together, exchange experiences, and foster cooperation.

At the closing ceremony of the joint conference, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and President of the AACC, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, delivered a speech highlighting the importance of collaboration between the two continents in advancing constitutional justice and strengthening the rule of law.

Following the speeches and discussions, a joint statement was approved, reflecting the common commitment of both associations to promoting constitutionalism, protecting fundamental rights and freedoms, and enhancing judicial independence.

To commemorate this occasion, certificates were presented to all delegates who participated in the joint meeting. These certificates, signed by H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, the President of the AACC, H.E. Mr. Anwar Usman, the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Indonesia, and H.E. Ms. Laurinda Prazeres Monteiro Cardoso, the President of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa, served as a token of appreciation and recognition for their valuable contributions to the joint meeting.



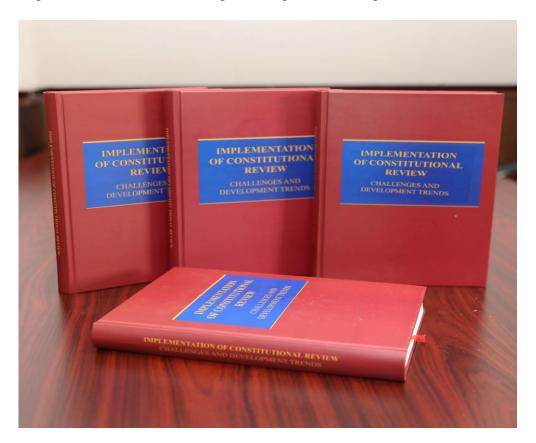
Moreover, during the 5th Congress, an important meeting of the AACC was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. D.Odbayar, a Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia. This meeting provided a platform for representatives of member organizations to engage in meaningful discussions and address important matters pertaining to the Association's activities.

Among the key issues deliberated during the meeting was the establishment of a mechanism to assess the adherence of countries' governments to their respective constitutions. Additionally, amendments to the Statute of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ) were discussed.

Another important matter addressed during the meeting was the nomination of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye to represent

Asia in the Bureau of the WCCJ. Recognizing the importance of regional representation, the AACC unanimously supported the nomination of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye. The decision was promptly conveyed to the Secretariat of the World Conference, and subsequently, the nomination of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye was approved by the General Assembly of the WCCJ.

**9.** Under the presidency of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, the AACC has been steadfastly committed to fulfilling its goals and objectives. Throughout its term, the Constitutional Court of Mongolia has been actively working towards the realization of the AACC's core objectives, which include the protection of human rights, the promotion of democracy, the strengthening of the rule of law, the enhancement of the independence of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions, and the facilitation of cooperation, experience sharing, and information exchange among member organizations.

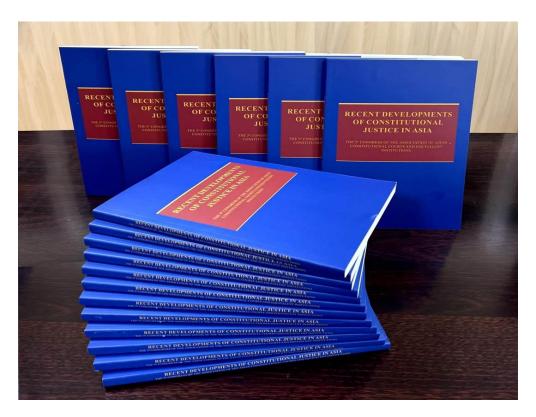


In this context, we compiled a collection of academic articles titled "Implementation of Constitutional Review: Challenges and Development Trends", authored by justices, scholars, and researchers from constitutional review bodies of AACC member countries. The compilation, available in both

English and Russian, has been published as a book and can be accessed electronically on the AACC's official website.

The compilation encompasses a total of 21 works contributed by justices, scholars, and researchers from 14 countries within the AACC. These articles hold significant theoretical and practical value, shedding light on the experiences of various countries in exercising constitutional review, the challenges encountered during the global pandemic, and the strategies employed to overcome them. By encompassing a diverse range of perspectives, the compilation offers valuable insights into the evolving landscape of constitutional review and serves as a valuable resource for practitioners, scholars, and researchers alike.

**10.** Also, during the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress held under the theme "Recent Developments of Constitutional Justice in Asia", an important milestone was achieved with the adoption of the "Ulaanbaatar Declaration". This significant document emerged from the wealth of knowledge and experiences shared by presidents and justices from 15 countries, who delivered presentations on topics such as strengthening the rule of constitutionalism, protecting fundamental human rights and freedoms amidst the global pandemic, and reinforcing the position of Constitutional Courts and equivalent institutions within the protective mechanisms.



Under the auspices of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and the AACC, the presentations and discussions held during the 5th Congress, along with the "Ulaanbaatar Declaration", have been compiled and published as a special volume. The special volume, which showcases the collective efforts and achievements of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress, is accessible in electronic format on the AACC's official website.

11. The Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, President of the AACC H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat attended the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WCCJ Bureau held in Venice on March 11, 2023. During the meeting, His Excellency delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the activities and initiatives undertaken by the AACC. This presentation received widespread acclaim and positive feedback from the distinguished members of the WCCJ Bureau.



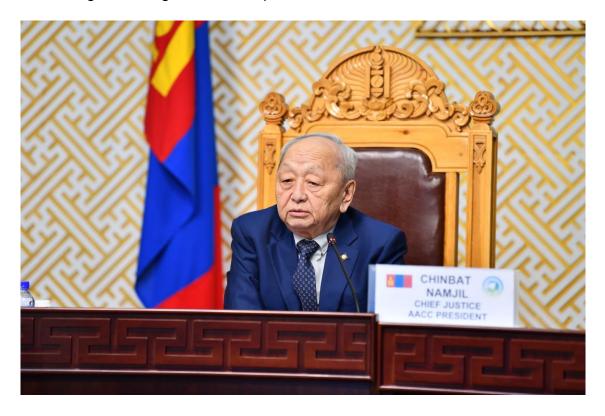
**12.** The Constitutional Court of Mongolia, under the leadership of the Chief Justice and President of the AACC, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, actively participated in the International Symposium on "The Constitutional Court on the Protection of the People's Rights and Liberties". The symposium took place in April 2023 in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, and was organized to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand.



During this significant international event, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat had the privilege of delivering a speech on the topic "The Constitutional Court of Mongolia on the Protection of Rights And Liberties guaranteed by the Constitution". His presentation shed light on the crucial role played by the Constitutional Court of Mongolia in safeguarding the rights and liberties enshrined in the country's constitution. By sharing the experiences and practices of the Mongolian Constitutional Court, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat contributed valuable insights to the symposium's discussions on the protection of people's rights and liberties.



13. The Constitutional Court of Mongolia successfully held the Board of Members' meeting and the International symposium focused on the theme "Protection of human rights within the Constitutional review" remotely on June 5, 2023. The symposium in question served as a significant and impactful event, where esteemed professionals and experts convened to share valuable insights and knowledge in conducting a constitutional review, as well as strategies for upholding and protecting the fundamental human rights and freedoms associated with such reviews, especially in the face of contemporary challenges and changes in our global landscape.



H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and President of the AACC

During the symposium, a total of ten papers were presented and discussed, each offering a unique perspective on the complex task of constitutional review. The symposium provided a platform for lively and informative discussions, enabling participants to engage in thoughtful discourse, exchange ideas, and gain a deeper understanding of the distinctions involved in constitutional reviews.



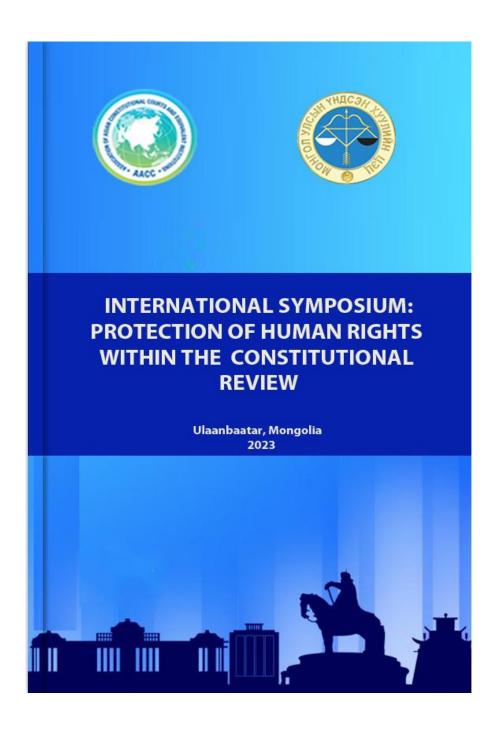
H.E. Mr. D.Bayanbileg, Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and Head of the AACC Host Secretariat

It also served as an opportunity to address the evolving nature of human rights and freedoms in the context of today's ever-changing world, emphasizing the importance of adapting constitutional review processes to meet these evolving needs.



from the left side: H.E. Mr. J.Erdenebulgan, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and President of the AACC, and D.Gangabaatar, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia.

14. The results of the symposium have been accurately compiled and subsequently published. The availability of these presentations in electronic format on the official website of the AACC not only fosters greater accessibility for a wider audience but also promotes the efficient dissemination of the valuable insights and knowledge that were exchanged during the symposium. This will undoubtedly contribute to the advancement of research and understanding within the relevant field.



15. The Constitutional Court of Mongolia, under the leadership of the Chief Justice and President of the AACC, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, attended the International Chief Justices Forum (ICJF) held under the theme "Strengthening Democracy through Constitutional Jurisdictions: Past, Present, and Future". The forum took place in August 2023 in Jakarta and was organized to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia.

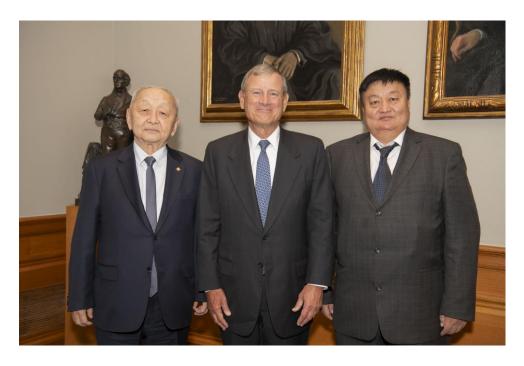
During this distinguished event, His Excellency had the honor of delivering a speech under the compelling theme, "Constitutional Court of Mongolia: A Guardian of Democratic Principles". In his address, he eloquently emphasized the pivotal role played by Constitutional Courts in upholding the Constitution, safeguarding the cherished tenets of democracy, and ensuring the protection of human rights.



During the International Chief Justices Forum, August 2023 in Jakarta.

In essence, Mr. Chinbat's address at this event would have highlighted the crucial and transformative influence of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia in upholding democratic values and principles, ultimately reinforcing the nation's commitment to democracy, justice, and the protection of human rights.

**16.** The Chief Justice and President of the AACC, H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, paid an official visit to the Supreme Court of the United States of America and held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States, on September 11, 2023.



from the left side: H.E. Mr. N.Chinbat, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, H.E. Mr. John Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States, and H.E. Mr. G.Tuulkhuu, Justice of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia.

17. The Constitutional Court of Mongolia formally transferred the Presidency over the AACC to the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand on October 10, 2023. This transition marked a significant event in fostering our regional cooperation and mutual collaboration within the AACC and beyond.



from the left side: Mr. G.Davaadalai, Deputy Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia and Mr. Suttirak Songsivilai, Deputy Secretary General as Acting Secretary General of the Office of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand.



The delegations of both sides participated in the Handing-Over Ceremony of the AACC Presidency

### TWO. CONCLUSION

During the challenging period of 2021-2022, characterized by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the members of the AACC demonstrated resilience and solidarity in overcoming the crisis. Despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, we embraced digital platforms to maintain regular exchanges of experiences and information among member organizations.

Throughout the term of the presidency, the activities of the Association proceeded smoothly, maintaining a regular and continuous flow. As part of our commitment to strengthening the Association and addressing the challenges and opportunities at hand, we actively engaged in discussions concerning various aspects of the Association's functioning.

Regular meetings were held to review the activity reports of the Permanent Secretariats, which play a crucial role in ensuring the continuity of the Association's activities and promoting cooperation between constitutional review bodies. These discussions provided valuable insights into the progress made, identified areas for improvement, and allowed for the exchange of opinions on how to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Association.

Additionally, we dedicated significant attention to addressing actual problems and challenges related to our plans and activities.

The addition of the Supreme Constitutional Court of the State of Palestine to the AACC as its 21<sup>st</sup> member last year was indeed a significant milestone. It reflects the continuous growth and expansion of the AACC, highlighting the increasing access, productivity, and importance of our collective activities.

The inclusion of the Supreme Constitutional Court of the State of Palestine in our family of constitutional review bodies not only enriches the diversity of perspectives and experiences within the Association but also underscores the commitment of the AACC to promoting constitutional justice and upholding the rule of law across the Asian region.

As we come to the conclusion of our presidency over the AACC, we are pleased to reflect on the journey we have undertaken together. The slogan of our presidency, "Mutual trust. Mutual effort. Mutual results.", truly encapsulates the essence of our collective achievements during this period.

Let us carry forward the lessons learned, the experiences gained, and the bonds forged during our presidency. Together, let us continue to strengthen our cooperation, promote constitutional justice, protect human rights, and advance the rule of law in our respective countries and throughout the Asian region.

Throughout the past two years, the firm dedication and fruitful cooperation of member organizations have played a crucial role in advancing and strengthening the AACC.

Especially, the dedication, hard work, and unwavering support of the Heads and personnel of the Secretariat for Planning and Coordination in the Republic of Indonesia, the Secretariat for Research and Development in the Republic of Korea, and the Training and Human Resource Development Center in the Republic of Türkiye have been instrumental in the successful implementation of our activities.

All together, we have accomplished significant milestones and furthered the objectives of our esteemed Association.