



Minutes of Board of Members Meeting (BoMM)
of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC)
Tuesday, June 24, 2025 – 13:00-14:30 GMT+7/ EST
Bangkok, Thailand & Virtual

Participants

1. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Online)
Dr. Farhad Abdullayev, Chairman
Mr. Rauf Guliyev, Secretary-General
Ms. Sabina Mirazayeva, Head of International Law and International Cooperation Department
Mr. Orkhan Rzayev, Senior Adviser
2. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia (Online)
Dr. Suhartoyo, Chief Justice
Mr. Heru Setiawan, Secretary-General
Mr. Pan Mohamad Faiz Kusuma W., Head of Bureau of Public Relations and Protocols
Mr. Immanuel Bungkulan B. Hutasoit, Head of Division of AACC Secretariat and International Relations
3. Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (Online)
Ms. Maysa Bydoon, Judge
4. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Online)
Ms. Elvira Azimova, Chairperson
5. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea
Ms. Bokhyung Kim, Justice
Mr. Yongho Kim, Deputy Secretary-General
Ms. Jihye Jung, Rapporteur Judge
Ms. Hari Im, Assistant Director
6. Constitutional Court of the Kyrgyz Republic (Online)
Ms. Lunara Zholdosheva, Justice
7. Federal Court of Malaysia (Online)
Ms. Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat, Chief Justice
Mr. Abang Iskandar Abang Hashim, President of the Court of Appeal

- Mr. Zamri Bakar, Chief Registrar
Ms. Firdaus Md Isa, Deputy Registrar
8. Constitutional Court of Mongolia (Online)
Mr. Bayasgalan Gungaa, Chief Justice
Mr. Bayanbileg Danikhuu, Secretary-General
Mr. Bilguun Ganselem, Head of the Protocol and Foreign Relations Department
9. Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Online)
Mr. Aung Zaw Thein, Chairperson
10. Supreme Court of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Online)
Mr. Amin-Ud-Din Khan, Justice
11. Supreme Constitutional Court of the State of Palestine (Online)
Mr. Ghassan Faramand, Justice
12. Supreme Court of the Republic of the Philippines (Online)
Mr. Marvic M.V.F. Leonen, Senior Associate Justice
Mr. Jose Midas P. Marquez, Associate Justice
Mr. Antonio Ceasar Manila, Deputy Chief Justice Staff Head
Mr. Sedfrey Candelaria, Supreme Court Designated Liaison Officer for AACC
Mr. Christopher Edward Nuevo, Court Attorney
Ms. Del Rosario Yna Trisha Marie, Court Attorney
13. Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation (Online)
Mr. Mikhail Lobov, Justice
14. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Tajikistan (Online)
Mr. Foteh Quvvatzoda, Justice
Ms. Gulnora Nurlyaminzoda, Head of the Department of Legal Support for the Activities of Judges
15. Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand
Prof. Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat, President of the Constitutional Court/President of the AACC
Mr. Udom Sittiwiratham, Justice
Adjunct Prof. Dr. Chiranit Havanond, Justice
Mr. Noppadon Theppitak, Justice Prof. Dr. Udom Rathamarit, Justice
Mr. Sumath Roygulchareon, Justice
16. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye
Prof. Dr. Yusuf Şevki Hakyemez, Justice
Associate Prof. Dr. Mr. Metin Kıratlı, Justice
Mr. Osman Kodal, Rapporteur-Judge
17. Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Associate Prof. Dr. Askarjon Gafurov, Deputy Chairman
Ms. Nilufarkhon Said-Gazeva, Secretary-General
Mr. Shokhrukh Majidov, Senior Expert
18. Office of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand (Host Secretariat)
Mr. Suttirak Songsivilai, Academic Advisor, Acting Secretary-General

Ms. Romprang Suamprakham, Deputy Secretary-General

Mr. Adithev Auiyaput, Deputy Secretary-General

Mr. Chatkaew Lertpaitoon, Deputy Secretary-General

Mr. Direk Suksawang, Deputy Secretary-General

A. Opening Remarks

H.E. Professor Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat, President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, delivered his opening remarks as President of the AACC. He opened the Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) by extending a warm welcome to all delegates and expressing his gratitude for their presence. He extended special thanks to the three Permanent Secretariats for their dedication in advancing the Association. H.E. Professor Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat informed the attendees that H.E. Mr. Noppadon Theppitak, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, would serve as the chairman of the Meeting.

B. Discussion of Agendas

After briefly reviewing the agenda, Mr. Chairman, H.E. Mr. Noppadon Theppitak, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand sought the formal adoption of the provisional agendas by the participants.

1. Overview of the AACC Presidency in 2023-2025

As President of the AACC for 2023-2025, H.E. Professor Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat, President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, presented the overview of the recent progress and key activities undertaken during his chairmanship since October 2023. This includes hosting the 6th Congress of the AACC and the adoption of the Bangkok Declaration in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, in September 2024. This presidency has also strengthened international legal cooperation beyond Asia through the memorandum of understanding between the AACC and the Ibero-American Conference of Constitutional Justice (CIJC), held alongside the 6th Congress, on September 19, 2024 in Bangkok.

The Constitutional Court of Thailand presented to the Meeting its participation in the key international engagements undertaken in its capacity as Chair of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC), including its representation at the International High-Level Conference on “Respect for the Decisions of Constitutional Courts” and the 21st Meeting of the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice of the Venice Commission on November 12-16, 2024, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia. It was also invited by the CIJC to participate in the 2025 World Law Congress on May 3-9, 2025, Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, which marked a significant step in strengthening collaboration between the AACC and the CIJC.

In addition, the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand will attend the 5th International Symposium of the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development (SRD), in cooperation with the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea on August 25-28, 2025.

2. Progress Reports of AACC Secretariats

Mr. Chairman outlined that this session would cover the reports from AACC Secretariats. He then gave the floor to the representatives of the Constitutional Court of Thailand, the Secretariat for Planning and Coordination, the Secretariat for Research and Development, and the Center for Training and Human Resources Development.

a. Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand as the Host of AACC President for 2023-2025

Mr. Suttirak Songsivilai, Acting Secretary-General of the Office of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, reported that since assuming the AACC Presidency in October 2023, the Constitutional Court of Thailand has supported various AACC missions. In 2024, a total of 30 million THB (~USD 920,000) was allocated for organizing the 6th AACC Congress, of which 25 million THB (~USD 760,000) was spent, including 24 million THB (~USD 730,000) for hiring an event company. In 2025, the Office was allocated 11 million

THB (~USD 337,000) for the BoMM, with projected spending of 7.8 million THB (~USD 238,000). He emphasized that all budget allocations were managed transparently and efficiently.

He also reported that the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand had continuously coordinated with the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the transfer of the AACC presidency. A draft schedule has been prepared for the handover of the AACC flag at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan on November 11, 2025.

b. Permanent Secretariat for Planning and Coordination (AACC SPC)

Mr. Heru Setiawan, Head of the Permanent Secretariat for Planning and Coordination (SPC), Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, presented the SPC's activities from October 2024 to June 2025, including:

- A coordination visit from the AACC SRD in November 2024 to discuss joint activities, research themes, and preparations for the 10th anniversary of the AACC Secretariats in 2026;
- The AACC Liaison Officers Meeting (November 19th, 2024), focusing on financial contribution mechanisms, with participation from 16 members;
- Outreach to other regional associations (CCJA, CECC, and CIJC) to learn best practices in sustainable and transparent financial management;
- Processing the official membership application of the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq, which received responses from 17 members (exclude President of AACC);
- Diplomatic engagement with the Embassy of Afghanistan in Jakarta regarding the status of the Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of Constitution (ICOIC);
- Courtesy meeting with the Ambassador of Timor Leste to explore potential future membership;
- Publication of the AACC Newsletter Vol. 5 (Dec 2024), featuring updates from 20 members and partner associations;
- Compilation of international activities of AACC members to foster mutual participation.

He thanked all members for their continuous cooperation and support of the SPC.

c. Secretariat for Research and Development (AACC SRD)

Mr. Kim Yong Ho, Deputy Secretary-General of the AACC SRD, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea, provided updates on the SRD's ongoing work, including:

- The 2025 book project on "Right to Privacy," focusing on its definition, legitimate restrictions, and contemporary issues such as digitalization and AI;
- Preparations for the 5th International Symposium (August 25–28, 2025 in Seoul), consisting of four sessions aligned with the book's subtopics;
- Continued secondment programs and academic exchanges, including the publication of 7 books since 2018;
- Maintenance of an online legal database and communication platform.

He also expressed appreciation for the contributions and interest of all AACC members in supporting the SRD's missions.

d. Center for Training and Human Resources Development (CTHRD)

Mr. Murat Azaklı, Secretary-General of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye, reported that the CTHRD has organized annual Summer School programs since 2013. The 12th Summer School on “The Use of Information Technologies and Artificial Intelligence in the Higher Judiciary” was held from September 30 to October 3, 2024 in Ankara. Presentations by the participants have been compiled into a book available on the Court’s website.

He announced that the 13th Summer School is scheduled for September 2025, with the theme and exact date to be confirmed. He also highlighted the dedicated CTHRD webpage containing past materials, publications, and registration features.

Mr. Chairman thanked all Secretariats for their reports and acknowledged the remarkable progress made in strengthening the AACC framework through collaboration and mutual engagement.

3. Transfer of Presidency

Mr. Chairman informed the Meeting that handover ceremony of the AACC flag, which will take place sometime soon, will mark the formal transfer of the AACC presidency to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In this regard, Mr. Suttirak Songsivilai, Acting Secretary-General of the Office of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, was invited to take the floor to inform the Meeting of the preparatory arrangement. Afterwards, H.E. Associate Professor Dr. Askarjon Gafurov, Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan, was invited by Mr. Chairman to deliver a speech to the Meeting:

- a. Mr. Suttirak Songsivilai, Acting Secretary-General of the Office of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, reported that the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand has continued to coordinate with the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan through official channels, i.e. letters submitted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as through the Association’s communication channels, i.e. through the AACC liaison officers, in order to prepare for the handover of the office of President of the AACC. This coordination includes the preparation of the handover ceremony as well as bilateral meetings between both parties. Currently, there is a draft schedule for the handover ceremony of the Association’s emblematic flag, which is planned to take place at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan on November 11th, 2025.
- b. H.E. Associate Prof. Dr. Askarjon Gafurov, Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan, expressed the Constitutional Court’s readiness to accept the leadership of the Association and cordially looked forward to the presence of the Constitutional Court of Thailand in the AACC presidency handover ceremony in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

4. Consideration of Membership Application

- a. Mr. Chairman revealed that the membership application of the Federal Supreme Court of the Republic of Iraq would be considered.
- b. H.E. Mr. Suhartoyo, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, affirmed his Court’s acknowledgement of the goodwill of the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq to actively participate in various AACC activities in the future following the Court’s official letter dated January 17, 2025. He expressed his Court’s recommendation that the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq be accepted as a new member of the AACC, in line with the spirit of the AACC to continue to expand inclusive cooperation and strengthen the enforcement of the supremacy of the constitution and the rule of law in Asia in a sustainable manner, with the belief that this membership will bring significant added value to the AACC.

- c. Mr. Chairman stated that according to Article 7 Paragraph 4 of the AACC statute concerning the Authority of the Board of Members on the Admission of Members as well as Article 19, two-thirds majority of the members would need to approve the membership application. He revealed that 18 members (including the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand) out of 21 accepted the membership application of the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq—as the Independent Commission for Overseeing the Constitution of the Republic of Islamic Afghanistan, the Supreme Court of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Maldives did not submit any responses nor attend the Meeting. He then declared the application approved and that the Meeting unanimously agreed to accept the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq into the AACC.

5. Other Matters

- a. The Chairman provided the floor to H.E. Professor Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat, President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, to apprise the Meeting of the upcoming 6th Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ), to be held in Madrid, the Kingdom of Spain, from October 28–30, 2025. He commenced by recalling the 21st Bureau Meeting of the WCCJ, held in Venice, Republic of Italy, from March 13–18, 2024, where the Constitutional Court of Thailand represented the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and presided over the Meeting. The Bureau made several key decisions, including the endorsement of new Secretariat arrangements, the adoption of a resolution on safeguarding the rule of law, and the approval of the theme “Human Rights of Future Generations” for the forthcoming Congress. H.E. Professor Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat will attend the 6th WCCJ Congress and represent the AACC at the Bureau Meeting.

H.E. Professor Dr. Nakharin Mektrairat will also lead a Thai delegation of directors and senior officials from the Office of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Supreme Court of the Republic of India in New Delhi on August 4-9, 2025 to exchange views and gain insights into the Supreme Court’s landmark judgments and case management practices, reinforcing AACC shared commitment to constitutional justice and cooperative learning.

He expressed appreciation to all members for their presence and to the Secretariats. He also looked forward to the opportunity to reconvene with all members at the upcoming WCCJ Congress in Madrid, Spain this October.

- b. H.E. Mr. Suhartoyo, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, explained that currently, the AACC has three representatives in the Bureau of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ): the AACC President from the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of Indonesia as the host of the 2022 WCCJ Congress, and the Republic of Türkiye as the representative from the Asian region. In connection with the upcoming 6th WCCJ Congress on October 28–30, 2025, in Madrid, Spain, the membership terms of Indonesia and Türkiye in the WCCJ Bureau will end. In this context, the AACC as an association representing the Asian region has the responsibility to begin preparations for the nomination of new members who will represent Asia in the WCCJ Bureau.
- c. H.E. Mr. Mikhail Lobov, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, conveyed the statement of Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr. Valery Dmitrievich Zorkin expressing appreciation for the presidency of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand and the organization of the AACC Congress in Bangkok. He emphasized the importance of constitutional and legal cooperation in supporting the integration of the Eurasian region and expressed full support for all initiatives and projects presented at the forum, including those initiated by the permanent secretariats. He also congratulated the Federal Supreme Court of Iraq on joining the AACC and welcomed

the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan as the new president. He expressed readiness to continue to cooperate and provide active support to the leadership of Uzbekistan, and looked forward to the next meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Mr. Chairman thanked all participants for attending, both offline and online. He also expressed his appreciation to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan for accepting the transfer of leadership and hosting future AACC international events. He then officially concluded the Meeting.