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AACC IN A GLANCE

EMBLEM

This emblem of the AACC symbolizes the Association's main purpose to help promote the fundamental values of law, justice, and human rights protection based on cooperation and exchanges between the Asian institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction. The circle that surrounds the earth depicts the world embraced by cooperation and solidarity among Asian institutions exercising constitutional jurisdiction. The green symbolizing peace and vitality and the blue representing justice and human rights. Spreading out to the world is the symbol of the AACC's path towards promoting the rule of law, democracy, and human rights protection throughout the world.



PURPOSES

1. Cooperation and exchange of experiences and information among its members
2. Independence of constitutional courts and similar institutions
3. Application of the rule of law
4. Ensure the establishment of democracy
5. Improving the protection of human rights

ORGANIZATION

1. Presidency
2. Secretariats

Referring to the Amendment of Article 22 on the Statute of the Association that had been signed and adopted on August 12th, 2016, the functions of the Association are supported by three Secretariats as below.



SECRETARIAT FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Secretariat for Planning and Coordination (SPC) is located in Jakarta, Indonesia, and managed by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia. Its functions as stated by the Statute are:

- Rendering protocol and administrative support to the Association and its Members.
- Encouraging and giving support to the Association in the conduct of relations with international organizations and forums, and other external parties.
- Coordinating activities for the development of human resources, the exchange of human resources, scholarships and internships, excluding activities of the Center for Training and Human Resource Development.
- Planning and coordinating financial matters concerning the activities of the Association.



SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Secretariat for Research and Development (SRD) is located in Seoul, South Korea, and managed by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea. The AACC PSRD works mainly in the field of comparative constitutional law, especially focusing on the role of constitutional adjudicatory bodies. Its functions as stated by the Statute are:

- Planning, conducting and coordinating joint research activities among members and with third parties.
- Conducting studies and formulation of proposals for research activities in the sphere of constitutional justice.
- Publishing an international journal on the outcome of the research activities conducted.
- Constructing and managing a database of profiles and key decisions of Members.
- Conducting research and development activities for the promotion of constitutionalism.
- Organizing international conferences, seminars and forums at Justice/Judge level and researcher level on research themes chosen.



CENTER FOR TRAINING AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Center for Training and Human Resources Development (CTHRD) is located in Ankara, Türkiye, and managed by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye. Its functions as stated by the Statute are:

- Conducting training programs, including summer school, workshops and similar programs within the framework of the Association.
- Providing educational materials to the staff of the Members.
- Coordinating the participation of expert staff of the Members in training activities organized by the Center for Training and Human Resources Development.



ACTIVITIES

The following functions are provided by the Association to its members such as cooperating with other similar supranational organizations if needed, organizing regular meetings, providing assistance related to the implementation of communication between members on a regular basis, providing technical assistance to its members in increasing their independence of the constitutional court as an important factor in guaranteeing and implement the objectives of this Association, promoting the exchange of views on issues of institutional, building structural and operational related public law and constitutional authority, promoting the exchange of information related to the workings and constitutional cases, facilitating the exchange of experiences related to constitutional justice cases, and organizing activities such as symposia, workshops and seminars. Those functions are reflected by several activities conducting by the Association as below, not to mention other beneficial activities provided by each Secretariats in one year.





CONGRESSES



1st Congress in 2012

The 1st Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) was held on 20–24 May 2012 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.



2nd Congress in 2014

The 2nd Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) hosted by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye was held at Hilton Hotel, Istanbul on 27 April – 1 May 2014.



3rd Congress in 2016

The 3rd congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) was held on Thursday, 11 August 2016 in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.



4th Congress in 2020

The 4th Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) hosted by the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Due to the pandemic of Covid-19, the Congress was held in virtual format on August 27, 2020. The theme was "The XXI Century Constitution – The Rule of Law, The Value of Person and The Effectiveness of the State."



CONGRESSES

5th Congress in 2022



The Constitutional Court of Mongolia held the Fifth Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) on “Recent Developments of Constitutional Justice in Asia,” on Thursday, August 18, 2022 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. More than 30 representatives of constitutional review institutions from 20 member countries of the Association, including Presidents and Chief Justices participated in this conference.





BOARD OF MEMBERS MEETINGS

1st BoMM in 2015



Board of Members Meeting AACC 2015 in Indonesia. The Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) of AACC was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 14 August 2015 and hosted by the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, in his capacity as the Term President of the Association. The Meeting was aimed at discussing in-depth three topics, namely, the preparation of the forthcoming 3rd Congress of the Association, admission of new members and the proposed establishment of a permanent secretariat of AACC.

2nd BoMM in 2016



Board of Members Meeting AACC 8 – 14 August 2016 in Indonesia. The meeting focused on the amendment of AACC statute as a consequence of the formation of the secretariat. Thus, Board of Members Meeting needed to amend article 11 and 22 of the AACC statute. While in relation to Russian as the second working language, the amendment of article 5 of the AACC statute was also required.

3rd BoMM in 2017



Board of Members Meeting AACC 2017 in Indonesia was held on 8 August 2017 in Solo, Indonesia. It was attended by the heads and representatives of the Association members. The Meeting took note of the report of the Secretary Generals' Meeting with the remarks of President to emphasize the need to find the easiest option to elect the next president as well as the importance of the continuity and the sense of solidarity.



BOARD OF MEMBERS MEETINGS

4th BoMM in 2019

Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) AACC 2019 in Indonesia was held on November 3rd in Bali, Indonesia. It was attended by the heads and representatives of the Association members. There were two major agendas which are the inauguration of new members of AACC (India and the Maldives) and the AACC presidential hand-over from the Federal Court of Malaysia to the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The symbolic ceremony of the hand-over was pictured as Her Excellency Chief Justice Tan Sri Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat passed AACC flag to His Excellency Chairman Mami Kairat Abdrazakuly.



5th BoMM in 2020

Due to the pandemic of Covid-19, BoMM AACC was held using the virtual format. The host, The Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, conducted the meeting successfully. The main agenda of this meeting were the amendment of AACC Statute to add the using of virtual format to accommodate the unavoidable circumstances such as the pandemic Covid-19, a signing of MoU between AACC and Eurasian Association of Constitutional Review Bodies, and an inauguration for the Supreme Court of People's Republic of Bangladesh.



6th BoMM in 2021

The second virtual BoMM was in 2021 conducted by The Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. On this Meeting, there were a signing MoU between AACC and CECC (Conference of European Constitutional Courts), an inauguration for the Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and publication of President of AACC's annual report. Moreover, considering that AACC is the member of WCCJ's Bureau, there was also a discussion on the role of AACC on the 5th Congress of WCCJ that will be held by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia on October 2022. This Meeting later be concluded by a presidency transfer from Kazakhstan to Mongolia.





BOARD OF MEMBERS MEETINGS

7th BoMM in 2022

The Constitutional Court of Mongolia held the The Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) on Thursday, August 18, 2022 on-site and virtually from Ulaanbaatar. The BoMM was attended by delegations of constitutional justice bodies of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan and other countries.



The Constitutional Courts of Indonesia, Turkey, and Korea presented reports of their activities in 2021-2022 as the permanent secretariats of the association. Several issues were discussed at the BoMM, such as the members' programs, and the association's finances; the membership application of the Constitutional Court of Palestine; and the upcoming conference between the AACC and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA) that will coincide with the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (WCCJ) Congress in Bali, Indonesia in October 2022 were also discussed.

8th BoMM in 2023

The Board of Members Meeting (BoMM) that are part of the fifth congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions was held on June 5, 2023. The virtual event was organized by the Constitutional Court of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar. The event was opened officially by Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia Chinbat Namjil, who is also the president of the AACC for 2021-2023. The AACC members from South Korea, Turkey, Thailand, and Malaysia, and other countries also attended the event



The delegations discussed several agendas, including a report by the Constitutional Court of Mongolia on events it organized during its presidency; reports by the Constitutional Courts of Indonesia, Turkey, and Korea as the permanent secretariats of the association of their activities in August 2022 to May 2023; expression of appreciation to the Constitutional Court of Mongolia for its presidency and hope for the Constitutional Court of Thailand as the next president; information on the AACC short course of 2023; and the proposal for the addition of new members.





SECRETARY GENERALS' MEETINGS



1st MSG in 2015

During its presidency in AACC, Indonesia initiated the Meeting of Secretaries General. The meeting itself acted as preparatory meeting of the BoMM. The first Meeting of the Secretary Generals of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 25—27 April 2015.



2nd MSG in 2015

The 2nd Meeting of the Secretary Generals of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions was successfully held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 13 August 2015. The Meeting was attended by the 7 (seven) Secretary Generals of the Association, namely Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Thailand and the Philippines.

The Meeting decided to propose establishment of the Permanent Secretariat. The proposal from Indonesia and the Republic of Korea later be brought in the upcoming Board of Members Meeting which held on 14 August 2015.



3rd MSG in 2016

Since the establishment, Indonesia had conducted the 1st and the 2nd of the Meeting of Secretaries General. Following up the 2nd MSG, The 3rd Meeting of the Secretary Generals of the AACC (MSG) also successfully held in Jakarta on May 25th—26th, 2016. It was attended by the Secretary Generals and representatives of the Association. The Meeting was chaired by the Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Guntur Hamzah, in his capacity as the Secretary General of the Term President of the Association. Similar to the 2nd MSG agenda, the Meeting mainly discussed about the idea of permanent Secretariat establishment.



SECRETARY GENERALS' MEETINGS



4th MSG in 2016

The agenda of the establishment Permanent Secretariat of AACC still discussed at the 4th MSG that held at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Indonesia, on 9 August 2016. Overall, The Meeting discussed about the working paper of the Permanent Secretariat and the idea of amending the Statute to validate the work of Permanent Secretariat.



5th MSG in 2017

The Constitutional Court of Indonesia held the Meeting of Secretary General of AACC in Solo, Central Java, on August 9, 2017. It has the purpose of preparing all matters which discussed and decided by the chairman or president of the Constitutional Court or equivalent institution of AACC members. The General Secretary Meeting forum is expected to produce a proposal concept on possible issues for the next term concept to be submitted to the AACC members meeting forum in order to get any input, direction and develop agreement from all AACC members as a step towards the improvement of the concept.



6th MSG in 2019

The 6th Meeting of the Secretaries General (MSG) held in Bali on November 2nd, 2019. The participants were from Indonesia, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

Although the Meeting conducted in Bali, Indonesia, the meeting was chaired by Chief Registrar of the Federal Court of Malaysia, Mr. Ahmad Terrirudin Mohd Saleh as the representative of the current President of AACC, Malaysia. He led the agenda of the Meeting which were the report from each Permanent Secretariats and preparation for the BoMM (the new members' inauguration and presidential hand-over).



SECRETARY GENERALS' MEETINGS



7th MSG in 2020

As the President of AACC for 2019—2021, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan held MSG in 2020 using virtual format due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was the first virtual meeting as well for all member countries of AACC. Almost all members joined the Meeting and discussed the points that had been provided on the agenda, such as the report of each Permanent Secretariat and general discussion on future activities of the Association.




8th MSG in 2021

The agenda in MSG 2021 mainly focused on BoMM's agenda which are the presidency transfer from Kazakhstan to Mongolia, the admission for the Constitutional Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the participation of AACC in the 5th Congress of WCCJ, and the MoU signing between AACC with Conference of European Constitutional Courts.



9th MSG in 2022

Although the pandemic of Covid-19 gradually diminished, the Host, Constitutional Court of Mongolia still used virtual format on conducting the meeting. The Meeting conducted in March 2022 meanwhile the BoMM itself conducted in June 2022. Some discussed agenda are the proposal of Statute amendment and the draft of Declaration. The outcome will be furtherly discussed in BoMM.

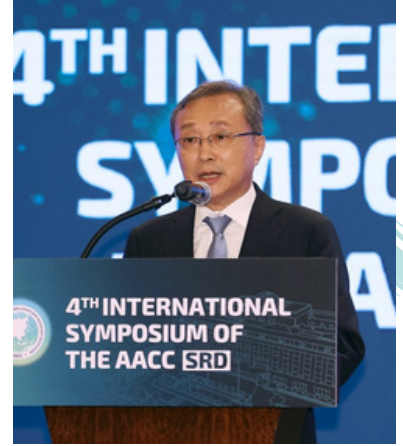


International Symposium and International Conference

Besides the Congress, MSG, and BoMM, the member countries of AACC also conducted other international events. Some member countries of AACC annually conduct the International Symposium. International Symposium mainly purposes to exchange views and information regarding the selected topics and to enhance the cooperation among members. Here are some topics that had been discussed in International Symposium:

- **"The Constitutional Complaint"** Indonesia 15—16 August 2015.
- **"The Constitutionalism in Asia: Past, Present, and Future"** Korea, 30 October 2017.
- **"The Constitutional Court as the Guardian of Ideology and Democracy in Plural Society"** Indonesia, 9—10 August 2017
- **"The Constitutional Court and Constitutionalism in Political Dynamics"** Indonesia, 1—5 October 2018.
- **"Separation of Powers and Constitutional Court"**. Mongolia 6—7 June 2019.
- **"Constitutional Review of AACC Members"** Korea 17—20 June 2019.
- **"Constitutional Court and Protection of Social and Economic Rights"** Indonesia 4—5 November 2019.
- **"Freedom of Expression: Experience of AACC Members"** Seoul, September 24, 2020.
- **"Constitutional Rights and AACC Members"**. Seoul, November 10—11 2021.
- **"The internet era: the rule of law, the values of person, the State independence"** Kazakhstan on August 27th, 2021.
- **"Transnational constitutional activity in the modern international relations"** Mongolia, 24 February 2022.
- **"Constitutional and International Aspects of the Establishment of the Rule of Law."**, Astana 22 April 2022.
- **"Interpretation of Constitution in the Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms"**, Ankara 25-27 April 2022.
- **"Interpretive Activity of Constitutional Justice Bodies as a Tool to Ensure the Supremacy of the Basic Law."** Astana 10 June 2022.
- The 3rd Research Conference. **"Constitutional Rights and AACC Members"**. Korea, 15-16 June 2022.
- **"The Constitutional Court on the Protection of Right and Liberties"**, Bangkok 10 - 12 April 2023.
- The 11th St. Petersburg International Legal Forum on **"Sovereignty in Law"**. St. Petersburg 11 - 13 May 2023.
- **"Progression of legislation through application of constitutional norms"** Baku, 4 July 2023.
- International Chief Justice Forum **"Past, Present, Future"**, Jakarta 9-11 August 2023.

International Symposium



Research Conference of the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development



The 1st Research Conference of the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development (AACC SRD) on theme **“Jurisdiction and Organization of AACC Members”** was held at the Courtyard Marriott Seoul Namdaemun, Korea from May 29 to June 1, 2018.



The 2nd Research Conference (online) of the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development (AACC SRD) on theme **“Freedom of Expression: Experience of AACC Members”** was held in Seoul, 23 - 25 August 2020.



The 3rd Research Conference (online) of the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development (AACC SRD) on theme **“Right to life”** was held in Seoul, 15 - 16 June 2022.

THE INTERNATIONAL SHORT COURSE

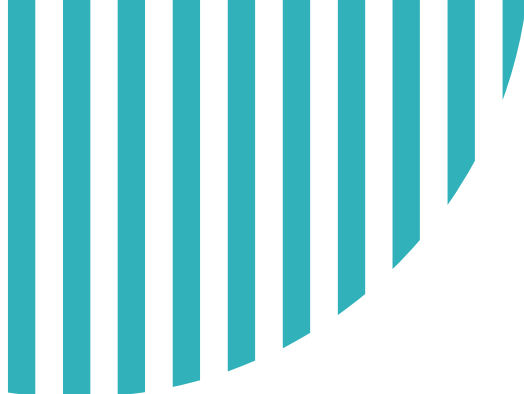
SECRETARIAT FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION

The International Short Course is an official event hosted annually by the Constitutional Court of Indonesia as the Permanent Secretariat on Planning and Coordination of the AACC. Firstly initiated in 2015, the short course covers wide array of topics concerning the work of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions and the promotion of constitutional rights with speakers such as justices and former justices of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia, academics, researchers, and practitioners in the field of law.



Participants of the short course are, among others, substitute registrars, rapporteur judges, researchers, legal staffs of the members of the AACC, as well as academics from reputable universities in Indonesia. The diverse background of speakers and participants of the short course are to encourage a fruitful discussion from various perspectives as well as exchange of experiences based of their respective expertise.





The 2nd International Short Course of AACC on the theme **“The Constitutional Court in Overseeing the Implementation of Ideology and Democracy in a Pluralistic Society”** in Jakarta, 17 November, 2017.



The 1st International Short Course of AACC on the theme **“Mechanism in Conducting Constitutional Authorities in Indonesia”** in December 1-6, 2015.



The 3rd International Short Course of AACC on the theme **“The Constitutional Court and Constitutionalism in Political Dynamics”** in Yogyakarta 2-3 October, 2018.

The 4th International Short Course of AACC on the theme **“Peace, Election, and Democracy”** in Nusa Dua, Bali, Wednesday (11/06/2019),



The 5th International Short Course of AACC on the theme **“Peace, Election, and Democracy”** on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC),



The 6th International Short Course of AACC on the theme **“Democracy, Digital Transformation, and Judicial Independence.”**in Jakarta on Thursday, August 10, 2023



Summer School Programme

Center for Training and Human Resources Development

As the Center for Training and Human Resources Development of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC), the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye consistently conduct the Summer School since 2013. The member of AACC are allowed to join the Summer School by sending its two representatives. The one-week program consists of the symposium, study excursion, and cultural activities. For the symposium itself, the Host will provide various actual topics. These are the last seventh topics for the Summer School since 2017 as below.

- the 1st Summer School on the **“Principle of Equality and Prohibition of Discrimination”**, 6-13 October 2013, Ankara.
- the 2nd Summer School on the **“Principles of Fair Trial”**, 24 August-3 September 2014, Ankara.
- the 3rd Summer School on the **“Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Organization”**, 30 August-9 September 2015, Ankara.
- the 4th Summer School on the **“Respect for Private and Family Life”**, 2-9 October 2016, Ankara.
- the 5th Summer School on the **“Migration and Refugee Law”**, 17-24 September 2017, Ankara.
- the 6th Summer School on the **“Right to Liberty and Security”**, 17-22 September 2018, Ankara.
- the 7th Summer School on the **“Presumption of Innocence”**, 8-14 September 2019, Ankara.
- the 8th Summer School on the **“Restriction of Human Rights and Freedoms in Health Emergencies: The Example of Covid-19”**, Online 7 – 8 September 2020, Ankara.
- the 9th Summer School on the **“Current Problems in Execution of Judgments: Constitutional Justice”**, Online 7 – 8 September 2021, Ankara.
- the 10th Summer School on the **“Interpretation of Constitution in the Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms”**, 21-23 September 2022, Ankara.
- the 11th Summer School on the **“Judicial Independence as a Safeguard of the Right to a Fair Trial”**, 20 September 2023, Ankara.



Cooperation

AACC and CCJA

The Association of Asian Constitutional Court and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA) held a joint conference on “Promoting Asian-African Cooperation For The Protection of People’s Fundamental Rights” on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Bali. During the first meeting of the conference, representatives of 39 countries attended the meeting on site.



MoU

2017

Memorandum of Understanding Between The Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa (CCJA)

2020

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and the Eurasian Association of Constitutional Review Bodies (EACRB)

2021

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and the Conference of European Constitutional Courts on Judicial Co-operation Activities (CECC)

BENEFITS

Becoming a member of the Association will carry both direct and indirect benefits.

Direct Benefits

- Receiving new information continuously from other Association members. After the admission granted, you will be provided by accesses to our social media platforms that contain of information from each members. The social media platforms provided are the AACC Website and Liaison Officer media group.
- By receiving accesses to our Website, members could also promote their institution information, activities and events, and landmark decisions.
- Enhancing the ability and experience of members' officials, legal officers, researchers, or officers by joining some trainings, workshops, short courses, and conferences conducted by the member countries or the Secretariats.
- Gaining and sharing experience with other member countries through the various meetings and symposiums in one year.

Indirect Benefits

- The position in international level is politically increased by actively involved in various activities provided by the Association.
- Having a mutual friend zone with other member countries at the Association who is capable to give your institutions necessary advices, assistance, and supports once there are internal cases to solve with some considerations.

MEMBERSHIP

Requirements

1. Only one institution from a sovereign country in Asia can become a member of the Association.
2. Membership of the Association is open to Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions which exercise constitutional jurisdiction.
3. Members shall be fully entitled to participate in all matters related to the Association.

Admission

1. A written application for admission to the Association as a member shall be addressed to the Board of Members and submitted to the President of the Association.
2. Insofar as possible, the following documents should accompany an application:
 - legal instruments governing the establishment and composition of the applicant court or institution and the appointment and status of judges or members of the institution;
 - texts establishing the nature and scope of its jurisdiction; and
 - the acceptance letter of this Statute, signed by the President or Head of the applicant court or institution, addressed to the President of the Association.
3. Upon receipt of the application and necessary documents, the President of the Association transmits their copies to all members.
4. The admission to membership shall be effected by a decision of the Board of Members.

Loss of Membership

- Any member may at any time declare its intention to withdraw from the Association. This declaration shall be made in written notification to the President of the Association.
- Where there is an important reason for concluding that effective cooperation between the Association and a member is no longer possible, the member may be decided to have lost its membership by the Board of Members and shall be declared to be so by written notification of the President of the Association.
- The President of the Association shall inform all members of the name of the member which has lost its membership.



Considering the various benefits that a member can obtain by joining the Association, we, the Secretariat of AACC for Planning and Coordination, are pleased to recommend you this opportunity to join us in the AACC. Our purpose is to gather and strengthen our ties as Asian countries, to be the role model on promoting rule of law and protecting human rights. Therefore, should you need any inquiries or assistance, we are pleased to welcome you. Please feel free to reach our officer below.



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