



**THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND
EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS**



**THE CONFERENCE OF
CONSTITUTIONAL JURISDICTIONS
OF AFRICA**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND EQUIVALENT
INSTITUTIONS
AND
THE CONFERENCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL JURISDICTIONS OF AFRICA**

The Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdiction of Africa (CCJA), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Considering the necessity of advancing legal cooperation between the two organizations in the spirit of democracy and rule of law through the exchange of experience and information on the constitutional cases and jurisprudence,

Realizing that the increasing and intensified methods of cooperation and exchange of information between the Parties will be mutually beneficial in protecting human rights, enhancing democracy and upholding the implementation of the rule of law in the two regions,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Purpose of Memorandum**

The Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the "MOU") is to provide a framework for cooperation in the field of constitutional law, democracy, rule of law, and human rights between the Parties.

**Article 2
Scope of Cooperation**

On the basis of this MoU, the Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Exchange of experience in the field of constitutional justice;
- b. Exchange of acts adopted by the Parties within their competencies and other materials of legal character as well as written rules;
- c. Conducting mutual visits of each of the Parties' representatives for the purpose of exchanging information concerning the activities of each association in disseminating democracy and rule of law in each region;
- d. Organization of joint conferences, seminars and other activities on the judicial and legal issues representing mutual interest;
- e. Exchange of officially published research papers, journals, and decisions of the member Courts;
- f. Develop human resources of staff members in the courts and equivalent institutions among Parties;
- g. Other directions agreed by the Parties.

Article 3 Communication

1. Communications between the Parties for the implementation of this MOU will be assigned to the secretariats of the Parties.
2. The Parties may designate one or more members of their staff as liaison officers responsible for exchanging correspondence and making necessary preparation for the implementation of this MoU.

Article 4 Communication Language

The communication between the Parties will be carried out in the English and French language.

Article 5 Legal Status

This MoU cannot be interpreted as an international treaty or agreement, legally binding under international law.

Article 6 Settlement of Disputes

The Parties will resolve any dispute arising from the interpretation of this MOU through negotiations and consultation between the Parties.

Article 7 Amendments

Amendments and revisions to this MOU will be made on the basis of mutual written consent between the Parties.

Article 8
Entry into Effect

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by the representatives of the Parties. Three months prior to the termination of this MOU, either of the Parties notifies in writing its intention to the other Party.

Article 9
Final Provisions

Signed in Surakarta, Indonesia, on 9 August 2017 in two original copies in English and French languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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