

**JAKARTA DECLARATION
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS AND
EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS**

We, the Presidents and Heads of the Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions of the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Republic of Mongolia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Uzbekistan,

CONSIDERING that the Constitutional courts and equivalent institutions have an important role to play in ensuring the rule of law for the implementation of basic constitutional rights and individual freedoms;

RECOGNIZING the need to enhance close cooperation among them for the promotion of the rule of law, democracy and human rights through the exchanges of experiences and information on constitutional cases and jurisprudence;

REAFFIRMING our common understanding to build partnership through sharing information and best practices on constitutional cases for the progress of democracy and the promotion of human rights in Asia on the basis of mutual respect and judicial independence;

CONVINCED that the establishment of an Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions will greatly foster such cooperation;

RECALLING the Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Asian Conference of Constitutional Courts adopted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on 8 September 2005;

HAVING CONSIDERED the Statute of Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions as finalized by the 3rd Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Establishment of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, on 8 April 2010;

DO HEREBY DECLARE :

1. **TO ADOPT** the Statute of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions, the text of which is attached hereto;
2. **TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH** the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (“the Association”) as an independent and non-political forum for members of constitutional courts and equivalent institutions to exchange experiences and information on shared concern on constitutional cases and jurisprudence for the promotion of the rule of law, democracy and human rights;
3. **TO CONVENE** the inaugural congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions be held in the Republic of Korea within the next two years.

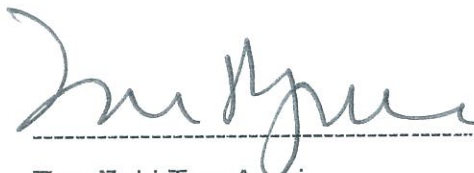
Signed on July 12th, 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia by:



Mohammad Mahfud MD
Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court
of the Republic of Indonesia,



Dong-Hueb Lee
Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea,



Tun Zaki Tun Azmi
Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Malaysia,



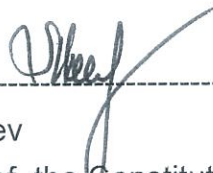
Jamsran Byambadorj
Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia,

Mariano C. Del Castillo

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Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of the Philippines,



Chut Chonlavorn
President of the Constitutional Court of
the Kingdom of Thailand,



Bakhtiyar Mirbabaev
Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of
the Republic of Uzbekistan.