

International Conference in Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Constitutional Court of Korea

September 2-5, 2018 | Seoul, Korea

Program Information

Date: September 2 (Sun) – 5 (Wed), 2018

Venue: Grand Hyatt Seoul

Theme: Constitutional Justice and Democracy

Program at a Glance

Sep.2 (Sun)	Sep.3 (Mon)	Sep.4 (Tue)	Sep.5 (Wed)		
Arrival	Registration (09:00 - 09:30)		Culture Program		
	Opening Ceremony (09:30 - 10:00)	Session 3-1 (09:30 - 10:45)		Spouse Program	
	Coffee Break (10:00 - 10:30)	Coffee Break (10:45 - 11:00)			
	Session 1-1 (10:30 - 12:00)	Session 3-2 (11:00 - 12:15)			
	Lunch (12:00 - 14:00)	Lunch (12:15 - 14:00)			
	Session 1-2 (14:00 - 15:30)	Session 4 (14:00 - 15:15)			
	Coffee Break (15:30 - 15:45)				
	Session 2 (15:45 - 17:15)	Closing Ceremony (15:15 - 15:25)			
		Tour of the Court (16:00 - 17:00)			Departure
Welcome Reception (19:00 - 21:00)	Dinner (19:30 - 21:30)	Farewell Dinner (19:00 - 21:00)			

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SESSION SYNOPSIS

Session 1	<p><Past and Present Status of Constitutional Justice></p> <p>The theme of the upcoming conference is Constitutional Justice and Democracy. Presentations may introduce the adoption of constitutional justice systems during transition from authoritarian or anti-democratic regimes to democratic governments, and how constitutional justice systems have contributed to the establishment of democratic political systems. Session 1 will provide an opportunity to share past experiences and to present a vision for further developing democracy and constitutional justice.</p>
Session 2	<p><Parliament, Elections and Constitutional Justice></p> <p>Session 2 may cover the role of constitutional courts in checking or opposing democratic decision-making, and how it has contributed to the development of democracy, protection of minorities, and social integration.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the key to representative democracy depends on how accurately people's intentions are reflected in elections. In relation, this session may introduce constitutional rulings on elections and participating countries' systems regarding the jurisdiction of constitutional courts over election lawsuits. Discussion may dwell on the benefits of constitutional courts taking charge of election lawsuits rather than general courts, which may shed light on the role of constitutional courts as a criterion of democratic constitutional states.</p>
Session 3	<p><Protecting Human Rights through Constitutional Justice></p> <p>Session 3 may include an introduction to the different constitutional justice systems all dedicated to the protection of human rights in various countries. Through sharing cases dealing with human rights protection, discussion may center on the role of constitutional courts in working to fulfill the objective of constitutional justice such as protecting minorities, while harmonizing the values of universality and particularity.</p>
Session 4	<p><Coping with New Challenges in the 21st Century></p> <p>What will be the future of constitutional justice? It's time for us to ponder on the democratic society of the future, with the advent of the media age represented by social networking services and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.</p> <p>Democracy in the future will be affected by the development of information technologies, population aging, and widening educational and economic gaps. The ongoing disruption of and the need to protect the environment are also issues of profound concern. Participants may share their thoughts on how the roles of constitutional justice and criteria for constitutional decisions may change in the future.</p>