

HCCH

Asia Pacific Week Seoul 2025

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 June 2025

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Enhancing understanding and implementation of the HCCH Conventions
(1980 Child Abduction Convention, 1993 Child Adoption Convention, 1965 Service Convention,
1970 Evidence Convention, 2005 Choice of Court Convention, and 2019 Judgments Convention)
among countries in the Asia-Pacific Region



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Wed, June 25th

09:30 ● Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks : Minister, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea

Welcome Remarks : Secretary General, HCCH

Congratulatory Remarks

1. President, Korea Private International Law Association
2. President, Judicial Policy Research Institute
3. President, Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice
4. President, Korean Bar Association
5. President, National Center for the Rights of the Child
6. Mayor, Seocho-gu

10:30 ● Coffee Break

11:00 ● Session 1. Challenges and Tasks in Implementing the 1993 Adoption Convention

Moderator : Kwang Hyun Suk Emeritus President, Korea Private International Law Association, Republic of Korea

Introduction to the Restructuring of Republic of Korea's Adoption System :

Yu Ri Lee Director of Adoption System Restructure Team, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea

Speaker : Sun Mi Lee High Court Judge, Daejeon High Court, Republic of Korea

- Panelist
1. Laura Martinez-Mora First Secretary, HCCH
 2. Janella Estrada Undersecretary of National Authority for Child Care (NACC), Philippines
 3. Kantasorn Methasakunwong Director of Child Adoption Center (CAC), Department of Children and Youth (DCY), Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS), Thailand
 4. So-Young An Researcher, Ewha Legal Science Institute, Republic of Korea

12:30 ● Luncheon

14:00 ● Session 2. Implementation of the 1980 Child Abduction Convention

Moderator : Shinichihiro Hayakawa Professor, Senshu University, Japan

Speaker : Laura Martinez-Mora First Secretary, HCCH

- Panelist
1. Mary Sheffield Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, United States of America
 2. Janet Broadley Reunite Mediator
 3. Min Hui Gwak Professor, Sookmyung Women's University, Republic of Korea
 4. Jae Sung Park Public Prosecutor, International Legal Policy Division, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea

15:30 ● Coffee Break

16:00 ● Session 3. Before and After Joining the 2007 Child Support Convention

Moderator : Mary Sheffield Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, United States of America

Speaker : Christophe Bernasconi Secretary General, HCCH

- Panelist
1. Shinichihiro Hayakawa Professor, Senshu University, Japan
 2. Jim Monier-Williams Legal Advisor, Department of Justice, Canada
 3. Min Ji Kim Research Fellow, Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice
 4. TBD

Thu, June 26th

09:30

Session 4. The HCCH: Benefits of Membership & Key Conventions

Christophe Bernasconi Secretary General, HCCH

Yun Zhao Representative of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, HCCH

Ji Yong Jang Director General of International Cooperation, National Court Administration, Republic of Korea

10:30

Coffee Break

10:40

Launch Ceremony for the 5th Editions of the Handbooks on the 1965 Service and the 1970 Evidence Conventions

Overview of the Updates : Minho Do Judge on Secondment to the HCCH

11:00

Session 5. Regional Perspectives on the Use of IT in Implementing the 1965 Service and the 1970 Evidence Conventions

Moderator : Kyu Hong Lee Chief Researcher, Judicial Policy Research Institute

- Panelist
1. Krysta M. Stanford US Office of International Judicial Assistance
 2. Seong Hoon Koo Judge, Yeongwol Branch, Chuncheon District Court, Republic of Korea
 3. TBD
 4. TBD

12:30

Luncheon

14:00

Session 6. The 2005 Choice of Court Convention and the 2019 Judgments Convention

Moderator : Gyoo Ho Lee Professor, Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea

Speaker : Jun Hyok Jang Professor, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea

- Panelist
1. Marcelo De Nardi Professor, University of Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil
 2. Tiong Min Yeo Professor, Singapore Management University, Singapore
 3. Pietro Franzina Professor, Catholic University of Milan, Italy
 4. Hye Won Mok Associate Professor, Korea University, Republic of Korea

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00

Session 7. Prospects of the Jurisdiction Project

Moderator : TBD

Speaker : Keisuke Takeshita Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

- Panelist
1. Marcelo De Nardi Professor, University of Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil
 2. Tiong Min Yeo Professor, Singapore Management University, Singapore
 3. Hae Min Lee Research Judge, Supreme Court, Republic of Korea
 4. TBD

Fri, June 27th

09:30 • Session 8. Private International Law Issues related to the Carbon Markets Project

Moderator : Gérardine Goh Escolar Deputy Secretary General, HCCH

Speaker : Fabricio Bertini Pasquot Polido Professor, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil

Panelist 1. Amy Held The Law Commission, England and Wales
2. Pietro Franzina Professor, Catholic University of Milan, Italy
3. Chang Min Chun Associate Professor, Seoul National University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea

10:50 • Coffee Break

11:00 • Session 9. Private International Law Issues related to the Digital Tokens Project

Moderator : Chang Min Chun Associate Professor, Seoul National University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea

Speaker : Gérardine Goh Escolar Deputy Secretary General, HCCH

Panelist 1. Fabricio Bertini Pasquot Polido Professor, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil
2. Amy Held The Law Commission, England and Wales
3. Tetsuo Morishita Professor, Sophia University, Japan
4. Gyoo Ho Lee Professor, Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea

12:30 • Introduction to the Asia-Pacific Justice Hub

12:40 • Closing Ceremony & Luncheon

