

Speech
of
Chief Justice Chotiwat Leungprasert
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Honorable Chief Justices of ASEAN countries

Distinguished participants,

It is a great pleasure to be among all of you today. On behalf of the Thai Judiciary, I am pleased to convey my sincere appreciation to the Honorable Chief Justice Tun Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat of Malaysia and the Judiciary of Malaysia for this well-organized and constructive meeting and for your warm hospitality and excellent arrangement which I have witnessed since our arrival.

I have observed with interest the continuous progress of CACJ long before I took office. Today, I am especially delighted to have the opportunity to lead the Thai judiciary to participate in the meeting myself. I am proud of the advancement of judicial cooperations in ASEAN at bilateral, multilateral, and regional levels and glad to see that thoughts and ideas gathered from this forum have been put into action. This emphasizes the fact that international judicial cooperation is essential to solve the problems arising from rapidly changing world, the cooperation to which the Court of Justice of Thailand hereby pledges our support.

In addition, I am pleased that the Working Group on ASEAN+ Meetings will have an opportunity to welcome the Chief Justice of The People's Republic of China, the Chief Justice of the Republic of Korea and delegates who will join via online conference and distinguished observers from the Supreme Court of Japan. This is another important step of the CACJ towards the judicial cooperation between CACJ and the Supreme People's Court of The People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea. I strongly believe that this significant milestone will bring us mutual benefits in furthering the judicial cooperation in the ASEAN under the rule of law.

Thank you.