

**Summary Report on**  
**The 5th IAP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference &**  
**High Level Prosecutors' Meeting**

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**Republic of Korea**

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# I. Overview of the Conference & High Level Meeting

## 1. The Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

- Over 170 prosecutors<sup>1</sup> from 41 countries gathered in Seoul, Korea, for the 5<sup>th</sup> IAP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, which was held from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2008.



- The Regional Conference was divided into 4 sessions, where 16 session speakers shared their advanced experiences under the theme of 'Economic Growth and Corporate Crime: Sharing Experiences'. Their insightful presentations were followed by active discussions among participants.
- The Conference was indeed honored by the presence of President François Falletti<sup>2</sup>, Secretary General Henk Marquart Scholtz, General Council Elizabeth Howe, and Past President Nicholas Cowdery.
- The majority of high level prosecutors made valuable contributions by delivering their keynote speeches during the Conference.

## 2. High Level Prosecutors' Meeting

- Following the Regional Conference, the High Level Prosecutors' Meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June, with a change of venue to Nurimaru APEC House in Busan, the second largest city in Korea. This was the historical meeting of leading prosecutors held in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference for the first time. Twenty two high

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding Korean participants, 120 prosecutors from 40 countries assembled for the conference.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Falletti spoke of the experience of European prosecutors in international cooperation at the press conference during the event. He was spotlighted by various sources of Korean media and press.

level prosecutors, including 11 Attorney/Prosecutor Generals and 11 Deputy Prosecutor Generals of each participating country, and the President and the Secretary General of the IAP were present at the Meeting.

- Under the theme of ‘Networking of Prosecution Services in the Asia-Pacific Region’, the meeting began with a keynote speech of the Chair, Korean Prosecutor General Chai Jin Lim, followed by each participant in turn around the table. They conducted in-depth discussions on future direction and specific strategies of networking.



- The meeting concluded with the unanimous adoption of the ‘Busan Declaration on Cooperation among High Level Prosecutors’. (For further details, please refer to the detailed report, *High Level Prosecutors’ Meeting*)
- All high level prosecutors recommended that a High Level Prosecutors’ Meeting be held annually, along with the IAP Regional Conference.



## II. Accomplishments of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference

### 1. Unprecedented Successful Conference

- With a total of 41 countries<sup>3</sup> participating in this conference, the event outstood all the former Asia-Pacific Regional Conferences as the largest scale conference. The conference also secured a good regional spread of participation throughout the region.



- By opening this event even to non-member countries, the conference was able to induce many participants from various non-member countries<sup>4</sup> that had not been able to join in this kind of occasion. Countries like

India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Lao PDR (representative made an official announcement of wishing her prosecution service be a member of the IAP.) were new participants in the conference. Especially encouraging was the enthusiastic participation of Arab countries. Several Arab states including Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates(Abu-Dhabi), Dubai, and Kuwait assembled for the IAP Regional Conference. This was

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<sup>3</sup> Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Colombia, Dubai, Fiji, France, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Lao PDR, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, Taiwan, the U.K., the United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

<sup>4</sup> Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Dubai, India, Iran, Kuwait, Lao PDR, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, the Solomon Islands, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

symbolic because it was for the first time that all these countries got together for the IAP conference.<sup>5</sup> This provided an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the commitments of the IAP and to encourage them to join the Association.

- The Korean Prosecution Service provided grant programs to 32 prosecutors from 25 developing countries in order to facilitate their attendances in this conference, which also contributed to ensure an evenly spread participation.

## **2. Momentum for Future High Level Prosecutors' Meetings**

- The High Level Prosecutors' Meeting was held alongside with the Regional Conference for the first time. Moreover, the venue was changed to Nurimaru APEC House in Busan, a magnificent location befitting the status of High Level Prosecutors' Meeting. The



venue change during one conference was a new approach which has been executed smoothly and reaped magnificent pleasure to all participants.

- This conference has set a role model for combining the High Level Prosecutors' Meetings with future regional conference. Based on this success, the High Level Prosecutors' Meeting will hopefully become established as a regular meeting, drawing together all high level prosecutors annually to discuss important common issues.

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<sup>5</sup> In order to promote the participation of the Arab states, the Executive Committee Member, Joon Gyu Kim flied to the Arab Regional Conference on Justice held in Doha, Qatar and also made courtesy visits to the prosecution services of Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai, where he contacted with many leading Arab prosecutors to extend the invitation to this conference.



- Leading prosecutors in the Asia-Pacific Region had chance to promote friendship and build trust through evening banquets hosted by Prosecutor General, Minister of Justice, and Mayors of Seoul and Busan, yacht cruise around the seaport of Busan and farewell party ended with Korean style drinking for friendship.

