



Twenty-Five Years of the HCCH 1996 Child Protection Convention in the Asia and Pacific Region: Present, Development and Future

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Hong Kong SAR, China**

Moderator: Professor Yun ZHAO, Representative of ROAP

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Agenda

15:30 – 15:35

Welcome Address

Dr. Christophe BERNASCONI
Secretary General, HCCH

15:35 - 15:50

Keynote Speech I

“Synergy between the 1996 Child Protection and the 1980 Child Abduction Conventions”

Prof. Yuko NISHITANI

Professor of International Private and Business Law
Kyoto University, Japan

15:50 - 16:05

Keynote Speech II

“1996 Child Protection Convention and Its Implications to Korean Private International Law”

Prof. Gyoocho LEE

Professor of Law, School of Law
Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea

16:05 - 16:20

Keynote Speech III

“The Protection of Child Well-being under Indonesian Private International Law”

Prof. Afifah KUSUMADARA

Brawijaya University School of Law, Indonesia

16:20 - 16:30

Question and Answer Session

16:30 - 16:40

Closing Remarks

Dr. Gérardine GOH ESCOLAR
First Secretary, HCCH

16:40 - 16:45

Photo Session



Speakers



Dr Christophe Bernasconi *Secretary General, HCCH*

Dr Christophe Bernasconi took the office of Secretary General of the HCCH on 1 July 2013. In 2018, he was reappointed for a further term of five years. Dr Bernasconi had joined the Permanent Bureau (the Secretariat of the HCCH) in September 1997 as Secretary, became First Secretary in May 2000, and Deputy Secretary General in July 2011. He holds a law degree from Fribourg University in Switzerland (*magna cum laude*; bilingual German and French), an LL.M. degree in comparative law from McGill University in Montreal (Canada), and a doctoral degree in Private International Law from Fribourg University (Dr iur. utr.; *summa cum laude*). He has been actively involved in numerous normative projects and non-normative activities of the HCCH, covering the full range of its mandate, from transnational litigation and legal cooperation, to international family and child protection law, as well as commercial and finance law. As Secretary General, he is focusing on the good governance and strategic development of the HCCH, spearheading efforts towards its universality and inclusiveness.



Professor Yuko Nishitani *Professor of International Private and Business Law* *Kyoto University*

Professor Yuko Nishitani is Professor of International Private and Business Law at Kyoto University in Japan (Ph.D. University of Heidelberg). She is a member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law and has been involved in several projects of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, particularly the Parentage/Surrogacy Project. She is currently doing research on global legal pluralism, business and human rights, and multiculturalism in private international family law.



Professor Gyooho Lee
Professor of Law, School of Law
Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea

Professor Lee is a professor of law at Chung-Ang University School of Law in Seoul, Republic of Korea. He obtained an LLB and an LLM from Yonsei University in Seoul, an LLM in comparative Asian law from the University of Washington in Seattle (WA; USA), and a JSD in comparative civil procedure from Washington University in St. Louis (MO; USA). Also, he served as a visiting research at Georgetown University Law and a visiting scholar at Washington University School of Law.

Currently, he is serving as a vice president of Korea Private International Law Association and of ILA Korean Branch. Also, he is a member of Korea Copyright Commission, Expert Committee (for Emerging IP) at Presidential Council on Intellectual Property, AIPPI Standing Committee on GIs, ACHS ICH Network, and ILA Committee on Participation in Global Cultural Heritage Governance. In addition, he is the president of the Association of Content Property for Next Generation, Korea Association for Informedia Law, and the Association of International Cultural Property Law.



Professor Afifah Kusumadara *Brawijaya University School of Law, Indonesia*

Assoc Prof. Afifah Kusumadara teaches at the Faculty of Law in Universitas Brawijaya. She obtained her Doctoral degree from the Faculty of Law, Sydney University and LL.M. degree from the American University, in Washington DC. She teaches inter alia, Indonesian Private International Law, Commercial Law, and Intellectual Property Law. She is involved in preparing the Draft Bill of Indonesian Private International Law and works together with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop the Indonesian international civil procedure. Her research focuses on the development of Indonesian Private International Law. Her most recent publications in 2021 are a book titled 'Indonesian Private International Law' and a book chapter in 'Direct Jurisdiction', under the series of 'Studies in Private International Law in Asia'.



Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar *First Secretary, HCCH*

Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar is First Secretary at the Permanent Bureau of the HCH, with primary responsibility for the 1980 Child Abduction, 1985 Trusts, 1996 Child Protection, and 2007 Securities Conventions, as well as the normative projects on private international law implications of the digital economy, and on family agreements involving children. Dr Goh Escolar was previously in practice, acting as counsel, advocate and consultant in international litigation and arbitration proceedings. Prior to that, she was Legal Advisor to the President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, and principal legal officer in the chambers of a Judge at the International Court of Justice. Dr Goh Escolar is adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore (Singapore). She has extensive academic experience, having also taught and conducted research at the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), the University of Cologne (Germany), and the University of Leiden (the Netherlands). She holds a doctorate (Dr. iur.) from the University of Leiden, an LL.M. from University College London (United Kingdom) and an LL.B. (Hons.) from the National University of Singapore.



Moderator



Professor Yun Zhao

Representative, HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)

Professor Yun Zhao is Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law. He also serves as Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Head of Department of Law at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). He obtained his PhD degree from Erasmus University Rotterdam, LL.M degree from Leiden University, and LL.M & LL.B degrees from China University of Political Science and Law. Professor Zhao is currently a Standing Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Law, Council Member of Zhuhai International Court of Arbitration, and Chair Professor at Xiamen University (2020-2023). Professor Zhao is listed as arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He is also a founding Council Member of the Hong Kong Internet Forum, a member of the International Institute of Space Law, a member of the Asia Pacific Law Association and the Beijing International Law Society.