

KMOJ and RCAP: Celebrating 10 years of Partnership

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Thank you, Athita.

Good morning, excellencies and distinguished participants on and offline.

It's my honor to make the first intervention at this tribute session to celebrate the 10th anniversary of UNCITRAL RCAP.

Let me start with my personal relationship with RCAP. On 10th January 2012, I attended the opening ceremony of RCAP. 10 years have passed, and I once again attended this event, RCAP@10 today. When I attended the opening ceremony, I never thought I would be in a position to work with RCAP. It has always been my great pleasure to work with RCAP over the past two years.

When RCAP first opened, I remember that Songdo, Incheon, where RCAP is located, was very bleak as it had just been newly developed. Over the past decade, the city has grown, and Central Park, which is next to RCAP, has become a popular tourist destination.

Meanwhile, our RCAP has also developed. RCAP, which started as a project office, has now become an integral part of UNCITRAL and is actively carrying out activities for the harmonization and modernization of international trade law while disseminating UNCITRAL rules in the Asia-Pacific region.

As you know, the Korean Ministry of Justice (KMOJ) has been working closely with RCAP for the past 10 years.

Since opening, KMOJ has continuously dispatched legal experts to RCAP to support human resources. I've heard that there are some of our former and current secondees for the RCAP in this room. Senior Prosecutor Jin-ho Kim and Ms. Eunyoung Nam, who were dispatched to the RCAP, and Legal Expert Han-gyeol Kim, who works at RCAP, where are you? Please raise your hands. Thank you.

In addition, KMOJ has co-hosted many events with RCAP, including the UNCITRAL ADR Special Session, RCAP's annual flagship event, which was also held yesterday this year, and the biennial Incheon Law & Business Forum, together with Incheon Metropolitan City.

The relationship between KMOJ and RCAP has also developed over the past decade. In the early days of RCAP, our ministry acted as a guardian of RCAP, but as RCAP has much grown since then, we now think of RCAP as a partner with us.

As the Vice-Minister said before, KMOJ hopes RCAP will become a focal point for the development of international trade law in the Asia-Pacific region. As RCAP's home country and ten-year partner of the RCAP, we are committed to supporting RCAP in a full manner.

Again, I'm very delighted to celebrate RCAP's 10th anniversary with you all.

Thank you for your attention.