

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

JUDICIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

AND

DEUTSCHE RICHTERAKADEMIE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRAINING JUDGES, JUDICIAL OFFICERS,
AND OTHER LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

The Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Republic of Korea, and Deutsche Richterakademie (the German Judicial Academy) of the Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as "the Institutions",

Based on the principles of equality and mutual respect;

Considering the common legal values and principles, and the need to strengthen existing cooperation in legal and judicial fields;

Believing in the decisive role of training judges, judicial officers, and other legal professionals in enhancing the functioning of the judiciary for the purpose of supporting the rule of law

Have decided as follows:

Clause 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum") is to elaborate the forms of cooperation between the Institutions and to plan, design, and carry out training activities for judges, judicial officers, and other legal professionals, in accordance with their respective mandates and domestic laws.

Clause 2: Scope

In accordance with this Memorandum, the Institutions will cooperate to improve the training of judges, judicial officers, and other legal professionals; to strengthen the amicable relationship between both Institutions; and to provide mutually beneficial exchange of information and experience.

Clause 3: Forms of Cooperation

The Institutions will cooperate with regard to implementing training activities. The cooperation will include the following:

- (a) Joint symposiums, round tables, colloquiums, conferences, workshops, trainings, research, and seminars for judges, judicial officers, and other legal professionals;
- (b) Placement of specialists and academic teaching staff for the further training of legal professionals;
- (c) Exchange of experience in organizing and conducting training process and scientific research activities;
- (d) Joint development of curricula and study programs for training courses;
- (e) Other forms of cooperation which can be specified upon mutual agreement.

Clause 4: Implementation of Cooperation

1. The activities and joint programs which fall under the scope of this Memorandum will be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in both countries and will be subject to the availability of allocated funds.
2. For the purpose of implementing this Memorandum, one of the Institutions will work on preparing cooperation programs and providing information on such programs to the other Institution within a reasonable time.
3. The Institutions will cooperate in order to ensure full implementation of this Memorandum.

Clause 5: Language

The Institutions will use the English language in documents and correspondence relating to the implementation of this Memorandum.

Clause 6: Dispute Resolution

Any dispute related to the implementation and interpretation of this Memorandum will be amicably settled through consultations and negotiations between the Institutions.

Clause 7: Amendments

This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written consent of the Institutions at any time. The amendments will come into effect with the same procedure prescribed under first subparagraph of Clause eleven.

Clause 8: Contact Information

1. Any correspondence related to this Memorandum will be conducted via the following official addresses:

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2. For swift correspondence, the Institutions will designate the contact persons and exchange their communication details within a reasonable time from the date of signing of this Memorandum.

Clause 9: Legal Status

This Memorandum is concluded with a view to enhance and develop cooperation between the Institutions and does not constitute an international agreement whereby the States of the Institutions have obligations under international law. No provision of this Memorandum will be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of Institutions.

Clause 10: Financing

The Institutions may make their own financial arrangements for implementing this Memorandum in accordance with their budgetary availability and respective national legislation.


Clause 11: Effective Date and Termination

1. This Memorandum will come into effect upon signature and remain valid for a period of five (5) years.
2. This Memorandum will be renewed automatically for successive periods of three (3) years, unless one Institution notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the Memorandum thirty (30) days prior to its expiration.
3. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect any ongoing activities unless both Institutions agree otherwise in writing.

DONE in Trier, Germany on 28 August 2025 in two original copies in the English language.

For the Judicial Research and Training Institute

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