

Ministry of Government Legislation Discusses Legislative Cooperation with Deputy Minister of Justice of Viet Nam

- Including measures of cooperation for official development assistance toward developing a legal information system in Viet Nam and for establishing a multilateral consultative body

The Ministry of Government Legislation (Lee Wan-kyu) met Mr. Nguyen Khanh Ngoc, Deputy Minister of Justice of Viet Nam, who happened to be visiting Korea to attend the 12th Asian Legislative Experts Symposium (ALES), at Government Complex Sejong on Wednesday, October 30th, 2024 to discuss ways to enhance legislative cooperation between the two countries.

The two officials discussed detailed measures of cooperation in relation to the official development assistance (ODA) program that could take place according to the letter of intent that the Ministry of Government Legislation of Korea and the Ministry of Justice of Viet Nam signed in June for a five-year partnership (2025-2029) on the establishment of a legal information system in Viet Nam. The two officials, in particular, discussed the dispatch of experts needed and the sharing of legal information in relation to the ODA program.

Explaining the plans to establish the Council of Asian Legislative Institutions (CALI) with the aim of fostering an environment conducive to greater cooperation across Asian countries in response

to future legislative issues, the Ministry of Government Legislation requested that Ministry of Justice of Viet Nam, too, participate. Deputy Minister Nguyen Khanh Ngoc answered that the Ministry of Justice would take an active part in all the discussions in the lead-up to the scheduled inauguration of the CALI late in 2025.

Kim Chang-beom, Vice Minister of Government Legislation of Korea, explained the meeting: “Korea is Vietnam’s third-largest trading partner, and the same is true the other way around as well. The Ministry of Government Legislation will continue to support the economic partnership between the two countries and foster an atmosphere for greater legislative collaboration across Asia by actively promoting legislative exchange and cooperation with Vietnam.”

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