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Korea Advances “K-Legal Diplomacy” ... Ministry of Justice Comprehensively Strengthens “Legal Cooperation” with Cambodia - Ministry of Justice Holds Meeting with Delegation of Cambodian Legal Professionals - Reviews Achievements in Criminal Justice Cooperation and Explores Broader Bilateral Legal Cooperation

The Ministry of Justice invited a delegation of Cambodian legal professionals to discuss achievements in international criminal, civil, and commercial cooperation between the two countries’ justice ministries, and to discuss future cooperation.

The Ministry of Justice’s International Legal Affairs Department (Deputy Minister KANG, Junha) held a meeting today (July 1) from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., inviting 15 members of a Cambodian legal training delegation—including Sokhalida Son, General Director for General Department of Prosecution and Criminal Affairs of the Cambodian Ministry of Justice—to review achievements in international criminal, civil, and commercial cooperation and discuss ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

This visit by the Cambodian delegation was arranged as part of the “Strengthening Anti-Money Laundering Capacity through Digital Forensics” training program, jointly organized by the Institute of Justice (“IOJ”) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (“KOICA”).

Following welcoming remarks by Deputy Minister KANG, Junha,

officials introduced the functions and key achievements of the International Criminal Affairs Division and the three divisions under the International Legal Affairs Department—International Legal Policy Division, International Legal Advisory Division, and International Dispute Settlement Division—followed by a Q&A session.

During the two-hour meeting, ▲Prosecutor CHOI, Sun Hee of the International Criminal Affairs Division presented “The Status and Achievements of Korea-Cambodia Cooperation in Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters,” and ▲Deputy Director CHOI, Seungeun of the International Legal Policy Division introduced the “Legislative Reform Project on Mediation System in Cambodia,” a joint effort between the two justice ministries.

In addition, ▲Deputy Director AHN, Yoojin of the International Legal Advisory Division highlighted achievements in “Legal Support for Companies Expanding Overseas” and the “Global Fellowship for Young Legal Professionals,” and ▲Director CHO, Ara of the International Dispute Settlement Division and Deputy Director PARK, Soyeon explained the whole-of-government ISDS case management system and know-how behind Korea’s recent Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) victories, illustrating their points with ISDS cases involving Cambodia.

Sokhalida Son, General Director and head of the Cambodian delegation, stated, “it is a great pleasure to visit the Korean Ministry of Justice.” She added, “this visit has been a valuable opportunity to further strengthen cooperation between our two countries and to learn from Korea’s accumulated expertise and practical experience.”

Since 1997, the Institute of Justice has, in cooperation with KOICA, been conducting international training programs for legal professionals

from developing countries—including the current Cambodian delegation—to strengthen judicial cooperation with partner countries. As of June 2026, it has operated 147 training programs over the past 29 years, training 2,329 legal professionals from 91 countries.

In particular, this “Strengthening Anti-Money Laundering Capacity through Digital Forensics” international training program was established to strengthen the practical capabilities of Cambodian prosecutors and judges by imparting digital evidence analysis techniques and know-how for tracing illicit cross-border financial flows.

※ The IOJ established the International Legal and Cultural Exchange Center (Director Lee Ju-young, Head of the Yongin Branch of the IOJ) in October 2015 to exclusively oversee this international training program

Minister of Justice JUNG, Sung-ho stated, “We have now entered an era of ‘legal diplomacy,’ in which exchange and cooperation with countries around the world have become essential to the administration of justice.” He added, “Building on the network cultivated over many years, this administration is achieving tangible results, including the repatriation of fugitives and the recovery of illicit assets.” He further assessed, “This meeting, by sharing best practices—not only in criminal matters but also in civil and commercial legal affairs—with leading Cambodian legal professionals, has been a meaningful opportunity to strengthen cooperation between our two countries to a new level.”

Building on this visit by the Cambodian delegation as an opportunity, the Ministry of Justice will solidify cross-border criminal investigation coordination and continue to deepen bilateral cooperation between the two countries across a wide range of legal affairs.

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