

## **Justice Minister Visited Hong Kong and India**

A Japanese delegation headed by Justice Minister Yamashita visited the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HKSAR) and India from January 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

In the HKSAR, Minister Yamashita met with Mr. Matthew Cheung, the Hon. Chief Secretary for Administration, and Ms. Teresa Cheng, the Hon. Secretary for Justice. In India, Minister Yamashita met with Mr. Ranjan Gogoi, the Hon. Chief Justice of India, Mr. Rajnath Singh, the Hon. Home Minister and Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Hon. Minister of Law and Justice. Minister Yamashita exchanged views with them according to their respective competencies. Furthermore, Minister Yamashita visited arbitral institutions (the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and the Delhi International Arbitration Center) and other institutions and facilities related to the Ministry of Justice, such as airport facilities.

An overview of the visit is as follows.

### **Overview**

Minister Yamashita and Justice Secretary Cheng signed a memorandum of cooperation (MOC) between the Ministry of Justice of Japan (MOJ) and the Department of Justice of the HKSAR. The MOC mainly covers cooperation in promoting international arbitration and international mediation.

Please refer to the Press Release for details (The text is available in Japanese only). : [http://www.moj.go.jp/kokusai/kokusai07\\_00005.html](http://www.moj.go.jp/kokusai/kokusai07_00005.html)

During the official visit, Minister Yamashita explained the MOJ's international policies to the ministers and justices and urged closer cooperation in several fields. For example, Minister Yamashita exchanged views and information on topics including: the revision of the Immigration Control and Recognition of Refugees Act in December of last year; the technical intern training, and realization of harmonious society with foreign workers; hosting of the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto; establishment of a foundation for promoting international arbitration; and promotion of translation of Japanese laws into English.

The official visit to HKSAR and India promoted mutual understanding between the MOJ and its counterparts, which helped develop cooperative relations that will be necessary for expanding "Justice Affairs Diplomacy", by which the MOJ aims to achieve the rule of law in Japan and promote it globally in all international activities.

- Hong Kong The Hon. Secretary for Justice Ms. Teresa Cheng



Justice Secretary Teresa Cheng (right) and Minister Yamashita (left), having signed the MOC



Minister Yamashita, delivering an opening address



Photo session with the Department of Justice staff

- Hong Kong The Hon. Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr. Matthew Cheung



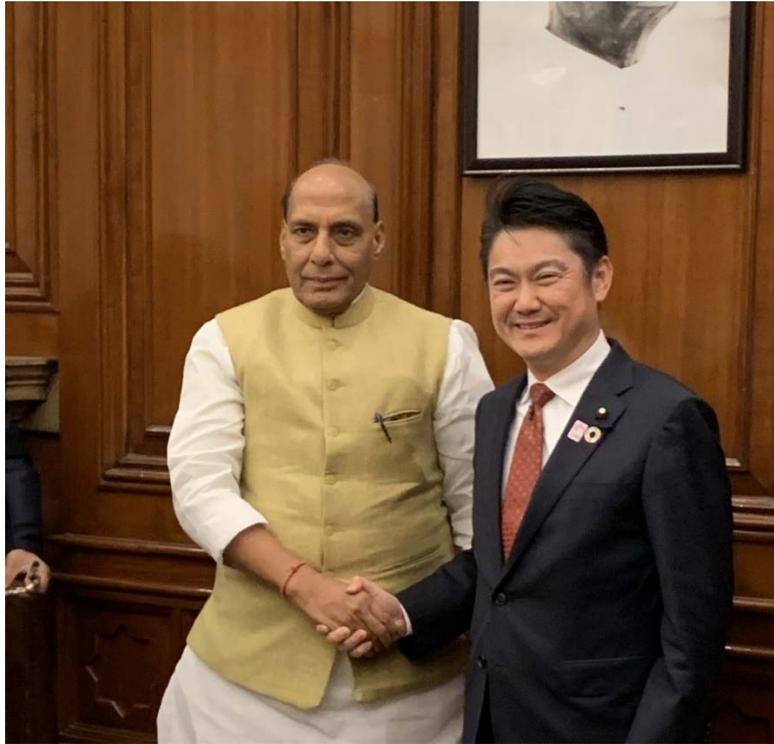
Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung (right) and Minister Yamashita (left), shaking hands

- Hong Kong Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre



Secretary General Sarah Grimmer (right) and Minister Yamashita (left)

- India Hon. Home Minister, Mr. Rajnath Singh



Home Minister Rajnath Singh (right) and Minister Yamashita (left), shaking hands

- India The Hon. Minister of Law and Justice, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad



Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad (right) and Minister Yamashita (left), shaking hands



Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad (fourth from left) and Minister Yamashita (fourth from right), exchanging views

○ India Delhi International Arbitration Center



The Hon. Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Mr. Rajendra Menon (right) and Minister Yamashita, exchanging views

○ India Rajghat (The Memorial Cremation Site of Mahatma Gandhi)



Minister Yamashita (center), laying floral tribute at the Rajghat