

## State Minister of Justice Visited the French Republic and the Italian Republic.

A Japanese delegation headed by State Minister of Justice, Mr. Yasuhiro Hanashi visited Paris, France and Rome, Italy from July 29 to August 3, 2018, to exchange views on the rule of law and other topics with high level officials of the French and Italian governments and leading figures of relevant organizations. The delegation also made research visits to relevant institutions. An overview of the visit is as follows.

### 【Overview】

1 In France, State Minister Hanashi visited the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC-ICA), one of the world's most prominent international arbitral institutions, as well as the Prosecutor's Office of the Court of First Instance of Paris (*Parquet du Tribunal de Grand Instance de Paris*) and the Ministry of Justice (*Ministre de la Justice*).

#### ○ ICC-ICA

State Minister Hanashi held a meeting with Mr. Alexander Fessas, the Secretary General of the ICC-ICA, and exchanged views on initiatives to promote international arbitration and dispatching staff members to the ICC-ICA from the Ministry of Justice of Japan. The historic international arbitral institution had much to share from its broad experiences in this field.



Mr. Fessas (left) and Mr. Hanashi (second from right), exchanging views

- Parquet du Tribunal de Grand Instance de Paris

State Minister Hanashi held a meeting with Mr. Olivier Christen, Deputy Chief Prosecutor (*Procureur de la République adjoint*), and exchanged views on measures to counter terrorism and discussed on topics in relation to enhancing cooperation thereafter.



Mr. Christen (right) and Mr. Hanashi (third from left), exchanging views

- Ministre de la Justice

State Minister Hanashi held a meeting with Ms. Caroline Gontran, Head of European and International Affairs (*Cheffe de service Délégation aux affaires européennes et internationales*), Ms. Aurélia Schaff, Diplomatic Advisor (*Conseillère charge de l'Europe et des relations internationales*), Mr. Jérôme Simon, Penal Policy Advisor (*Conseillère politique penal*) and other members from the French Ministry of Justice, and exchanged views on topics including “Diplomacy for Justice”, or international efforts in relation to legal affairs to promote the rule of law. He further called for France’s high-level participation in, and support for, the 14<sup>th</sup> United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which is to be held in Kyoto (the Kyoto Congress) in April 2020.



Mr. Hanashi, Ms. Schaff, Mr. Simon, and Ms. Gontran, (from left)

2 In Italy, State Minister Hanashi visited Prosecutor's Office of Rome (*Procura di Roma*), the Ministry of Justice (*Ministero della Giustizia*) and the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament (*Camera dei Deputati*), and also exchanged views with members of the Japanese Association in Italy.

- Procura di Roma

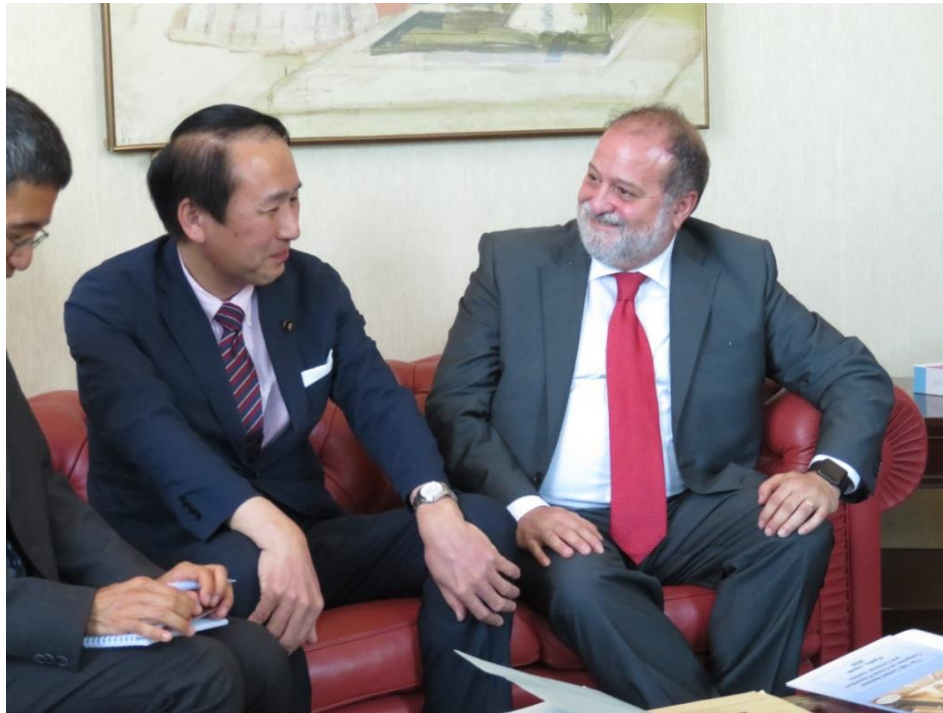
The State Minister exchanged information and views on implementation of wiretapping for criminal investigation and its challenges in both countries, and further called for continuation of exchanging experiences thereafter.



Mr. Hanashi (on left), being briefed on the facilities of the Public Prosecutor's Office

- Ministero della Giustizia

State Minister Hanashi held a meeting with Mr. Giuseppe Corasaniti, Head of the Department of Justice Affairs (*Capo del Dipartimento per gli affari di giustizia*) and other members of the Italian Ministry of Justice, and exchanged views on topics including promotion of the rule of law and prevention of re-offending. He further called for Italy's high-level participation in, and support for, the 14<sup>th</sup> United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which is to be held in Kyoto (the Kyoto Congress) in April 2020.



Mr. Corasaniti (right) and Mr. Hanashi (left) exchanging views

- Camera dei Deputati, Parlamento Italiano  
State Minister Hanashi held a meeting with Hon. Giulia Sarti, President of the Justice Commission (*Presidente Commissione Giustizia*) and exchanged views on the promotion of friendship and cooperation in the field of judicial and legal affairs.



Hon. Sarti (right) and Mr. Hanashi (left), shaking hands

- Japanese Association in Italy

State Minister Hanashi exchanged views with the executive members of the Japanese Association in Italy on the topics such as challenges in economic activities, recent developments in Japan-Italy relations in various fields, and the situation in Europe.



Mr. Hanashi (second from left) with executive members of the Japanese Association in Italy