

Signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the Ministry of Justice of Japan and the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia

Justice Minister, Mr. Takashi Yamashita, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the Ministry of Justice of Japan and the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia with Mr. Yasonna Hamonangan Laoly, the Minister of Law and Human Rights of Indonesia on 10th October 2018. Minister Yasonna visited Japan to attend the 57th Annual Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization held in Tokyo. An overview of the meeting between Ministers Yasonna and Yamashita is as follows:

Minister Yamashita, welcoming Minister Yasonna, expressed his sincerest condolences to all the people in Indonesia who have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Sulawesi Island on 28th September, and he expressed solidarity with the Indonesian people.

Minister Yasonna congratulated Minister Yamashita for being appointed as the Minister of Justice and expressed appreciation for Japan's humanitarian assistance provided to Indonesia after the earthquake.

Minister Yamashita and Minister Yasonna shared the idea that it is very significant to hold the signing ceremony in this commemorative year of the 60th anniversary of Japan-Indonesia diplomatic relations.

Under the MOC, they agreed that both ministries would enhance cooperation and mutual assistance in the fields of law and human rights in each country, and further develop their strong relationship as partners sharing common values such as the rule of law and democracy.

This is the first comprehensive MOC that the Ministry of Justice of Japan has executed with a Ministry of Justice of a foreign country in the field of legal affairs administration, although area-specific MOCs, such as those addressing the Technical Intern Training Program, have been executed in the past.



Minister Yamashita (right) executing the MOC with Minister Yasonna (left)



Minister Yasonna (front right) speaking with Minister Yamashita (front left)