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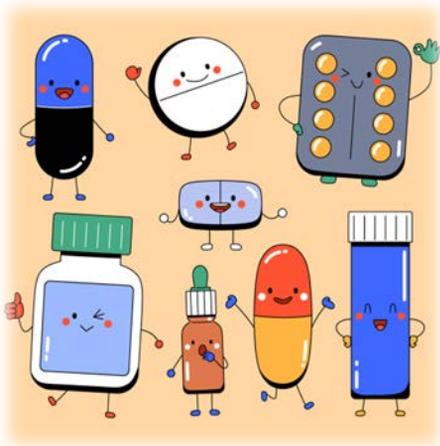
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## Interesting Administrative Case



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The Supreme Administrative Court applied the principle of proportionality to strike a balance between the protection of consumer rights and the liberty of private hospital operators to engage in their occupation. The Court held that the Notification issued by the Central Committee on the Price of Goods and Services—designating drugs, medical supplies, and medical facility services as “controlled goods or services”— was intended to prevent unfair determination of price or conditions and trade practices. In weighing the adverse effects of the Notification on the operators’ liberty to conduct their business against consumer rights against the obligations of the State to protect consumers, the Court concluded that the Notification does not contravene the principle of proportionality and is therefore lawful

**(The Supreme Administrative Court Judgment No. D.PA. 4/2565, dated June 14, 2022)**

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Photo:

<https://www.mesotheliomaguide.com/community/chrysotile-asbestos-deadly-mesothelioma-mineral/>

The Supreme Administrative Court issued a judgment that promotes the implementation of effective measures to protect consumers, constituting a significant aspect of safeguarding the public interest. The Court upheld the legality of the Notification issued by the Committee on Labels, which requires products containing chrysotile asbestos to display a warning label indicating potential health risks. The Court observed that the Notification is based on considerable and reliable scientific evidence, and that the Committee had weighed the public benefits against the additional costs imposed on producers. Furthermore, such a precautionary measure serves to prevent potential harm to consumer health. Consequently, the challenged Notification is deemed lawful.

**(The Supreme Administrative Court Judgment No. A. 412/2564, dated April 5, 2021)**

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## Interesting Administrative Case



Photo: The Standard

The Supreme Administrative Court revoked a provision of a ministerial regulation that prohibited students from adopting certain hairstyles and using cosmetics. The Court ruled that such a provision failed to take into account changes in the social context and the development of children's identities and personalities, and therefore constituted an unreasonable restriction on the liberty over a person's body, which is prohibited by the Constitution. This ruling amounts to an affirmation and protection of students' liberty over their bodies in accordance with the evolving social context and values over time.

**(The Supreme Administrative Court Judgment No. D.PA. 1/2568, dated March 5, 2025)**

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## AC News Update

### Study Visit of High School Networks to the Administrative Court of Thailand



On 24 June 2025, the Office of the Administrative Courts welcomed 111 students and teachers from nine schools—partners of Kasem Bundit University and digital community centres within the jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Court—to the Administrative Court Premises, Chaeng Watthana, Bangkok. Representing the Office of the Administrative Courts, Mr. Jamnong Thavornvisith, Secretary-General, and Mr. Chamnan Tippayachanawong, Deputy Secretary-General, jointly welcomed the delegation and presented tokens of appreciation to the representatives of Kasem Bundit University, students, and teachers.

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During the visit, the participants had the opportunity to learn about the functions and significant role of the Administrative Court of Thailand, as well as an overview of Administrative Court procedures, through a lecture delivered by Mr. Jatupol Sriburorn, Presiding Judge of a Chamber of the Central Administrative Court. They also explored various services provided at the Administrative Court Premises, including the public service centre; case filing consultancy and petition reception; courtroom and e-courtroom; mediation and enquiry facilities; and the Public Law Library and Administrative Court Museum.



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## AC News Update

### Handover Ceremony of DAISY Learning Media to the Thai Blind People's Foundation



Representing the Office of the Administrative Courts, Mr. Chamnan Tippayachanawong, Deputy Secretary-General, and Miss Radaphat Chongthammakun, Advisor to the Office, officially delivered a collection of learning media in the form of the Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) to Mrs. Sirinee Aksornmee, Board Member and representative of the Thai Blind People's Foundation.

The DAISY learning media were produced with the aim of disseminating knowledge about the roles and responsibilities of the Administrative Courts of Thailand and, more importantly, raising awareness of the fundamental right to administrative justice among blind people.

The handover ceremony was held on 5 September 2025 at the Reception Hall of the Administrative Court Premises, Chaeng Watthana, Bangkok.



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## Notable Visit

### Visit to the Chinese Judiciary



Hon. Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Thailand, together with a delegation comprising Mr. Suchat Mongkollertlop, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court; Mr. Paiboon Varahapaitoon, President of the Environmental Division of the Supreme Administrative Court; Mr. Ekkanut Jinasen, Judge of the Administrative Court of First Instance attached to the Supreme Administrative Court; Ms. Radaphat Chongthammakun, Director of the Bureau of the Office of the Administrative Courts' Personnel Administration, acting Advisor to the Office of the Administrative Courts; Mr. Arongkorn Chuamkratoke, Director of Information Technology System Development for Administrative Case Proceedings Group, Bureau of Information Technology, Office of the Administrative Courts; and an official from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, Office of the Administrative Courts, paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China during the period 25 - 29 May 2025. The visit was undertaken at the invitation of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and aimed to strengthen the cordial and cooperative relationship between the two institutions.



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During the visit, the President of the Supreme Administrative Court and the delegation paid a courtesy call on Hon. Mr. Zhang Jun, Chief Justice of the People’s Republic of China and President of the Supreme People’s Court. They also engaged in discussions with H.E. Mr. Chatchai Viriyavejakul, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the People’s Republic of China, on judicial cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experience in various areas.

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In addition, the delegation held official discussions with Mr. Li Chengyu, President of the National Judges College and President of the Judicial Cases Institute of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China. They also met with Mr. Jiang Jiang, Vice-President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, to explore avenues for knowledge exchange and training programs for personnel of the Administrative Court and the Office of the Administrative Courts, to be conducted at the National Judges College of the People's Republic of China.

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On this occasion, the delegation observed technological and innovative developments in China's judicial system at the Supreme People's Court and the National Judges College. They also visited the Huawei Beijing Executive Briefing Center and the Huawei Flagship Store at Beijing Wangfujing.

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This visit marks a significant step in further strengthening the relationship between the Administrative Court of Thailand and the Supreme People’s Court of the People’s Republic of China. It provided an excellent opportunity to exchange views on court system development, the application of advanced information technology in the judiciary, judicial personnel training, and laying the foundation for long-term academic cooperation.

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## Notable Visit

### Visit of the KAS Delegation to the Administrative Court



On Monday, 9 June 2025, Dr. Angelika Klein, Resident Representative of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in Thailand and a delegation from the KAS Thailand Office paid a courtesy call on Hon. Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp, President of the Supreme Administrative Court, to introduce herself on the occasion of her new appointment in Thailand and to strengthen the cordial cooperation between the Office of the Administrative Courts and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

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Also, in attendance to welcome the delegation were Mr. Vishnu Varunyoo, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court; Mr. Jamnong Thavornvisith, Secretary-General of the Office of the Administrative Courts; and Ms. Wanasanan Kanchanaphalin, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs. The meeting took place at the Reception Hall of the Administrative Court Premises, Chaeng Watthana Road, Bangkok. On the same occasion, Resident Representative of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the delegation also visited Courtroom 9 of the Central Administrative Court (e-Courtroom), the Administrative Court Museum, and Public Law Library.



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## Notable Visit

### Visit of H.E. the French Ambassador to the Administrative Court



On 3 July 2025, H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude POIMBOEUF, Ambassador of France to Thailand, paid a courtesy call on Hon. Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp, President of the Supreme Administrative Court. Mr. Vishnu Varunyou, Vice-President of the supreme administrative court as well as Mr. Jamnong Thavornvisith, Secretary-General of the Office of the Administrative Courts, received His Excellency at the Reception Hall, Administrative Court Premises. On this occasion, the Ambassador and the delegation also attended a summary presentation on e-Court and paid a visit to the Public Law Library.

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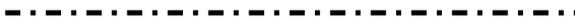


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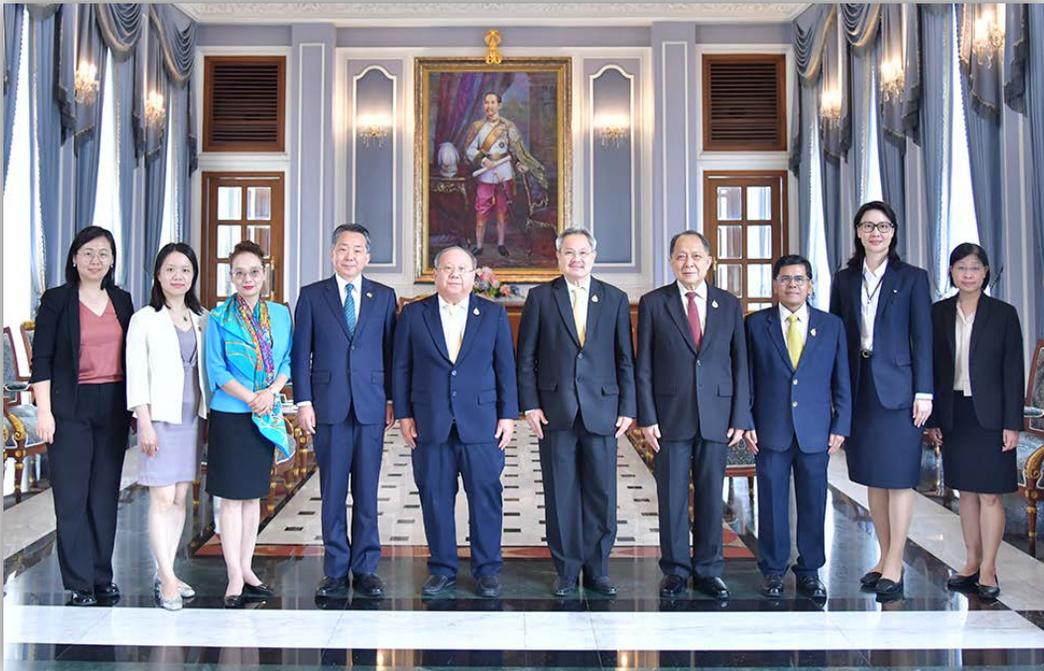


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## Notable Visit

### Visit of the CPAFFC Delegation to the Administrative Court



On 7 July 2025, a delegation from the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), led by Mr. Yuan Mindao, Vice President of CPAFFC, paid an official visit to the Supreme Administrative Court of Thailand to pay a courtesy call on Hon. Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp, President of the Supreme Administrative Court. In this regard, Hon. Mr. Prasitsak, together with Mr. Suchat Mongkollertlop, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court; Mr. Paiboon Varahapaitoon, President of the Environmental Division of the Supreme Administrative Court; and executives from the Office of the Administrative Courts, welcomed the delegation.

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Both sides discussed ways to further enhance and foster cordial relations between the two institutions and exchanged views on activities in the pipeline to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the People’s Republic of China, which has been designated as “the Golden Jubilee of Thailand–China Friendship” this year. On this occasion, the CPAFFC delegation also visited Courtroom 7 (e-Courtroom), the Public Law Library, and the Administrative Court Museum.

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## Notable Visit

### Study Visit of the BLC Participants to the Administrative Court of Thailand



On Thursday, 4 September 2025, from 09:30 to 12:30 hrs., at the Administrative Court Premises, Chaeng Watthana Road, Bangkok; the President of the Supreme Administrative Court assigned Dr. Vishnu Varunyou, Vice President of the Supreme Administrative Court to deliver a welcome address to the participants of the field component of the regional Blended Learning Course (BLC) jointly organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). Mr. Visoot Vachamastienhul, President of the Central Administrative Court, also joined in welcoming the delegation on this occasion.



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During the study visit, the participants attended briefing sessions on the topic: “Background, Roles, and Jurisdiction of the Administrative Court of Thailand” and “Strengthening Legal Measures in Response to Environmental Impacts: Advancing Environmental Justice and Human Rights in Southeast Asia.” The lectures were delivered by distinguished experts from the Administrative Court, namely Dr. Saitip Sukatipan, Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court; Dr. Prapot Klaisuban, Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court; Dr. Chanwit Chaikan, Judge of the Rayong Administrative Court; and Mr. Navapornpon Chaisiri, Administrative Case Official, Professional Level, Bureau of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court. The study visit also included an observation of an administrative trial, which allowed the participants to witness the oral hearing process before the adjudicating panel. This process ensures fairness, balances the public interest with individual rights and freedoms, and provides guidance for good governance practices through the Court’s ruling in delivering administrative justice to the public.

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The participants of the regional Blended Learning Course comprised mid- to senior-level legal professionals from ASEAN member states, including public prosecutors, environmental lawyers, and representatives from National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs). The study visit to the Administrative Court formed part of the regional BLC programme, designed to strengthen the capacity of participants from ASEAN member states to apply human rights and gender equality frameworks in addressing environmental challenges and climate change.





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## International Conference

**The 2025 Annual Reunion of the European Group of Public Law (EGPL) on the theme “International Law, European Union Law, Constitutional Law”**



From 11 to 13 September 2025, Mr. Vishnu Varunyou, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court, attended the 2025 Annual Reunion of the European Group of Public Law (EGPL) on the theme “International Law, European Union Law, Constitutional Law”. Mr. Vishnu Varunyou also attended the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Scientific Council of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), held at the EPLO headquarters in Legraina/Sounio, Hellenic Republic.



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## Knowledge Exchange

### Seminar on “Comparative Administrative Procedure Law”



Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp, President of the Supreme Administrative Court, led a delegation comprising Mr. Suchat Mongkollertlop and Mr. Somchai Wattanagaroorn, Vice-Presidents of the Supreme Administrative Court; Dr. Prasat Pongsuwan, President of Personnel Administration Division of the Supreme Administrative Court; Professor (Hon.) Dr. Manit Wongsaree, President of Budgetary and Financial Discipline Division of the Supreme Administrative Court; Mr. Anucha Hunswadikul, Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court; Mr. Jamnong Thavornvisith, Secretary-General of the Office of the Administrative Courts; Ms. Wanasanan Kanchanaphalin, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs; and officers from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs to organize the "Seminar on Comparative Administrative Procedure Law" on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The event was held from 1 to 4 July 2025 at D Varee Jomtien Beach Hotel, Chonburi Province, with funding support from the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.



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The seminar was honored by an opening address from Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp, President of the Supreme Administrative Court, and an introduction of participants by Mr. Sengkeo Viraphondeth, Fourth Division Judge and Head of Inspection Department, Supreme People's Court of the Lao PDR. The participants included representatives from the Supreme People's Court and the Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor of Lao PDR.



In addition, Associate Professor Dr. Amornrat Kulsujarit, Dean of the Faculty of Law, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), gave an overview of the trilateral cooperation project among the Office of the Administrative Courts, NIDA, and the Supreme People's Court of the Lao PDR, under the international relations promotion fund. This was followed by a seminar on Comparative Administrative Court Procedure Law (Thailand – France – Germany), with the following as speakers: Mr. Suchat Mongkollertlop, Mr. Somchai Wattanakaroon, Dr. Prasart Pongsuwan, Professor (Hon.) Dr. Manit Wongsaree, and Mr. Anucha Hunswasdikul.



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On this occasion, Mr. Prasitsak Meelarp and his delegation held discussions with faculty members from NIDA's Faculty of Law and representatives from the Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor of Lao PDR regarding the development of cooperation in providing legal education scholarships to personnel of the Supreme People's Court and the Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor of the Lao PDR.

On 3 July 2025, the delegation from the Supreme Administrative Court, officers from the Office of the Administrative Courts, and the seminar participants paid a study visit to PTT LNG Company Limited in Rayong Province, before departing on 4 July 2025.

This seminar is considered significant as it strengthens the good relationship between the Supreme Administrative Court of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Supreme People's Court of the Lao PDR, and the Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor of the Lao PDR. It represents a concrete achievement in judicial cooperation between Thailand and the Lao PDR and will pave the way for further technical collaboration and a lasting, close relationship in the future.





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## Knowledge Exchange

### Panel Discussion on “The Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Justice System”



On 8 August 2025, the Office of the Administrative Courts of Thailand, in collaboration with the Singapore Courts under the Thailand–Singapore Civil Service Exchange Programme (CSEP), organized a panel discussion on “The Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Justice System,” held at the Administrative Court Building via video conference.

The event was opened by Mr. Visoot Vachanastienkul, President of the Central Administrative Court of Thailand, and Mr. Tan Boon Heng, Principal District Judge of the State Courts of Singapore. The distinguished speaker from Singapore was Mr. Tan Ken Hwee, Chief Innovation and Transformation Officer (Judiciary) of the Singapore Courts; and distinguished speakers from Thailand were Dr. Suchart Wongsinnak, Judge of the Phetchaburi Administrative Court, and Mr. Piyakoon Noppakhun, Computer Technical Officer, Professional Level, from the Bureau of Information Technology.

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The speakers shared insights and experiences on AI trends, current applications in judicial processes, and collaboration with external agencies in delivering AI-based services. Notably, the practical suggestions from the Singaporean judiciary provided valuable guidance for the future development of Thailand's Administrative Court system. The seminar concluded with an engaging Q&A session, reflecting the strong interest and readiness of Thailand's justice system to transition effectively into the digital era.



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## Event

### The National Day of The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



On June 16, 2025, the President of the Supreme Administrative Court assigned the Office of the Administrative Courts to deliver a floral arrangement to congratulate the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on the occasion of its National Day at the Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok.

Mrs. Weerawan Sookviboon, Director of International Cooperation Group I, Bureau of Foreign Affairs, represented of the Office of the Administrative Courts to deliver the congratulations.



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## Event

### The US Independence Day



Photo: Pngtree

On 25 June 2025, on behalf of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court, a representative of the Office of the Administrative Courts gave a vase of flowers to express congratulations to the Embassy of United States of America on the occasion of the 249<sup>th</sup> US Independence Day held at the TopGolf Megacity.

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## Event

### The Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Thailand and China



On 30 June 2025, the President of the Supreme Administrative Court assigned the Office of the Administrative Courts to deliver a floral arrangement to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Jamnong Thavornvisith, Secretary-General of the Office of the Administrative Courts presented a floral arrangement to Mr. Jiang Wei, Minister Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Thailand, as a gesture of congratulations on this auspicious occasion.



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## Event

### The French National Day



On 14 July 2025, Mr. Vishnu Varunyou, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court, together with Mr. Jamnong Thavornvisith, Secretary-General of the Office of the Administrative Courts, presented a vase of flowers on behalf of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court at the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai to express congratulations to the French Embassy on the occasion of the French National Day.



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## Event

### The National Day of Indonesia



On 20 September 2025, the President of the Supreme Administrative Court assigned the Office of the Administrative Courts to deliver a floral arrangement to congratulate the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> National Day and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indonesia - Thailand Diplomatic Relations, held at the Siam Kempinski Hotel.

Ms. Radapat Chongthammakun, Advisor to the Office of the Administrative Courts, represented the Office in delivering the congratulations.

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