

COMMUNICATION

China

1. The Supreme People's Court of PRC released the Opinions on Providing Judicial Services and Safeguards for the Building of "One Belt One Road" by People's Courts on July 7, 2015, and established the "One Belt and One Road" Judicial Research Centre on July 8, 2015.
2. The International Monetary Fund ("IMF")'s executive board officially decided that *Renminbi* qualified for the SDR basket and existing criteria on November 30, 2015.
3. Wuhan University Institute of International Law was determined as one of first batch of 25 National Top Think Tanks by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council of PRC on December 1, 2015.
4. Chinese University of Politics and Law hosted the Workshop on the Role of International Law in China's System of Rule of Law on December 14–15, 2015.
5. The 7th International Conference on the New Haven School of Jurisprudence was held at the Zhejiang University in Hangzhou on December 21–22, 2015. It focused on international legal questions relating to China's "One Belt One Road" trade policy.
6. Zhou Qiang, head of the Supreme People's Court of PRC, declared in a report to the annual session of the Communist-controlled National People's Congress ("NPC") legislature, that China will establish international maritime judicial centre in order to help China "implement its strategy of becoming a powerful maritime country" on March 12, 2016.
7. Xiamen University held the 1st Chinese Foreign Policies & International Law ("CFP&IL") meeting on March 12, 2016. It focused on the new agenda of "the Foreign Relations Law of China."
8. Professor Yun Zhao was appointed to the Head of Law Department of the University of Hong Kong.
9. Professor Congyan Cai was elected a new director of International Economic Law Institute ("IELI") of China.
10. Professor Wei Shen was appointed to the Dean of Shandong University Law School.

Prof. Xiangqian

Korea

A. General

The New Nuclear Agreement between Korea and US entered into force on November 25, 2015.

The National Assembly ratified a free trade agreement (FTA) with China on November 30, 2015, after weeks of tug-of-war negotiations over how to protect farming and other industries that will suffer from the deal. The Assembly also approved free trade deals with New Zealand and Vietnam at a plenary session. The Korea-China FTA is expected to become effective in December, following completion of the required administrative procedures in both countries.

The UN Security Council adopted Resolution 2270 against North Korea's nuclear test. The Council imposed on North Korea an earth, air, and sea embargo on exports of resources and finances to prevent the flow of money on March 2, 2016.

The Korea- US "Framework Agreement for Cooperation in Aeronautics and the Exploration and Use of Airspace and Outer Space for Civil and Peaceful Purposes" was signed on April 28, 2016

B. The YIJUN Institute of International Law

Volume 8, Number 2 of JOURNAL OF EAST ASIA AND INTERNATIONAL LAW was published on November 30, 2015.

Volume 2, Number 1 of CHINA AND WTO REVIEW was published on March 1, 2016.

President Eric Y.J. Lee was invited to International Conference on the Rights Protection of Farmers and Indigenous People in the Process of the Development and Utilization of Natural Resources as a speaker as well as moderator by Tsinghua University. The Conference was held in Cebu, the Philippines on April 26-28, 2016 sponsored by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

President Eric Y.J. Lee had interview with Professor Abu Munir at the University of Malaya, Malaysia.

C. Korean Society of International Law

Professor Jae-kon Lee of Chungnam National University School of Law was elected the President of the Society.

The Society hosted Conference celebrating the fifth anniversary of adopting the two International Covenants on Human Rights.

The Society hosted Conference on the Paris Agreement and Its Implementation.

D. International Law Association – Korean Branch

Professor Jae-ho Sung of SKKU Law School was elected the President of the ILA-Korea Branch.

E. Personal News

Professor Asia Qureshi of Korea University School of Law will carry out his research at the International Monetary Fund during this summer as a visiting scholar.

Mr. Woong Jee Song