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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman.

Thank you very much indeed all the participants for presenting elaborate papers while exchanging interesting opinions and comments. I also would like to express my sincere thanks to the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court in Thailand as well as to the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, who have kindly supported this meeting. During this two-day Round Table Meeting in Bangkok followed by the last year's Round Table Meeting in Manila, we have had a very extensive discussion meeting full of two days focusing on two subjects; Dispute Resolution Process in Asia and the Development of Political Law, respectively, on Asia.

In this meeting, we could see that the number of disputes is increasing in such areas as commercial, environmental, labor, consumer related areas, and the need to resolve disputes is a matter of grave importance. ADR is increasing its role and widely used in Asia as a means to complement the at-court-resolution system. However, the types of ADR are varied as the disputes are closely related with the rapidly changing socio-economic conditions of each country. Further, we have tried to look into concrete dispute cases and have studied how ADR works.

As for the second subject on the development of political law in Asia, a new role of law was witnessed that are quite different from the one under dictatorial political order period. Among some Asian countries where democratization movements are apparent, not only judicial reforms but also political reforms are pushed forward in order to realize a democratic and accountable government.

Anyway, we are very much satisfied with our two days extensive meeting full of

presentations and active exchange of opinions. We came across in this Meeting here many fact-findings and discoveries. Even though this kind of lawyers' meeting among Asian countries is not common as Professor Pangalangan from the University of the Philippines mentioned in his speech, we have found out that we need to learn more to each other from neighbors in this Asian region.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each participant for joining in this RTM all the way from your country and those who have kindly supported this meeting from behind. With your kind participation and support, we can happily and successfully close this meeting. Professor Uck from Vietnamese Law and State Institute had to cancel his trip because of his sudden business related to constitutional amendment in Vietnam. I also would like to thank him for presenting his paper.

Finally, we would like to promise our future contact and academic cooperation. I hope for your good health and a safe and sound journey on your return trip. Thank you very much again and we very much look forward to seeing you again in the near future.
