

Report on the Training Programme on International Humanitarian Law 17 - 21 January 2011

(Organized by the Centre for Research and Training (CRT) of AALCO in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Regional Delegation for South Asia, New Delhi)

A five-day training programme on International Humanitarian Law was organized by the Centre for Research and Training (CRT) of AALCO in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Regional Delegation for South Asia, New Delhi from 17th to 21st January 2011 at the AALCO Headquarters, New Delhi. The training programme was attended by 48 participants from 23 countries, namely, India, Malaysia, People's Republic of China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Suriname, State of Kuwait, Mauritius, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Myanmar, Maldives, United Republic of Tanzania, State of Palestine, Nigeria, South Africa, Sultanate of Oman, Iceland, Republic of Yemen, Slovak, and Libya; and three international organizations, namely, UNHCR, European Union Delegation to India, and European Commission- Directorate General For Humanitarian Aid (ECHO).

Inaugural Session was held on 17th January 2011. H.E. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General, in his welcome address highlighted the role of AALCO and its training and research wing-Centre for Research and Training. He also gave a brief outline on the AALCO-ICRC relations in the past and importance of the training and capacity building programmes. Mr. Francois Stamm, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC in his introductory remarks gave an overview of the international humanitarian law and the role of ICRC in its promotion and dissemination. Inaugural lecture was delivered by H.E. Mr. Gudmundur Eiriksson, Ambassador of Iceland to India. He gave a comprehensive presentation on the significance of humanitarian law in the contemporary world and appreciated the role of ICRC and AALCO in the task of promotion and dissemination. Dr. Xu Jie, Deputy Secretary-General, AALCO proposed a vote of thanks.

Five-day training programme consisted of both lecture and case study. The topics included, Introduction to International Humanitarian Law;

Protection of Civilians during Armed Conflict; IHL and Human Rights; Prisoners of War; Means and Methods of Warfare; International criminal tribunals & International Criminal Court (ICC); and Implementation of IHL. Resource persons were of wide academic and practical experience- Mr. Christopher Harland, Regional Legal Adviser for South Asia, ICRC, New Delhi; Dr. Srinivas Burra, Legal Adviser, ICRC, New Delhi; Dr. R. Venkata Rao, Professor of Law & Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India; Mr. William Bowie, Armed Forces Coordinator, ICRC, New Delhi; and Dr. Y.S.R Murthy, Associate Professor & Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Jindal Global Law School.

Training programme was successfully concluded on 21st January 2011 and the Certificate of Completion was awarded to the participants.