

## **Forthcoming Event**

***“Meeting of Legal Experts on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Issues and Challenges” - to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at the Attorney General’s Chambers in Putrajaya, Malaysia.***

Consideration of developments pertaining to the International Criminal Court, since 1996, constitutes an important element of the work programme of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization. Pursuant to the mandate received from the Forty-Ninth Session of AALCO, held in Dar es Salam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010, and based upon the positive response received from the Governments of Malaysia, the International Criminal Court, the Government of Malaysia and the AALCO Secretariat are jointly organizing a *“Meeting of Legal Experts on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Operationalising the Rome Statute through Domestic Legislation” - to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at the Attorney General’s Chambers in Putrajaya, Malaysia.*

It is expected that this two-day Meeting in Putrajaya, would serve as a forum for dialogue amongst the AALCO Member States to address issues and challenges relating to the Rome Statute. In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that it is now nearly a decade that the Rome Statute entered into force and the International Criminal Court envisaged there-under has been functional. Despite, the repeated calls from the Secretary-General of the United Nations for universalization of the Rome Statute, it has evoked lesser participation particularly from the Asian States. In view of this, the Meeting would provide a forum wherein the States Parties to the ICC, the prospective State Parties and non-State Parties to the Rome Statute can engage in a dialogue to exchange their views and concerns relating to the Rome Statute. Some of the themes, on which the dialogue is expected to be structured around, include:

- \* Update of Post Kampala Review Conference
- \* Effect of Ratification of the Rome Statute on the National Legal System

- \* Principle of Complementarity: Evolving Criteria for Avoidance of Subjective Interpretation
- \* Exercise of Jurisdiction over non-State Parties to the Rome Statute
- \* Bilateral Immunity Agreements
- \* Conflict between Peace and Justice

H.E. Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court has kindly consented to inaugurate the Meeting and would deliver the Inaugural Address. He is also expected to enrich the deliberations between the dialogue partners.

The invitation letters and the agenda for the meeting are in the process of being dispatched. For any further information regarding the meeting please mail to us at [mail@aalco.int](mailto:mail@aalco.int).