



REPORT ON LAW TEACHER'S VISIT TO THE AALCO SECRETARIAT (FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 2011)

The AALCO Secretariat received a delegation of Law Teachers teaching in various Indian Universities on Friday, 4 March 2011. These Law Teachers were attending the Refresher Course on International Law, organized by the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL).

On behalf of the Secretary-General, Prof. Rahmat Mohamad, the Law Teachers were welcomed by Dr. Xu Jie, Deputy Secretary-General. In his brief welcome remarks, Dr. Xu outlined the importance of international law in the contemporary world and as the role of law teachers in shaping the careers of young law students. He also highlighted the close relationship between the ISIL and AALCO that had proved to be mutually beneficial for the two Organizations.

Dr. Hassan Soleimani, Deputy Secretary-General, AALCO gave an overview of the establishment, role and mandate of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization. In his presentation, he highlighted how AALCO was established as a result of the Asian-African Relations Conference of 1955 to promote cooperation amongst Asian-African States on international legal matters. He traced the rich history of AALCO's work programme by referring to some of the important subjects, such as the work of the International Law Commission, the Law of the Sea, Status and Treatment of Refugees and Environment and Sustainable Development. He also explained about the Organizational Structure of

AALCO, delineating the role of the Annual Session, the Meeting of Liaison Officers and the Secretariat.

The presentations were followed by a lively interactive Session in which the Law Teachers raised queries relating to the nature and work of AALCO.

Mr. Sridhar Patnaik, Assistant Professor, the Indian Society of International thanked the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretaries-General and the Legal Staff for organizing the event and hoped that visit of Law Teachers, through ISIL could be organized, as and when the Refresher Course was organized by the ISIL.

Thereafter, some AALCO publications were presented to them and they were requested to contribute articles to the AALCO Bulletin. The Law Teachers were then shown the Secretariat building and a group photograph was taken with them.