

## Secretary-General Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad and Deputy Secretary-General Dr. Xu Jie's visit to the People's Republic of China, 13-19 October 2009

At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, The Secretary General Prof. Dr. Rahmat and Dr. Xu Jie, DSG, visited the People's Republic of China from 13 to 19 October 2009. The visit was highly fruitful and was utilized to further strengthen the bonds between the Chinese Government and AALCO. Some of the highlights of this visit were:



### A. Participation in Workshop on Treaty Law and Practice and the Domestic Implementation of Treaty Obligations

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs along with the Treaty Section of the UN, had organized the Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Treaty Law and Practice and the Domestic Implementation of Treaty Obligations at the Wuhan University in the City of Wuhan in Hubei Province of China. The Secretary-General inaugurated the workshop on 13 of October 2009. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the importance of capacity-building in relation to handling matters pertaining to treaties in Asian-African countries.

On 15 October the Secretary General delivered a Lecture on "ASEAN and China Relations" for the participants at the Institute of International Law, Wuhan University.



On 13 October 2009, Dr. Xu Jie, Deputy Secretary-General gave a lecture on "AALCO and China" in the Faculty of International Law, at Wuhan University.



### **B. MOU Signed between AALCO and the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University of the People's Republic of China**

On behalf of the AALCO Secretariat, the Secretary General signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wuhan University Institute of International Law of the People's Republic of China on 13 October 2009. By the terms of this MOU, the two institutions had joined hands to cooperate on legal matters of common concerns, as well as conduct training programmes jointly in international law.



The Secretary-General emphasized that capacity building within (Member States) and outside (International and Inter-Regional Organizations) AALCO would be very helpful in conducting various training courses and workshops within the Centre for Research and Training in AALCO.



### C. Lecture at the Chinese Society of International Law

At the invitation of the Chinese Society of International Law, on 19 October 2009, the Secretary-General made a presentation about the AALCO and its work, before a very distinguished group of Chinese academicians and practitioners of international law. A fruitful exchange of ideas following the presentation took place in which participants evinced keen interest in the work of AALCO as well as on ways to strengthen its work programme.



The Secretary-General and Dr. Xu Jie also met Dr. Xu Hong, Deputy Director General of the Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and discussed many issues about strengthening relations between AALCO and China. Dr. Xu Hong assured them about China's full support to AALCO. Prof. Dr. Rahmat highlighted that his vision of expanding the future work of AALCO was discussed with all Member States during the Forty-eighth Annual Session.



## Group Photographs



