

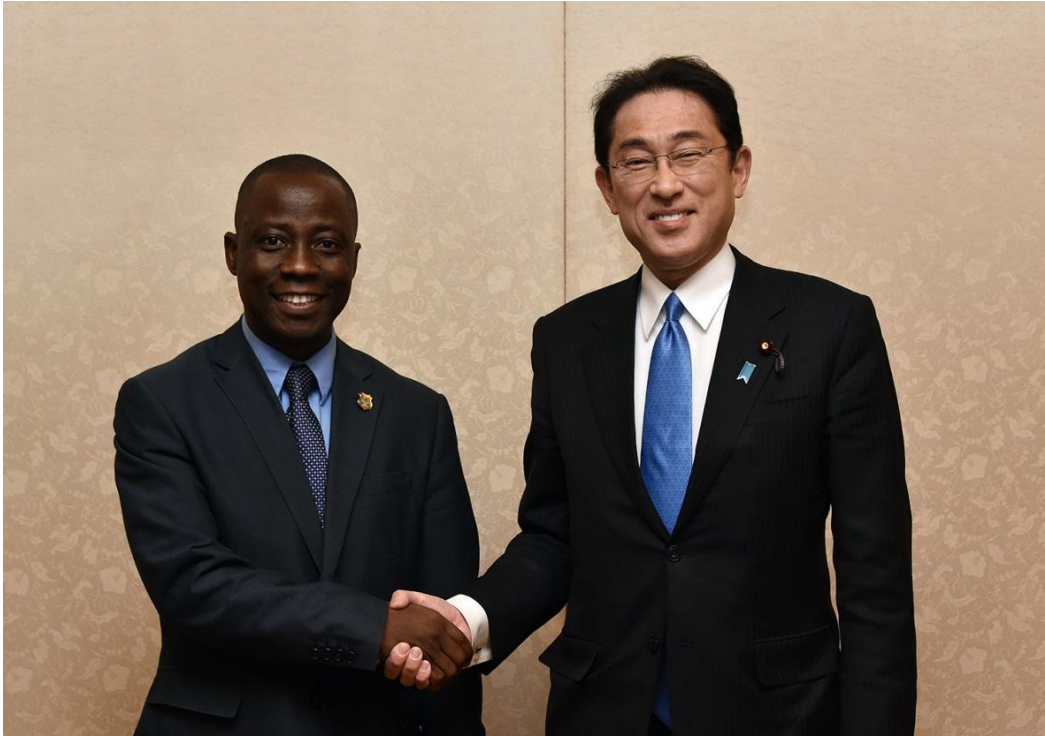
Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn's official visit to Japan (31 January-7 February 2017)

Prof. Kennedy Gastorn, Secretary General, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) officially visited Japan from 31 January to 7 February 2017 on invitation of the Government of Japan.

During his stay in Japan, Prof. Gastorn met with the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, representative for Japan to AALCO and Ambassador for International Economic Affairs H.E. Mr. Koji Haneda and Director-General of the International Legal Affairs Bureau Ms. Naoko Saiki. During the meetings, Prof. Gastorn expressed his deep gratitude to consistent support provided by the Government of Japan to AALCO since its establishment and discussed modalities of further strengthening the existing relationship between AALCO and Japan. Prof. Gastorn also met with the officials of JICA including the Executive Senior Vice-President, Mr. Kazuhiko Koshikawa and discussed the possibility of convening a capacity building programme for the Asian and African countries.

Prof. Gastorn participated in the 3rd International Symposium on the Law of the Sea, with the theme, "20 Years of Development of the Law of the Sea and Emerging Challenges" hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on 2 and 3 February. In Segment 3 of this symposium, Prof. Gastorn made a presentation on the theme "Transitional organized crime at the sea: trafficking of migrants and drugs" and he reported the current legal regime and its challenges for tackling these issues.

Prof. Gastorn also visited the Center for Asia Legal Exchange (CALE) of Nagoya University and the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crimes and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) and exchanged views about AALCO and the possible collaboration with them.



H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan