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# ICC Weekly Update

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### ICC President concludes 2009 series of official visits to Asia in Japan



President Song and Mr Yukio Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Japan ©ICC-CPI

With a visit to Japan last December, ICC President Judge Sang-Hyun Song successfully concluded a series of travels to the Asian region, which he embarked on earlier last year. As the first Asian ICC President, President Song feels he has a special duty to promote the role of the Court in the under-represented Asia-Pacific region.



President Song greeted by Mr Katsuya Okada, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs ©ICC-CPI

In Japan, one of the Court's strongest supporters among the States Parties, President Song met with senior members of the recently elected Japanese government: Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Katsuya Okada, Minister of Justice, Ms Keiko Chiba, and Director General of International

Legal Affairs Bureau, Mr Koji Tsuruoka. The President also held a roundtable meeting with the Japan Federation of Bar Associations.

During the official meetings the President expressed appreciation for Japan's sustained cooperation and financial contribution. He also updated Japan's government on the Court's activities and the Presidency's priorities, namely: raising awareness of the Rome Statute, sustaining the high quality of judicial proceedings, and increasing the Court's efficiency. The discussions focused in particular on areas such as the greater ICC Japan cooperation, the promotion of the ICC in Asia, the strengthening of the principle of complementarity and protecting the judicial independence of the Court.



President Song with Ms Keiko Chiba, Japanese Minister of Justice ©ICC-CPI

### Two new ICC judges to be sworn in on 20 January, 2010

On Wednesday 20 January, 2010, two new judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) elected by the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute in November last year, shall make a solemn undertaking in open court to exercise their functions impartially and conscientiously. The ceremony will start at 10.30 a.m. at the seat of the Court in The Hague.

The new judges to be sworn in are:

Ms Silvia FERNÁNDEZ DE GURMENDI (Argentina);  
Ms Kuniko OZAKI (Japan).

Later in the day a plenary will be held in which the new judges will be assigned to the judicial divisions.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on the ICC website:

English: <http://livestream.xs4all.nl/icc1.aspx>  
French: <http://livestream.xs4all.nl/icc2.aspx>

## Calendar

JANUARY 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18	19	20 Swearing –in ceremony of two new ICC judges	21	22	23	24
25	26 Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui trial resumes	27	28	29	30	31
FEBRUARY 2010						
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Future events:</b> 27 April: Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo is scheduled to start 31 May – 11 June: First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.						