

Webinar with the Supreme Court of Japan on the challenges of digitalization in the judiciary

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On 9 December 2021, the Court of cassation exchanged with the Supreme Court of Japan during a webinar dedicated to the challenges of the digitalization in the judiciary and the open data of judicial decisions.

As the first step of the cooperation project decided by Madam First President and Mr. Naoto OTANI, President of the Supreme Court of Japan during a meeting held in June 2021, this webinar provided the occasion to the two courts to exchange on their experiences related to digitalization, and particularly on its operational and technological challenges. About 60 judges from the Supreme Court of Japan followed the webinar, opened by Mr. SOMEYA Takenobu, Director General of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Court.

On this occasion, Ms. Fatima Halla, Deputy Secretary General in charge of IT and budgetary matters, introduced the digital strategy of the Court of cassation and its outlook for development, and Ms Estelle Jond-Necand, judge referee and head of the open data project, shared the French experience of the open data of judicial decisions and anonymization techniques. These presentations were followed by interventions from Mr. NISHIOKA Yoshinori, Director for the Digital Transformation Office and Mr. NAKAJIMA Kunito, Staff Attorney of the Digital Transformation Office.



Fruitful discussions among French and Japanese participants emerged from these interventions, including on the use of video conference in judicial proceedings, the impact of digitalization on the judges' working methods, and the access to justice for citizens facing the digital divide.

At the outset of the webinar, the two courts expressed their willingness to strengthen their close cooperation in 2022, by organizing working seminars between experts on current topics, such as the Report of the Commission "Court of cassation 2030".

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