

Meeting between the First President of the Cour de cassation and the Chief Justice of Japan

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On 11th of June 2021, First President Chantal Arens had a meeting by videoconference with Mr. Naoto Otani, President of the Supreme Court of Japan. Prior to this meeting, on 7th June 2021, the First President had also received a courtesy visit from Mr. Junichi Ihara, Ambassador of Japan in France.

During the meeting, the two heads of court expressed their common will to strengthen the bilateral cooperation between the *Cour de cassation* (Court of Cassation) and the Supreme Court of Japan, despite the current health crisis.

First President Chantal Arens and the President of the Supreme Court of Japan have agreed to organize an expert seminar by videoconference in the last quarter of 2021 or in the first quarter of 2022. Several topics have been identified so far: changes in working methods of the supreme courts, open data and artificial intelligence, and environmental law. Further exchanges between the two courts will clarify the program and the format of the seminar.

In addition, the First President and the Chief Justice of Japan have agreed to hold a high-level meeting in Paris or Tokyo, when the health situation will allow it.



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