

MEMORANDA WITH OTHER COURTS

Agreements with the Supreme Courts of Rwanda and China

Bilateral relations remained a strategic focus of the Supreme Court in 2021. In April 2021, the Supreme Court entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Judicial Cooperation, and a Memorandum of Guidance as to Enforcement of Money Judgements, with the Supreme Court of Rwanda, further elevating the excellent bilateral judicial relations between Singapore and Rwanda.

Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon observed after the virtual signing ceremony that these memoranda demonstrated the resolve of the two nations to further develop our legal and judicial expertise as we continue to learn, improve and adapt to the post-pandemic environment. Following the signing of the memoranda, the two parties jointly organised a virtual discussion forum on court technology on 22 November 2021. The forum was the first in a series of collaborative activities, focusing on capability development.

Another milestone was achieved on 3 December 2021, when the Supreme Court entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on Information on Foreign Law with the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China. This memorandum establishes a bilateral mechanism for the referral of questions on foreign law between the two courts, and will enhance the accuracy of judicial decisions and the efficiency of civil and commercial proceedings involving the application of Singapore or Chinese law.

The memorandum is the first of its kind signed between the Supreme People's Court and a foreign court. It reflects our courts' shared commitment to strengthening bilateral judicial cooperation in the sphere of international commercial dispute resolution.



The Supreme Court signed Memoranda of Understanding with its Rwandan and Chinese counterparts in April 2021 (left) and December 2021 (above), respectively.

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