

# News Letter

## South Korean Delegation from National Assembly Research Service (NARS) arrived in Tehran on June 21, 2014

At the initiative of **Dr. Kazem Jalali**, Head of the Islamic Parliament Research Center to share research ideas with Parliamentary Research Institutes at regional and international levels, **Dr. KOH Hyun Wook**, Chief of NARS was invited to visit Tehran at the head of a parliamentary research delegation.

The five member delegation arrived in Tehran at the official invitation of Dr. Kazem Jalali, Head of the Islamic Parliament Research Center on June 21, 2014.

During the NARS delegation 4-day visit, bilateral meetings were held with some research officials to exchange views and experiences on future research cooperation.

Also the two Parliamentary Research Institutes held a joint Seminar on legislative and law-making processes on June 22, 2014.

At this Seminar which was opened by the Heads of the two research bodies, directors and heads of the different Research Studies Teams from both Centers presented their point of views on parliamentary research works and crucial importance of research in law-making.

Established in 2007, the National Assembly Research Service of the Republic of Korea has so far been able to hold four international Seminars for parliamentary research services. Last year Dr. Jalali, Head of the Islamic Parliament Research Center leading a research delegation attended the 4th International Seminar held in Seoul at the invitation of the Chief of NARS.



*Visiting NARS Delegation meets with Dr. Kazem Jalali at Islamic Parliament Research Center*



*\*Heads of the Parliamentary Research Services of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea & Islamic Parliament of Iran underlined the need for creation of the Global Network of Parliamentary Research Services:*

Addressing the Joint Seminar for Parliamentary Research Cooperation between the National Assembly Research Service (NARS) of the Republic of Korea here on Sunday 22 June, **Head of the Islamic Parliament Research Center (IPRC)** said “Today Parliamentary Research Centers play a crucial role in the administration of countries.” He continued “Both NARS and IPRC have reached an accord to jointly work for the creation of the world parliamentary research network. To this end we need to have a good exchange of research experiences.” **Jalali** said “The Islamic Republic of Iran is at the forefront of parliamentary research services in the world. We have an over 108 years of parliamentary record, and with the victory of the Islamic Revolution, democratic system was institutionalized in our country.”

**Jalali** also stressed that "In addition to their joint cooperation, Parliamentary Research Services in various parliaments world over can pave the grounds for the establishment of the Union of Parliamentary Research Services as a further step towards institutionalization of democracy. Chief of the National Assembly Research Service of the Republic of Korea for his part referred to the relations between Iran and the Republic of Korea which dates back to the 8th century and said, “There are many common grounds for cooperation between the two research centers and we can work together more closely”. Chief of NARS expressed the hope that both NARS and IPRC can share their experiences to further their cooperation.



### *NARS and IPRC inked an MOU for Research Cooperation*

\*Heads of the Islamic Parliament of Iran and the Republic of Korea National Assembly Research Institutes signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* for joint research cooperation here on Sunday (22 June, 2014).

The visiting Chief of the National Assembly Research Service of the Republic of Korea (NARS) who led a research delegation to Tehran signed an **MOU** for joint research cooperation with Dr. Kazem Jalali, Head of the Islamic Parliament of Iran Research Center (IPRC).

The MOU was inked during the Joint Seminar for Cooperation between NARS and IPRC, in the presence of the Parliament Speaker, Ali Larijani who honored the audience of the Seminar.

This document underlines the need for deeper research cooperation between the two Centers, including exchange of experience, reports and training workshops



*Dr. KOH Hyun Wook:*

*A new chapter to open on research cooperation between  
Islamic Republic of Iran & Republic of Korea*



**\*The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the IPRC and NARS will open a new horizon in the research cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries, KOH Hyun Wook, Chief of NARS said on Sunday.**

He made the remarks in his address to the Joint Seminar of Research Cooperation between IPRC and NARS held on Sunday June 22.

“This is the first joint meeting that NARS holds with a think-tank institute abroad and expect that the outcome of this session serves to the mutual interests of the two countries”, KOH Hyun Wook stated.

Referring to the importance of this joint meeting in introducing the parliamentary research centers of the two countries, he said “**Law-making** is of great significance in the international arena. If we take law-making as a common objective, we can benefit from each other’s experiences”.

Chief of NARS added that though there is a long geographical distance between the two countries, we have noted that there is a street in Tehran named after “Seoul”. This is an indication of good relations between the two countries. I hope this relation is further enhanced on our return home.

“We should seize the current opportunity for better cooperation and try to work on research projects of common interest in the best way possible” He added.

In conclusion he expressed the hope that the MOU signed between the two research centers can draw the roadmap for fruitful **research cooperation**.



***Dr. Ali Larijani, Iranian Parliament Speaker:  
South Korea's Experience Can Help Iran's Economic Growth***

**Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani underscored the necessity for the expansion of relations between Tehran & Seoul, and said Iran can use South Korea's experiences to accelerate its economic progress.**

"South Korea enjoys a developed economy and its admirable progresses can be useful for us", Dr. Larijani said in Tehran on Sunday, addressing the Joint Seminar of Parliamentary Research Cooperation between National Assembly Research Service of the Republic of Korea (*NARS*) and Islamic Parliament of Iran Research Center (*IPRC*).

Parliament Speaker attending the ceremony in which the research centers of the Iranian and South Korean parliaments signed a Memorandum of Understanding (*MOU*) to expand mutual cooperation, underlined good cooperation between Iran and South Korea, particularly parliamentary cooperation can lead to further intimacy between the two countries in political fields.

Larijani expressed the hope that the *MOU* could lead to the development of cooperation between Iran and South Korea and said, "Today, different issues, including international problems, influence the domestic situation of countries and research cooperation can play an effective role in their settlement."

A research delegation, headed by Head of the South Korean parliament's Research Center KOH Hyun Wook, arrived in Tehran on Saturday to meet with a number of Iranian officials.

Today's agreement on research cooperation by the Iranian and Korean parliaments was signed by KOH Hyun Wook and his Iranian counterpart Kazem Jalali. Dr. Jalali had earlier made a trip to South Korea in 2013 to attend the *4th international seminar of parliamentary research centers*.

*Dr. Jahanguirzadeh, Acting Head of the IPRC:*  
**Research Cooperation between IPRC and NARS to set a model of cooperation  
for other parliamentary research centers**

*\*IPRC serves as the parliament **think-tank** rendering its services to the MPs without any political approaches, said Jahanguirzadeh Acting Head of the IPRC.*

He made the remarks here on Sunday (June 22) addressing the Joint Seminar for Parliamentary Cooperation between IPRC and NARS. Jahanguirzadeh continued "There are many commonalities between the Islamic Parliament of Iran Research Center (IPRC) and the National Assembly Research Service of the Republic of Korea (NARS) as envisaged in the Statutes of the two centers."

He noted that IPRC and NARS under such issues of common interest the two centers can prepare necessary grounds for the expansion of their research cooperation. "In addition to serving as *think tank* body for meeting the demands of parliament members, it also plays its role in the legislative and oversight by presenting its expertise opinion for preparation of motions and bills", he added.

Acting Head of the IPRC went on to say that IPRC avoids to taken any political position in its decision making process, just as does the NARS.



