

## NEW CHIEF JUDGE AND DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGES AT THE IP&IT COURT

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Per normal practice, the Chief Judge and the Deputy Chief Judges of the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court (IP&IT Court) rotated into new positions in October. These officials have been replaced by Hon. Maitree Sutapakul, the new Chief Judge, and Hon. Pataraporn Chakarangkoon and Hon. Sornchai Sirariyakul, the Deputy Chief Judges. The new Chief Judge has been relocated from the Supreme Court, while the two Deputy

Chief Judges have been promoted from their previous roles as Panel Judges in the IP&IT Court.

Tilleke & Gibbins paid the new judges a courtesy visit and congratulated them on their positions. During the visit, discussions were held regarding their plans and possible new developments for the court system. Instead of rotating the Chief Judge and Deputies every year, a proposal is being considered to extend

the rotation to two or three years in order to increase the effectiveness in managing and developing the court system. The Chief Judge is also attempting to increase the number of judges in order to improve the time frame in which court procedures are carried out. ♦