

## **International Inheritance Support – Focus on Asia**

### **1. Recent Trends in International Inheritance in Asia**

With increasing development and migration across the Asian region, cross-border inheritance—commonly called international inheritance —has become more prevalent. These cases may involve situations where the decedent and heirs reside in different countries or where the decedent owned assets located overseas.



In international inheritance matters, applicable laws differ significantly by jurisdiction. For example, under Japanese law, the inheritance is governed by the law of the decedent's nationality. However, in some other jurisdictions, the applicable law may depend on the decedent's place of residence or the location of the assets.

In addition, some jurisdictions require court involvement in inheritance procedures, which may include validating the will, identifying heirs, and distributing assets. These procedures can be both time-consuming and costly.

In particular, international inheritance cases involving Asian jurisdictions are often highly complex. Engaging professionals knowledgeable in legal systems and cultural contexts across Asia is essential. By planning ahead—such as preparing wills in accordance with local legal requirements and organizing assets appropriately—clients can help ensure smoother procedures and minimize the risk of disputes among heirs. Furthermore, it is crucial to research the inheritance laws of countries where an inheritance may arise.

### **2. International Inheritance Services in Asia at One Asia Lawyers**

International inheritance in Asia requires navigating complex legal systems, procedures, tax regimes, and cultural differences. We leverage extensive experience and specialized knowledge to provide clients with suitable support in this complex area.

International inheritance often involves assets distributed across multiple countries or foreign heirs residing abroad. This situation requires a detailed approach that considers the legal framework of each relevant jurisdiction. Our lawyers have deep expertise in the inheritance laws of Asian countries and work in close collaboration with local tax professionals, enabling us to handle cross-border inheritance

matters efficiently and effectively. For example, we assist with inheritance cases involving jurisdictions such as Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, working alongside local experts familiar with the local legal systems.

Effective planning is especially significant in international inheritance. We support clients in drafting multilingual wills that comply with the legal requirements of the applicable countries and also provide expert guidance on the execution of wills after the inheritance process.