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Video conferencing is a relatively new communication technology which is a kind of two-way communication technique. Sight and sound will be transferred back and forth via a single conduit. Sender and recipient of a message can interactively communicate at once. One will be able to see the other and his surroundings, no matter how far they separate.

Video conferencing can be used to help court conduct its proceedings, especially in conducting hearing of witnesses. Conduct of hearing via video conferencing can serve at least two main purposes. First, for the protection of witnesses, court may conduct hearing through video conferencing even though the witness testifying is not so far from the court house, and may be in the same building as the accused. By doing this, court can avoid confrontation between the accused and the witness, and facilitate the witness to testify without being afraid of the accused. Court will then be able to obtain more accurate facts from the witness. Second, in case where the witness who is going to testify is in some place far away from the court house, the court can conduct the hearing much more conveniently and efficiently, since the witness does not have to leave his business and come for a long way just to testify in court.

However, one point is worth mentioning here. Although such modern technology like video conferencing may help the courts conduct its proceedings, and enable all parties, including the court itself, the witness, the parties and the public, to attend the same proceedings through such advance medium, which will surely enhance efficiency of court proceedings and the scrutiny thereof, courts should not and cannot do away with a salient principle in criminal procedural law, i.e., rights of the accused to confront the person testifying against him, without just cause; therefore, the application of video conferencing has to be circumscribed to some really appropriate and necessary, for example, in the case where the testifying witness is a child or the injured in a sexual harassment case, or in cases relating to offences under Chapter 9 and 10 of the Thai Penal Code. Moreover, video conferencing can be used to conduct a hearing in some specific and exceptional situations, such as in the case where the court commissions another court and the accused waives his right to confront the witness in person, or in the case where the testifying witness is outside the Kingdom, or in other cases where the court may, in the interest of justice, conduct such hearing without infringing the accused's right of confrontation, and the testimony obtained by that method is reliable enough to prove the accused's guilt or innocence.

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