

ADR SUMMIT 2024

Beyond Boundaries:

The Rise of Asia in Global Dispute
Resolution



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ABOUT THE EVENT

With Asia's staggering population of 4.7 billion, encompassing almost 60 percent of the world's populace, and a GDP ranking first among continents, it is indisputably the Asian decade. What better time than now to engage in a conversation about Asia's pivotal role in shaping global dispute resolution?

This summit endeavors to unite ADR practitioners from across the Asian continent to illuminate the burgeoning landscape of dispute resolution and prevention. We aim to showcase how Asia can lead the way forward in this domain.

As the saying goes, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." We invite you to take that inaugural step with us as we pave the future of dispute resolution, both in Asia and beyond. Together, we will reflect on the profound impact of the ADR community's efforts thus far while also exploring new avenues for swift and efficient dispute resolution. Join us in forging a path toward a harmonious and just global society.

Venue: Bangunan Sulaiman, Kuala Lumpur

Date: 26 & 27 July 2024

Jointly organzied by:

- Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)
- International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) Hyderabad
- China International Economic And Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)



Introduction of AIADR



The Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR) is the first not-for-profit member-based Asian centre for ADR. The Institute was launched in April 2018 by His Excellency Prof Dr. Kennedy Gastorn, the former Secretary General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO), Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, President of the Council of the AIADR and Dato' Quek Ngee Meng as the Vice President of the Council of the AIADR.

AIADR is dedicated to promoting the practice of ADR through affordable and accessible education and development of the profession commencing from the Asian and African Continents and reaching out across the globe.

AIADR endeavors to spur the economic growth by avoiding or reducing disputes through creating awareness, networking among users of ADR services and practicing professionals. AIADR is the all-inclusive think-tank of the future for support the development of jurisprudence related to swift and private settlement of disputes.

900+

Members

20+

Countries around globe





HYDERABAD

International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) Hyderabad is a leading institution in the field of arbitration and mediation in India which was set up as a public charitable trust by the then Chief Justice of India. IAMC is guided by an autonomous Governing Council consisting of esteemed members of the international arbitration and mediation community, such as Mr. Toby Landau, KC, His Excellency Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi, Sir Bernard Eder, KC, Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Nageswara Rao, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.V. Raveendran, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, and others. The trustees of the Centre include sitting and former judges of the Supreme Court of India, the Law Minister of Telangana and the Chief Justice for the State of Telangana.

IAMC stands committed to revolutionize alternate dispute resolution by conducting cost and time effective arbitration and mediation proceedings, for both domestic and foreign parties. The Centre has successfully organized various conferences, workshops, and training programs that have received acclaim from the international arbitration community. Our global reach has expanded through international roadshows in London, Singapore and Dubai. Through Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs), IAMC has strengthened its international ties with institutions such as Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC), Russian Arbitration Centre (RAC) and Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC) aiming to promote arbitration and mediation on a global scale.



Introduction of CIETAC



CIETAC was set up in 1956 under the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. Headquartered in Beijing, CIETAC has 13 subcommissions in major economies in Chinese mainland and three overseas branches in Hong Kong, Vienna and Vancouver.

Over the past nearly 70 years, CIETAC has been committed to providing independent, impartial and efficient arbitration services for Chinese and international parties. It has accepted more than 60,000 arbitration cases, with parties coming from over 150 countries and regions. CIETAC is always referred to as the "International brand of Chinese arbitration and Chinese experience of International Arbitration". This is echoed by the 2021 International Arbitration Survey released Queen Mary University of London and White and Case, where CIETAC was listed as one of the 5 most preferred arbitration institutions globally and also in Chinese surveys where CIETAC was always ranked the first among 277 domestic arbitration commissions in Chinese mainland.



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Itinerary (Day 1)



0900 - 1000 - Registration

1000 - 1030 - Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks



Datuk Prof. Sundra Rajoo President of AIADR



Wang Cheng Jie
Vice Chairman & Secretary General of CIETAC



Sitesh Mukherjee

1030 - 1115 - Keynote Address



Honourable Justice Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan

Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia



Ms. Teresa Cheng Former Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR



Honourable Justice L. Nageswara Rao

Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India

Itinerary (Day 1)



1115 – 1230 - Special Panel Session: The Evolution of Dispute Resolution in the Asian Region:

The special panel session will delve into the dynamic landscape of dispute resolution across the diverse regions of Asia. Our esteemed speakers, representing the five physiographic regions within Asia, will provide insightful perspectives on the current state of dispute resolution, tracing its evolution, and shedding light on emerging trends. From traditional methods to modern approaches, this session aims to set the stage for the conference by offering participants a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of resolving disputes in the Asian context.



Dmitry Marenkov (Moderator)



Brad Wang (Speaker)



Tariq Khan (Speaker)



Jehad Kazim (Speaker)



Datuk Roger Chin (Speaker)



Aigoul Kenjebayeva (Speaker)

1230 - 1330 - Lunch Break

1330 - 1430 - Spotlight on Mediation: Navigating Progress in Asia

This panel session is dedicated to exploring the evolution and advancement of mediation practices across Asia. This discussion will delve into the unique approaches, challenges, and successes in promoting mediation as a preferred method for conflict resolution in the region. Experts will share insights on emerging trends, regulatory frameworks, and innovative strategies aimed at fostering effective mediation processes amidst cultural, legal, and socio-economic diversity. Participants can expect to gain valuable perspectives on how mediation is shaping the future of dispute resolution in Asia and its implications for regional development and cooperation



Nick Chan (Moderator)



Dr. Nasser Al-Adba (Speaker)



Rohan Arasoo (Speaker)



Shamila Neelakandan (Speaker)

Itinerary (Day 1)



1430 - 1530 - ESG and Dispute Resolution - Is Asia ready for the Challenge?

This session delves into the transformative impact of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors on the dispute resolution landscape in Asia. As ESG principles become increasingly integrated into business operations and investment strategies across the region, a new array of disputes is emerging, ranging from environmental damage and social inequality to governance failures. This panel session scrutinizes the readiness of Asian stakeholders – including businesses and dispute resolution practitioners – to effectively manage and resolve these complex disputes. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the evolving nexus between ESG and dispute resolution, along with actionable strategies for navigating this dynamic landscape and capitalizing on emerging opportunities.



Ankit R Sanghvi (Moderator)



Dr. Adolf Peter (Speaker)



Sharon Chong (Speaker)



Shujath Bin Ali (Speaker)

1530 - 1600 - Tea Break

1600 - 1700 — Oxford Style Debate: Should mandatory mediation precede international arbitration in resolving commercial disputes?

Two opposing 'Houses' will rigorously argue the merits and demerits of whether mandatory mediation should precede international arbitration in resolving commercial disputes, with each house arguing for or against mandatory mediation respectively. The debate will encourage critical thinking and foster a deeper understanding of the complex considerations surrounding the optimal approach to resolving commercial disputes on the international stage. Each House will present compelling arguments supported by evidence, and real-world examples to persuade the audience and the judges. Audience participation will also be encouraged through QSA sessions to gauge perspectives and insights on this contentious issue.



Yanting (Moderator)



Shaun Tan (Speaker)



Vikram Pooserla (Speaker)



Marcus Tan (Speaker)



Paul Starr (Speaker)

1700 - 1730' — MoU Signing Ceremony (TBC)

Itinerary (Day 2)



1000 - 1015 - Special Address



Justice Hemant Gupta

Former Judge, Supreme Court Of India & Chairperson of IIAC

Townhall Session: Asian Sports Arbitration: A Hidden 1015 - 1100 -Goldmine or an Untapped Frontier?

> Join us for a special townhall session dedicated to exploring the future of Sports Arbitration in Asia. Led by two seasoned practitioners in the field of sports arbitration, this interactive session will delve into the evolving landscape of sports dispute resolution in the Asian context. Participants will gain valuable insights into the developing trends shaping sports arbitration in Asia, including the rise of sports-related disputes, the emergence of regional arbitration centres, and the growing influence of Asian athletes and sports organizations on the global stage. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join the conversation and uncover the potential of this dynamic and rapidly evolving field.



Mutiara Bahir (Moderator)



Prof. Richard Mclaren (Speaker)



Dato' M. Rajasekaran (Speaker)

1100 - 1230 ___ Roundtable Talk: Cross-Institutional Rules: Hopes, Hurdles, and the Road Ahead

> This roundtable discussion will explore the concept of cross-institutional rules, also known as common rules, and their potential implications for the field of dispute resolution. Led by a diverse panel of experts from legal, academic, and institutional backgrounds, this session will delve into the feasibility and viability of establishing rules that can be universally applied by different arbitration institutions. The discussion aims to dissect the challenges and opportunities associated with implementing cross-institutional rules. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner, an institutional representative, or an academic researcher, this roundtable offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the ongoing discourse.



Sherlin Tung (Moderator)



(Speaker)



Shahdy Anwar Sitesh Mukherjee (Speaker)



Prof.Doug Jones Lim Wei Lee (Speaker)



(Speaker)

Itinerary (Day 2)



1230 - 1330 - Lunch Break

1330 - 1430 - Exploring the Underrepresented Dispute Resolution

Mechanism: Early Neutral Assessment, Dispute Board, Expert

Determination, Ombudsmen

This Panel discussion is dedicated to exploring alternative approaches to dispute resolution that are often underrepresented in mainstream discourse. This session will shine a spotlight on four distinctive mechanisms: Early Neutral Assessment, Dispute Boards, Expert Determination, and Ombudsmen. Through engaging dialogue and expert insights, our panelists will delve into the unique characteristics, advantages, and challenges associated with each of these mechanisms. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how these approaches differ from traditional arbitration and litigation, and how they can offer innovative solutions to complex disputes in various contexts. Furthermore, the discussion will assess Asia's readiness to integrate these underrepresented dispute resolution mechanisms into its legal and business frameworks.



Trung Nguyen (Moderator)



Michael Cover (Speaker)



Darshendev Singh (Speaker)



V.Bala (Speaker)

1430 - 1530 - Navigating Crypto Disputes: The Asian ADR Perspective

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion focused on Asia's readiness to embrace crypto assets and the unique challenges and opportunities they present for alternative dispute resolution (ADR). This session will bring together experts from legal, financial, and blockchain backgrounds to explore effective strategies for navigating disputes in the rapidly evolving world of cryptocurrency. The panel will examine the current landscape of crypto adoption in Asia, assessing the region's regulatory frameworks, market trends, and technological innovations shaping the industry. Furthermore, the discussion will also highlight the role of ADR mechanisms in resolving crypto disputes.



Shu Ling (Moderator)



Brenda Chan (Speaker)



Dr. Le Net (Speaker)



Edward Taylor (Speaker)

Itinerary (Day 2)



1600 - 1700 - Oxford Style Debate: Al as the future of arbitration?

In this Oxford-style debate, two opposing 'Houses' will rigorously argue the motion: "This House believes that 'humanity' is dispensable in arbitration, and Artificial Intelligence will supplant arbitrators in the future", with each house arguing for or against the motion respectively. Audience members will have the opportunity to engage with the debaters through Q&A session contributing to a lively and thoughtprovoking discussion on the future of arbitration in the age of Artificial Intelligence. Whether you're a legal professional, technology enthusiast, or simply curious about the intersection of AI and arbitration, this debate promises to provide valuable insights and perspectives on a topic that is reshaping the landscape of dispute resolution.











(Moderator)

(Speaker)

Chung Ting Fai Dr. Patrick Dahm David Yek Tak Wai Crystal Wong (Speaker)

(Speaker)

Anirudh Krishnan (Speaker)

1700 - 1730 - Closing Ceremony

- Closing Speech
- Awards of Appreciation

Networking Dinner 1730...

Location:

Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort

Address:

Jalan Bukit Kiara, Bukit Kiara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur





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