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Opportunities for Med-Arb in the Asia Pacific with cross cultural functionality

This Panel will explore the potential for the growth of ADR hybrid models across the Asia Pacific region to accommodate the increasing complexity in cross border commercial relationships.

The hybrid med-arb model has had more acceptance and success in China than Australia and some other parts of Asia, the panel will explore possible reasons for the divergence as well as opportunities for Australian dispute resolution practitioners presented by the hybrid model.

The panel will also explore how cross-cultural mediation practice can lead to better dispute resolution especially in the context of cross border disputes with parties of different cultural perspectives.

Date: Thursday 27 July 2023

Time: 4.30-6.00pm (AEST)

Venue: Australian Disputes Centre
LGF, Lockhart Chambers
233 Macquarie St, Sydney 2000
followed by a Cocktail Reception

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PANELISTS



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(via video-link)



MR STEVE KIM
Secretary
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INTERNATIONAL



**DR. FRANCIS
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Chairman of
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CEO of Singapore
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SPEAKERS



DEBORAH LOCKHART Chief Executive Officer, Australian Disputes Centre

Deborah was appointed as CEO of the Australian Disputes Centre in 2013. Prior to joining the not-for-profit sector, Deborah worked as Executive Solicitor for Treasury in New Zealand and as an executive and consultant to a range ASX 100 and Fortune 500 corporations.

Deborah was an early advocate for ADR in Australia and introduced the commercial benefits of timely, cost-efficient and private dispute resolution to the financial services sector from the early 1990's. Deborah's broad experience covers complaints and disputes systems' design, change management, large portfolio issues including Enforceable Undertakings, remediation, project-management, and acting as both a negotiator and independent expert.

Deborah completed her initial mediation training with Harvard Law School [1993] and holds Australian National Mediator Accreditation. She was accredited as an Advanced Mediator with the Australian Disputes Centre [2009] and as a Conflict Coach [2010]. Deborah's specialist mediation training also includes the Mawul-Rom Cross-Cultural program in Arnhem Land, LEADR Mediator Accreditation and University of Technology, Sydney LLM coursework. Deborah holds a Bachelor of Laws and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

Deborah is a founding council member of the Council for Australian Dispute Resolution and Editorial Panel Member of LexisNexis Australian Dispute Resolution Bulletin.



SHANE PRINCE SC State Chambers, Sydney

Shane is a leading silk at the Sydney Bar with a diverse national practice.

Med Arb has been a passion of Shane's since he commenced practice in 1997, regularly engaging in Conciliation and Arbitration in labour law- which has used the hybrid form of ADR for over a century. He sees value in bringing that learning to commercial disputes.

Shane also has a keen interest in cross cultural issues, having grown up in Sydney's multicultural heartland, and he regularly acts in commercial matters involving a wide ethnic and cultural diversity of parties.

In his career, Shane has acted for many global corporate clients such as BHP, Qantas, CBA, Deutsche Bank and Government clients. He has also acted for ultra-high net worth individuals from both Australia and overseas; as well as regularly acting, pro bono, some of Australia's most disadvantaged groups including refugees.



WEIJUN WANG Secretary General of the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre

Ms Weijun Wang is the Secretary-General of Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shanghai International Arbitration Centre), Secretary-General of Shanghai Arbitration Association, Vice Chairman of Permanent Forum of China Construction Law (PFCCL).

Ms. Wang is listed arbitrator of several arbitration institutions with senior experience in handling over 1000 arbitration cases. She has actively promoted the development and innovation of arbitration mechanism by establishing the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone Court of Arbitration and CAJAC Shanghai Centre, promulgating Free Trade Arbitration Rules, and launching the international aviation arbitration mechanism.

Ms. Wang is a member of the Shanghai Law Society Arbitration Law Research Association and Aviation Law Research Association and serves as part-time graduate tutor at Fudan University, East China Economic and Trade Arbitration University. She has been invited to address international forums such as the Shanghai International Arbitration Summit, Lujiazui Legal Forum and Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) conferences.

SPEAKERS



MR STEVE KIM
Secretary General of KCAB
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As a US attorney, Steve has extensive experience in the field of international arbitration, and served as the Director of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution of the American Arbitration Association (New York). During his tenure at ICDR, he helped to grow the ICDR to become the global number one international arbitration administration center. Steve also served as a senior corporate counsel for Samsung Corning Precision Material, advising on various corporate legal matters including dispute resolution, antitrust investigation, intellectual property negotiation, JV and host of other high-profile matters. Steve then went on to become the Korea country manager for CPA Global, one of the largest intellectual property legal service providers based in UK. As a country manager, Steve achieved multiple million USD in new sales and created a new business paradigm which helped CPA Global to become the largest IP service provider in Korea and other key Asian markets. Steve served as a Korea consultant for one of the largest EU law firm, assisting the firm to develop new business in Korea and made inroads to new revenue stream in the field of dispute resolution, IP, natural resources, technology and cross-border investment.

Recognizing the importance of helping new companies to grow beyond the Korean market, Steve advised several start-up companies in various industries including livestock health management and blockchain technology.

Steve was invited to speak in numerous conferences to speak about business management, technology, IP and other issues in various countries including China and Denmark.

Steve graduated from University of California San Diego (UCSD) in 1994 and received his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law (New York) in 1997. Steve is fluent in both English and Korean.



DR. FRANCIS LAW WAI HUNG
Chairman of HKIMC & Chairman of
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Dr. Francis Law is an experienced international business consultant and expert of dispute resolution. He has more than 29 years of experience in Public Administration Management, Human Resources, Conflict Management and corporate development.

Dr. Law has conducted a wide variety of mediation cases. He is currently serving on a number of Panels of renowned International Mediation and Arbitration organizations in Hong Kong, China, Macau, Thailand, Vienna and Spain. He is an Annexed Mediator and Professional juror of the People's Court of Qinghai, China. Since 2012, he has been appointed by the Movement of Hong Kong as the member of the Steering Committee on Mediation, and its sub-committee.

Dr. Law was conferred with the title of Honorary Doctorate in Law and holds a Master Degree in Business Administration. He is the Lead Trainer and the Lead Assessor of the DR profession in Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Bangladesh, Shenzhen, Qinghai, Guangzhou and Beijing. He is the Adjunct Senior Lecturer of the Law School of Macau University of Science and Technology and City University of Macau. He has trained up hundreds of International Mediation coaches, assessors, trainers and related professionals in to dispute resolution in Hong Kong, the mainland and overseas. He also assists International Arbitration and Mediation Institutions to set up mediation policy and mechanism. With the support from the Government of Hong Kong and the CCPIT, Dr. Law co-founded the Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center (MHJMC) in 2015 which is the first diversified International commercial disputes resolution platform. Dr. Law is a columnist publishing articles in commercial and workplace disputes in local newspaper/ magazines. Since 2006, he has been leading delegations to attend the United Nation Commission of International Trade Law Sessions and presented professional comments.



CHUAN WEE MENG
CEO of Singapore International
Mediation Centre

Wee Meng is an experienced lawyer of more than 30 years, working out of Beijing, Hong Kong, Sydney and Singapore. Prior to joining SIMC, he served as General Counsel of IBM Greater China and Nortel Networks Asia Pacific for about 20 years.

Wee Meng has advised senior leadership of MNCs as lead counsel on legal and regulatory issues arising out of doing business in Greater China, India, Japan, Korea, ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand. As an active board member of US-China JVs, he has managed a wide range of emerging market risks with leading international best practices.

Leveraging his deep regional experience, Wee Meng is currently leading SIMC to promote mediation to resolve complex, commercial cross-border disputes in the Asia Pacific region. He has trained Judges, Senior Lawyers and Businesses across Asia in international mediation trainings and workshops.

Wee Meng is an accredited mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Institute. He graduated with a law degree from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws from the University of Hong Kong. He is called to the Singapore Bar and Hong Kong's Roll of Solicitors.