

The third edition of the IPBA Asia Pac Arbitration Day held jointly with the KLRCA, builds on the success of the previous 2015 and 2016 events held in Kuala Lumpur. Acclaimed speakers and keen international delegate participation will be replicated again this year with a focus on trending issues in the arbitration world.

Sovereign Immunity, Crown Immunity, and State-Owned Enterprises; Reflections on Enforcing Arbitral Awards against States

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### SESSION 1:

# The Judiciary - Has the pendulum swung too far?

This session explores the current trends in the Court's exercise of its supervisory jurisdiction. Focus areas will be appeals from questions of law, setting aside applications and interim measures. The central issue for discussion is whether there is an over disposition towards non-intervention that might be unhealthy for the arbitral process and/or the development of the law, and how different jurisdictions have developed case law to establish a set of principles that seek to strike some balance.

#### SESSION 2

## Arbitral Institutions - Pushing the limits

This session looks at fundamental structural reforms to improve the services provided by arbitral institutions. In particular, in areas to do with rules governing the arbitration, arbitrator appointments, transparency of the appointment process, award scrutiny, costs, delays in rendering of arbitral awards, and administrative efficiency.

### SESSION 3:

# Current challenges in the enforcement of international arbitration award and judgments.

This topic will deal with specific challenges that are encountered in enforcement from both jurisprudential and practical perspectives including in a one belt one road era. What tactics are commonly employed to avoid enforcement and alternatively, what progress jurisdictions have made to facilitate the enforcement of awards and judgments.

### SESSION 4:

## The Great Debate

The Great Debate aims to examine opposing views on current topics in a manner that is controversial and thought provoking. Each topic will be debated over 20 minutes (10 minutes per speaker) with opportunity for audience participation. The key motions for debate are:

- 1. Third party funding changes arbitration for the worse.
- 2. Exercise of arbitral jurisdiction over third parties defeats party autonomy.
- 3. Its time for Arbitral Institution to appoint younger arbitrators.
- 4. Gender bias in arbitration is a myth.

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