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STRENGTHENING THE ROOTS OF ADR:

2022 IN RETROSPECT



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ABOUT AIAC

The Asian International Arbitration Centre (“AIAC” or “Centre”) was established in 1978 pursuant to a Host Country Agreement between the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (“AALCO”) and the Government of Malaysia.

The Centre was previously known as the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (“KLRC”), but it changed its name to the AIAC in line with its 40th Anniversary in 2018. The rebranding was reflective of the AIAC’s role in catering to the varying ADR needs of the Asian region and beyond.

Located in one of the most iconic heritage buildings in Malaysia – the Bangunan Sulaiman, the AIAC has been repeatedly recognised internationally as one of the top arbitral institutes with our products, services and facilities complementing our administrative support for the conduct of arbitration and other ADR proceedings. Spanning across 16,430 sqm, Bangunan Sulaiman includes 21 hearing rooms, 12 breakout rooms, a business centre, a library, an auditorium, and multiple dining areas. The official launch of the new AIAC’s facilities was held in 2014, and the building has been further modernised to provide state-of-the-art video conferencing, and court recording and transcription (CRT) services, utilising the latest in IT technology with a full suite of collaborative features for laptops, tablets and mobile devices.

The AIAC’s advanced CRT rooms are capable of Ultra-HD video recordings with specialised court-style video capture, supplemented by Smart Voice-Tracking microphones and automated Audio-to-Text transcription for ease of user interface.



In essence, the AIAC provides a complete set of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) products, holistic dispute management facilities and dispute avoidance services.

In 2019, as part of its significant milestones, the Centre offered additional services such as tribunal secretaries, fund-holding arrangements, and virtual hearings. On 1st August 2021, it published its reintegrated Arbitration Rules which formally incorporated various improvements in the administration of arbitration proceedings. On 1st November 2021, the AIAC also launched its i-Arbitration Rules that are tailored for matters set within the principles of Islamic law and finance.

The AIAC currently facilitates mediation matters under the AIAC Mediation Rules 2018 and the AIAC Adjudication Rules & Procedure. It is also the sole administrative authority authorised by statute for the management of adjudications under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (“CIPAA”).

Further adding on to the list, the AIAC provides domain name dispute resolution services under the auspices of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (“ADNDRC”) for Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) matters and the Malaysian Network Information Centre (“MYNIC”) for Mynic’s (.my) Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“MYDRP”) matters.

The AIAC is also committed in promoting and organising educational and capacity building initiatives for the benefit of the ADR community. The most recent reflection of this commitment is the newly launched AIAC Academy. Under this branch, the AIAC intends to launch workshop series and certificate programmes for legal practitioners, academicians, and other professionals and students of the ADR community.

The AIAC is led by its Director, Datuk Sundra Rajoo who was appointed to once again lead the Centre on 16th March 2023 and is assisted by Assistant Directors, Mr. Danesh Chandran Velaitham and Ms. Heather Yee Jing Wah.



ABOUT THE MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (LAW & INSTITUTIONAL REFORM)



YB DATO' SRI AZALINA BINTI OTHMAN SAID MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (LAW AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM)

The Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit international arbitral institution. Due to the Centre's legal nature and its essential role and function as a facilitator of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), it falls within the scope of the Minister in charge of the Legal Affairs in the Prime Minister's Department. It has been accorded independence and certain privileges by the Government of Malaysia for the purposes of executing its functions as an independent international organisation.

Malaysia's de facto Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) is YB Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said.

Dato' Sri Azalina graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from Universiti Malaya in 1988. She went on to pursue a postgraduate degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she obtained a Master of Law (LLM) in 1990.

She started her legal career in Malaysia as a legal assistant at Messrs Raja, Darryl & Loh. Upon gaining experience, she went on to become an associate partner at Azalina, Chan & Chia law firm and, later, Skrine & Co. In 2002, she joined Zaid Ibrahim & Co, the largest law firm in Malaysia, as a partner.

Dato' Sri Azalina made history as the first woman to be appointed Youth and Sports Minister in 2004 and the first woman to be appointed as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives in 2020. She was previously the head of Puteri UMNO in 2001. She has also served as the head of UMNO's Civil Action Bureau from 2000 to 2004, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department from July 2015 to May 2018, and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister (Law & Human Rights) from October 2021 to September 2022.

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The AIAC has made its name as a reputable and innovative centre for arbitration, mediation, and an alternative dispute resolution over the past four decades and is now a highly sought after arbitration centre not only in Malaysia, but also in the Asian region.

I believe that the AIAC will continue to achieve greater heights, especially in 2023, under the new leadership of Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo and the present AIAC team, who have demonstrated talent and an indefatigable passion, which I am confident, will steer the AIAC to make a global mark.

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ABOUT THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (LAW & INSTITUTIONAL REFORM)



YB TUAN RAMKARPAL SINGH

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (LAW AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM)

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform), YB Tuan Ramkarpal Singh, received his primary education in Penang, first at the St. Xavier's Institution and later at the Seri Inai School. He then went on to read law at the University of Bristol in United Kingdom and was called to the Bar of England and Wales at Gray's Inn. Upon returning to Malaysia, he was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2000. As a lawyer, YB Tuan Ramkarpal practiced both civil and criminal law with an interest in cases involving infringements of fundamental liberties.

The Deputy Minister began his service as a Member of Parliament upon winning the Bukit Gelugor parliamentary seat in Penang in a by-election held in 2014. He later retained the Bukit Gelugor seat in both the 2018 and 2022 General Elections, with larger majorities in each election. In Parliament, YB Tuan Ramkarpal has served as the Chair of the Parliamentary Special Select Committee for Consideration of Bills.

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As we begin another chapter in the journey of the AIAC in 2023, I hope to see the AIAC continue its efforts to establish itself as a leading institution in the field of international arbitration, competing with other established institutions in the region and world. As Asia rapidly grows as a global economic powerhouse, the AIAC must expand its services to

cater to the growing demand for arbitration services in the region. This can be achieved through strategic partnerships with other institutions, investing in technology and providing training and education programs to promote the understanding and use of arbitration as an effective tool for dispute resolution.

The AIAC must continue being a forum for resolving international disputes that is seen as fair, impartial, and effective, contributing to the growth and stability of the global economy whilst upholding the rule of law.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the newly appointed Director of the AIAC Datuk Sundra Rajoo and his team all the very best in their efforts in further enhancing the AIAC as a leading arbitration institution in this region.

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ABOUT THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION ("AALCO")



The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization ("AALCO") was established in 1956 as the successful result of the Bandung Conference (1955), Indonesia. It is an international organisation comprising of 47-member states, inclusive of all the major States from Asia and Africa. Its main functions include assisting the Member States in drafting constitutions, model legislations and bilateral agreements, as well as providing expertise and assistance to Member States in the appointment of arbitrators and other matters relating to arbitral proceedings as well as training for arbitrators.

The AIAC, previously known as the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration ("KLRC") is a unique institute established under the auspices of the AALCO amongst five other regional arbitration centres which are located in Egypt, Nigeria, Iran, Kenya as well as Hong Kong.

The AALCO also monitors the development of regional centres for arbitration established under its auspices with the primary aim of promoting and providing international commercial arbitration in the Asian-African regions.

ABOUT THE AALCO SECRETARY GENERAL



Has been serving as Secretary General of AALCO since 1st January 2022, Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol is a Thai law professor and holds a Bachelor's degrees in law from Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, Master's degrees in international

law (Diplôme d'études approfondies or DEA) from the Université Robert Schuman, also known as Strasbourg III and obtained a Doctorate in international law (Docteur en Droit) in 1991 from the same University of Strasbourg, France.

He started his career as a Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Chulalongkorn University in 1991 where he taught and researched in the areas of private international law, international investment law, international trade law, international economic law, international law on children's rights and European Union law. In addition to his legal scholar, he was appointed the Executive Director of Child Rights ASIANET, a regional center founded by the Faculty of Law, the International Law Association of Thailand (ILAT) and the United Nations Children's Fund for East Asia and the Pacific (UNICEF/EAPRO) which aimed to promote and protect rights of children in Asia and the Pacific. He held the position of Secretary General of the International Law Association of Thailand and led the preparation of the Thailand Journal of International Law. He also held the positions of Associate judge at the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court.

He joined the Eastern Asia University in 2003 as Vice President for Research Affairs and Director of Master Program on Business Law. From 2008 to 2014, he served as Deputy Executive Director at the Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand, Ministry of Education, a public policy engagement organization focusing on higher education. He also held the position of Director of the Institute of good governance for universities.

In 2015, he was elected and appointed to the position of the Executive Director of the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD) (Public organization). During his office for the term of four years, Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol has seen to fruition his work to revitalize and strengthen the organization, as well as his work in promoting and strengthening knowledge on various issues related to trade, investment and development through conferences,

seminars, workshop, training programmes and research programmes. Under his direction and leadership, ITD has also increased the scope of its engagements with other international organizations and regional organizations. ITD has cooperated closely with UNCTAD, WTO, ITC, UNCITRAL, UNESCAP and ICSID. ITD has also embarked on several capacity building and research programmes with various national and regional organizations such as APEC, ASEAN, Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), ASEAN Law Association (ALA), Asian Society of International Law (Asian SIL), CUTS International, Mekong Institute (MI), Economic Research Institute for Trade (ERIT) of Lao PDR, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Trade Training and Research Institute (TTRI) of Cambodia and Free Trade University (FTU) of Vietnam.

In the last few years, he holds the position of Advisor to the National Security Council of Thailand and Senior Legal Expert on international law at Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He represented the Kingdom of Thailand in the meeting of UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS reform) in January 2020. He also holds the position of member of the Expert Committee of various organizations such as Committee on Children's rights of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Committee on Legal affairs of the Board of Investment, Foreign Affairs Committee of the Office of Trade Competition Commission, Academic and Research Committee of the Thailand Institute of Justice and Committee on the Executive Course on Thailand and ASEAN in the Global Political Economy Of the College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



I am honoured to have been entrusted, once again, to lead the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC"). For the past 45 years, the AIAC has been at the forefront of developing efficient and specialised solutions in the ever-changing field of ADR. Even when having to grapple with the aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our performance for the year 2022 was no different.

As the AIAC continues its upward progress in 2023, we are grateful to former Director Tan Sri Dato' Suriyadi bin Halim Omar for having led the AIAC for the past two years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the AIAC Advisory Council¹ who served for the 2020-2022 term. Their assistance and support towards the Centre were instrumental to the quality, relevance and success of the growth and development of the AIAC.

On 11th January 2022, the AIAC kickstarted the past year with the launch of its AIAC Academy ("Academy"). The launch of the Academy was officiated by YB Datuk Wira Hajah Mas Ermieyati binti Samsudin, former

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law). The AIAC is grateful to have hosted YB Datuk Wira Hajah Mas Ermieyati at our premises in Bangunan Sulaiman, for what has come to be a successful launch of the AIAC Academy.

The AIAC Academy, acting as a focal point for all AIAC courses, workshops and certification programmes, wasted no time since its inception, as it launched the second edition of the Arbitration-In-Practice ("AIP") Workshop Series in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Malaysia Branch).

With monthly workshops that spanned from April to November 2022, the series was formulated to provide continuous practical and professional development training to credited arbitrators. Demand for the AIP Workshop Series was clearly reflected with the consistently high rates of participation from professionals of various backgrounds as well as students.

In addition to its wide-ranging ADR products, the AIAC continues to remain committed to capacity building via informative events for

the benefit of the ADR community. Adding on to the list of such events is our annual AIAC Pre-Moot competition.

From 18th – 20th March 2022, the AIAC organised and conducted the 6th AIAC Pre-Moot for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. A total of 146 teams and 269 local and international arbitrators came together from all over the world and virtually participated in the competition.

For the 2022 edition of the Vis Moot, the AIAC was proud to have its Arbitration Rules 2021 to be selected as the procedural rules for the competition and to have attended the Vis Moot in Vienna. The AIAC takes this as a recognition of its past and present contributions to the international arbitration community. We look forward to continue working on future editions of the Pre-Moot and other initiatives related to the Vis Moot and Vis (East) Moot.

In conjunction with the 6th AIAC Pre-Moot, the AIAC Young Practitioners' Group ("AIAC YPG") also organised the AIAC YPG Conference 2022 on 17th March 2022. This initiative was designed with the objective of exposing practitioners and students to some of the recent developments in the field of international arbitration.

In ensuring constant engagement via capacity building initiatives with our stakeholders in the construction industry, the AIAC had continued its Adjudicators Continuing Competency Development (CCD) Workshop Series. For the 2022 edition of this series, pertinent issues that directly affects the construction industry – such as set-off claims for liquidated ascertained damages, payment documentations in adjudications and challenges faced by adjudicators in CIPAA proceedings were covered. The Series ended with a much anticipated and successful CIPAA Adjudicators' open forum.

¹ Tun Arifin bin Zakaria, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Idrus bin Harun, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Sulong Matjeraie, Datuk Dr. Prasad Sandosham Abraham, Raja Dato' Ahmad Mohzanuddin Shah Raja Mohzan, Dato' Nitin Nadkarni, Dr. Wafi Nazrin bin Tan Sri Dr. Abdul Hamid, Ms. Tan Swee Im, Prof. Doug Jones AO, Dr. Hassan Arab, Ms. Monica Feria-Tinta, Mr. Khawar Qureshi, Mr. Vyapak Desai

Having heard the positive feedback from our stakeholders, for our Arbitration Rules 2021 and i-Arbitration Rules 2021, the AIAC was pleased to launch the Commentaries for both Rules in 2022. Both the Commentaries are the first set of books to provide a comprehensive commentary to the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 and AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021.

Drawing from various sources of authority, which includes, inter alia, reported case laws from multiple jurisdictions, arbitration awards and UNCITRAL jurisprudence, these books are a comprehensive exposition of the AIAC's conventional and Islamic arbitration framework and they are indispensable for any practitioner involved in arbitration in Asia as well as for judges and academicians to better understand the scope and application of its provisions.

I was further pleased to have learnt that our Arbitration Rules 2021 has piqued the interest of our stakeholders internationally. Towards the latter end of April 2022, the AIAC was hosted by 39 Essex Chambers at their offices in Chancery Lane, London, to present its 2021 Rules to an engaging audience of international lawyers and ADR practitioners.

During the event in London, the AIAC team also engaged in insightful discussions with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ("CI Arb") at their offices in Bloomsbury Square. In the coming year, the AIAC team and myself will look further into strengthening our Rules and cater its provisions to better serve our global stakeholders.

Additionally, the AIAC has also participated in the Dubai Arbitration Week where our delegation was met with high enthusiasm from ADR practitioners who were eager to broaden links between the Middle East and Malaysia. I am confident that in the foreseeable future, the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021 will only increase in popularity at the Middle East.

Back in our home, Malaysia, the AIAC dedicated itself to better understanding and

promoting ADR in East Malaysia through the conduct of roadshows in Sabah and Sarawak respectively. Our engagement was met with strong participation from lawyers, ADR practitioners and those working in the corporate field. I am truly excited to work alongside these sectors to provide greater accessibility, training and practical opportunities for the development of ADR in this region, and big plans are in store to develop our presence internationally.

Last October, the AIAC gradually began the return to physical gatherings by holding the 4th edition of our annual flagship event, the Asia ADR Week titled "Compassus: The Odyssean Course to Modern ADR". Reflecting the post pandemic shift, the event was conducted in a hybrid setting that catered for physical and virtual participation. The AIAC's Asia ADR Week was a resounding success and it drew enthusiastic participants, both locally and internationally. We were also grateful for His Royal Highness Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfur-Lah to have acted as our Keynote Speaker for the event.

As for the upcoming term, I aim to challenge the Centre to strive for greater heights. The AIAC's efforts will be guided by the AIAC Advisory Board comprising of experienced individuals from the Government sector, AALCO, the Malaysian Bar and professionals from the ADR community.

The Centre will undertake a change to a three-pronged approach being focused now on Dispute Settlement, Dispute Avoidance & Regulatory Compliance and Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance ("ESG"). At its core, the AIAC will continue to support and promote capacity building initiatives, be it from our stakeholders or as an institution leading to the development of ADR in the region.

In the coming months the Centre shall be revitalised and hold its place at the upper echelons of Arbitral Institutes globally and reaffirm ourselves as the centralised ADR hub in Asia. Some of our upcoming initiatives include the reform of the

Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 ("CIPAA"), and revisiting the current position of the Arbitration Act 2005, AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 and AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021.

Consistent engagement with our stakeholders during the reforms of these provisions will result in a greater accessibility and effectiveness in serving and reaffirming our commitment to the industry. Further, the AIAC plans to branch out to Sarawak, forming a satellite office capable of serving our East Malaysia ADR community to the fullest capabilities.

Our commitment shall also extend beyond Arbitration and Adjudication as we look at becoming an International Mediation Centre providing training, administration, and certification. Being appointed by Malaysian Network Information Centre ("MYNIC"), the AIAC also looks to elevate the nation's standing in the administration of Domain Name Dispute Resolution ("DNDR") internationally.

For my upcoming term, I am excited to work with everyone to bring the AIAC to new heights. I am hopeful that the AIAC will realise its full potential as an international arbitration centre in the region. As efforts are made to strengthen our institutional bridges with the international ADR community, we look forward to closely working with the Malaysian government as well as our national and international stakeholders. The network between the AIAC and AALCO Centres must also be solidified and the role that AALCO plays in granting AIAC the standing as an international and independent ADR institute will be celebrated and extended.

As such, join us as we look back in retrospect on the year that was and strengthen our roots and charter the path forward for the year ahead.



Datuk Sundra Rajoo

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



On 16th March 2023, Datuk Sundra Rajoo was appointed as the Director of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) by the Government of Malaysia in consultation with the AALCO.

Datuk Sundra Rajoo is also the current President of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR). He is a Certified International ADR Practitioner (AIADR) and Chartered Arbitrator. He played an active role in transforming the AIAC into a sought-after arbitration centre in the Asian region where the AIAC's caseload grew massively from a mere 22 arbitration cases in 2010 to an accumulative total of 2761 arbitration, adjudication and mediation cases in 2019.

He was also the past President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2016) and

past Chairman of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC). He has a number of tertiary degrees in law, architecture and town planning with Hon LLD. He is the Founding President of the Sports Law Association of Malaysia, Founding President of the Society of Construction Law, Malaysia and the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators; and Past President of the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Grouping (APRAG).

Datuk Sundra is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, Registered Professional Architect, Registered Town Planner, and Fellow of the Royal Institution of Surveyors. He has had over 310 appointments in international and domestic arbitrations across numerous international arbitral institutions. He was an Adjunct Professor, Law Faculty of University of

Malaya, past Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Built Environment, University of Technology and the Law Faculty, National University of Malaysia.

He was a pioneer member in the Monetary Penalty Review Committee set up under the Malaysian Financial Services Act 2013 for two terms. Datuk Sundra is a former Deputy Chairman of the Adjudicatory Chamber of the Ethics Committee by the FIFA Council.

Datuk Sundra has authored, co-authored and edited Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration, 2nd Ed, 2016, Lexis Nexis (LN); Arbitration in Malaysia: A Practical Guide, 2016, (S&M); Construction Law in Malaysia, 2012, S&M; The Malaysian Arbitration Act 2005 (Amended 2011) – An Annotation, 2013, LN; The PAM 2006 Form, 2010, LN; The Arbitration Act 2005 – UNCITRAL Model Law as Applied in Malaysia, 2007, S&M; The Malaysian Standard Form of Building Contract (The PAM 1998 Form), 1999, Malayan Law Journal. In 2015, he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Laws from the Leeds Beckett University, UK. He recently published the Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration in India (Thomson Reuters) and Standard Form of Building Contracts Compared (LN).

Datuk Sundra was conferred the Panglima Jasa Negara which carries the title “Datuk” by his Majesty the Malaysian King on the occasion of his Majesty's birthday on 2nd June 2012.

OUR PEOPLE (THE AIAC TEAM)

The Centre has over 60 professionals from a diverse set of backgrounds. Spread across the different departments, such as Legal Services, Finance, Business Development, Human Resources and Operations, members of the AIAC Team play a pivotal role in providing the most effective and dynamic ADR services to the community, nationally and internationally. The dedication and commitment to excellence integrated by every individual in the Centre is a testament to its endless accomplishments and continuous triumphs in the past years.



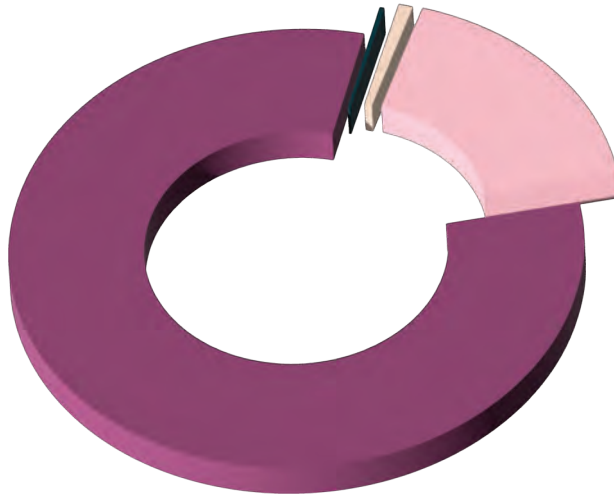
2022 FIGURES





2022 AT A GLANCE

TOTAL MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AIAC IN 2022

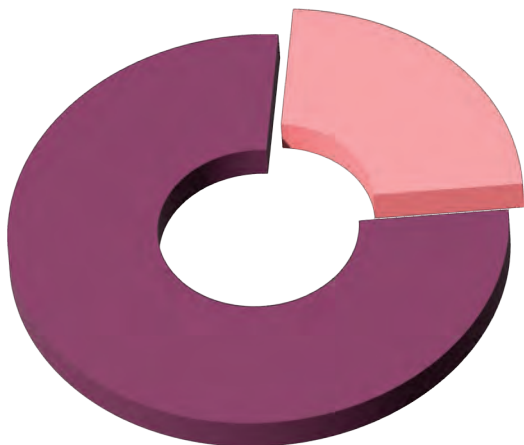


In 2022, a total of 810 matters were referred to the AIAC for dispute resolution.

The pie chart to the left is inclusive of matters registered pursuant to the AIAC Rules and pre-registered matters (commonly known as the “PFC”).

The statistics indicates that 82% (equivalent to 663 cases) received by the AIAC were adjudication matters while the second most received cases at the AIAC involved arbitration, which constituted 138 cases.

PRE-REGISTERED CASES IN 2022



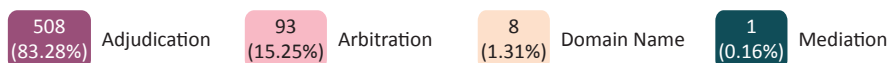
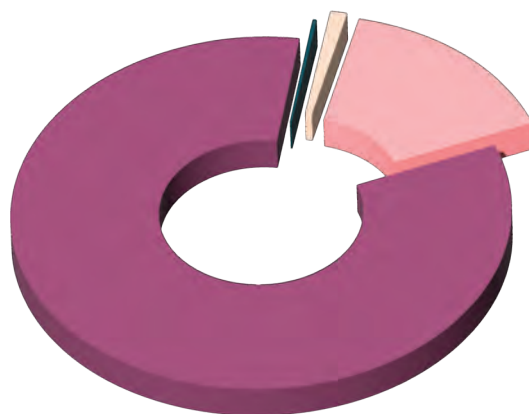
At the AIAC, it is common for a matter to be assigned with a pre-registered case number (“PFC”) before registration is finalised.

PFCs arises when matters were referred to the AIAC without being accompanied by the relevant documents or requisite payment. In this regard, the failure of the party to provide the required proof of service together with its request for registration would temporarily put the registration of adjudication or arbitration on hold until such required document is furnished.

The PFC status is also conferred upon instances where parties decide not to pursue the matter by filing the Form of Notice to the Director of the AIAC to register the adjudication or arbitral proceeding. Similarly, the AIAC is also hindered from registering cases when the parties do not intend to proceed further with the proceeding in circumstances where a settlement is reached.

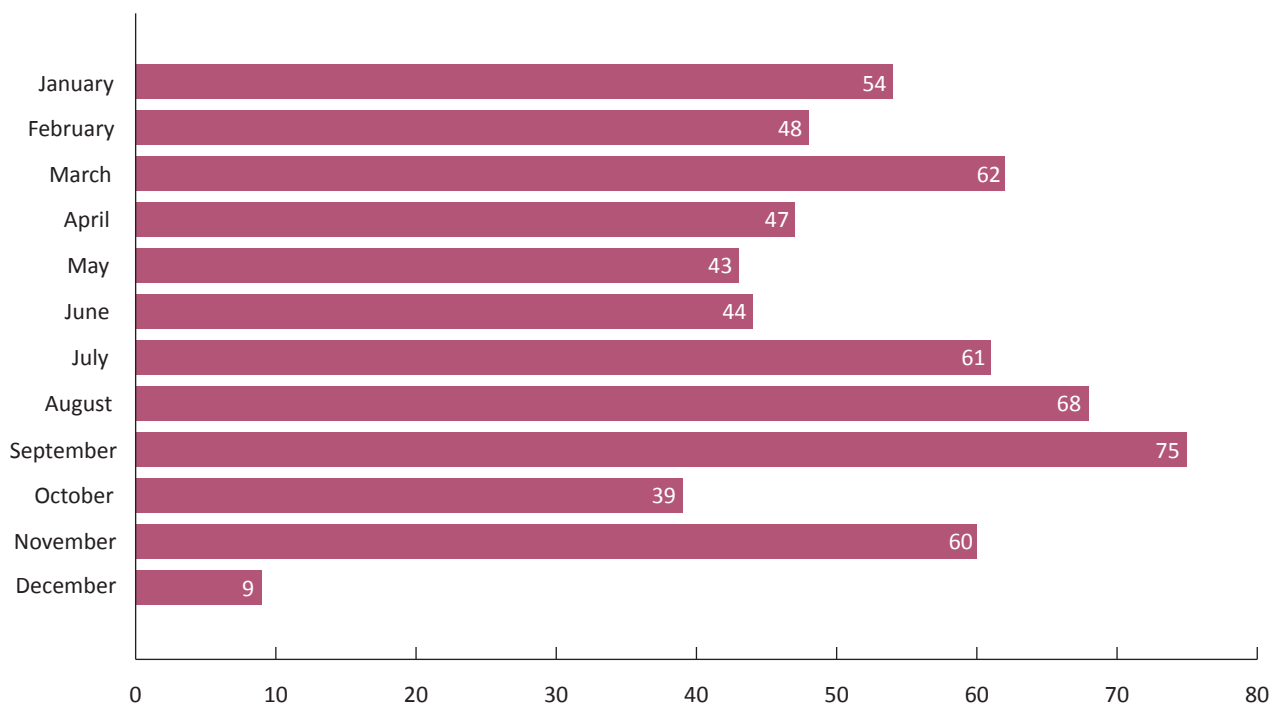
In 2022, the AIAC did not record any pre-registered cases for both mediation and domain name.

REGISTERED CASES IN 2022

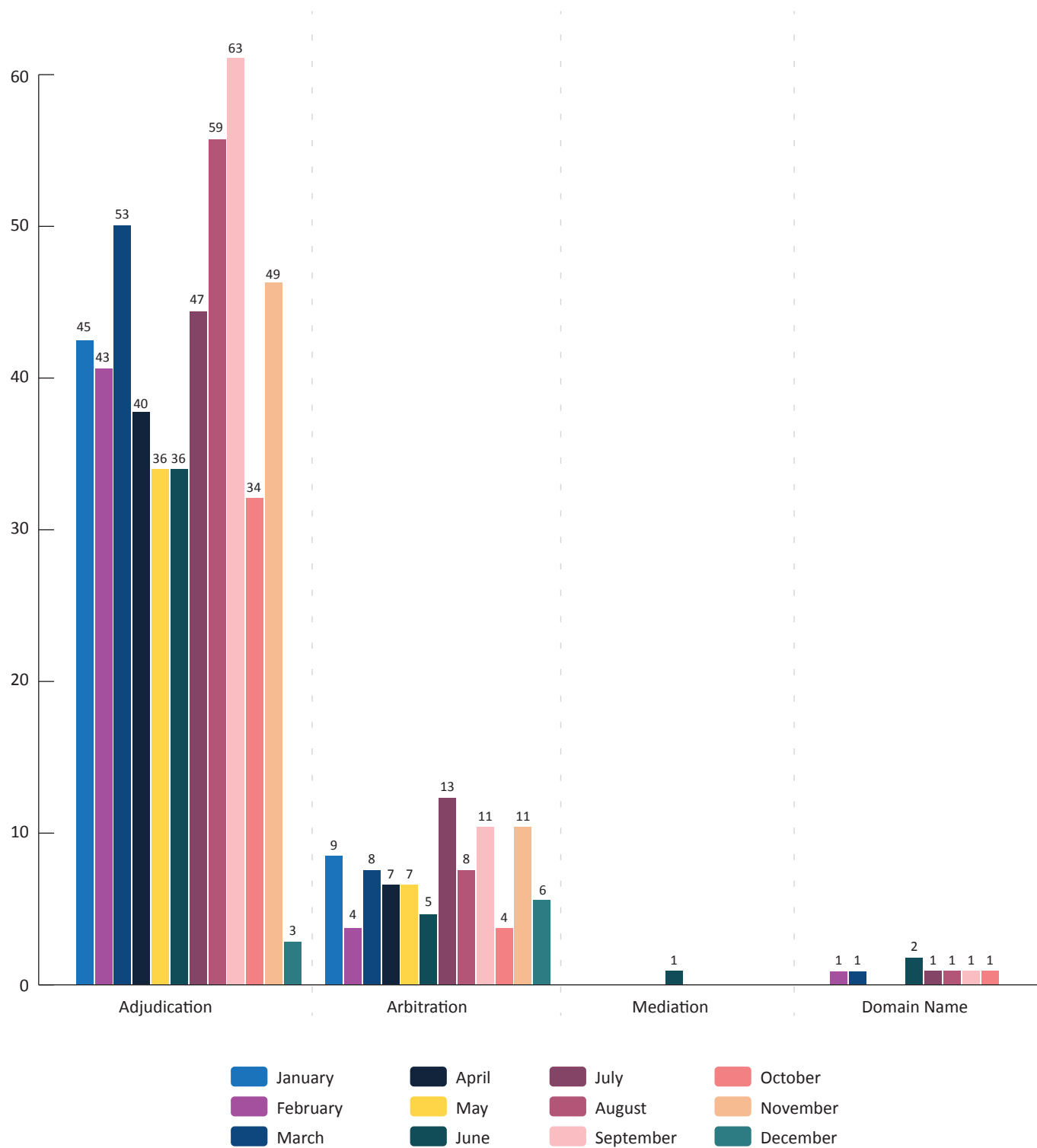


Out of the 810 matters received in 2022, a total of 610 cases were registered at the AIAC. The arbitration cases include those administered under the AIAC Arbitration Rules as well as those under the AIAC Fast Track Arbitration Rules. With respect to the domain name disputes administered by the AIAC, they generally involved matters within the purview of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC) as well as the Malaysian Network Information Centre's (MYNIC) Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy.

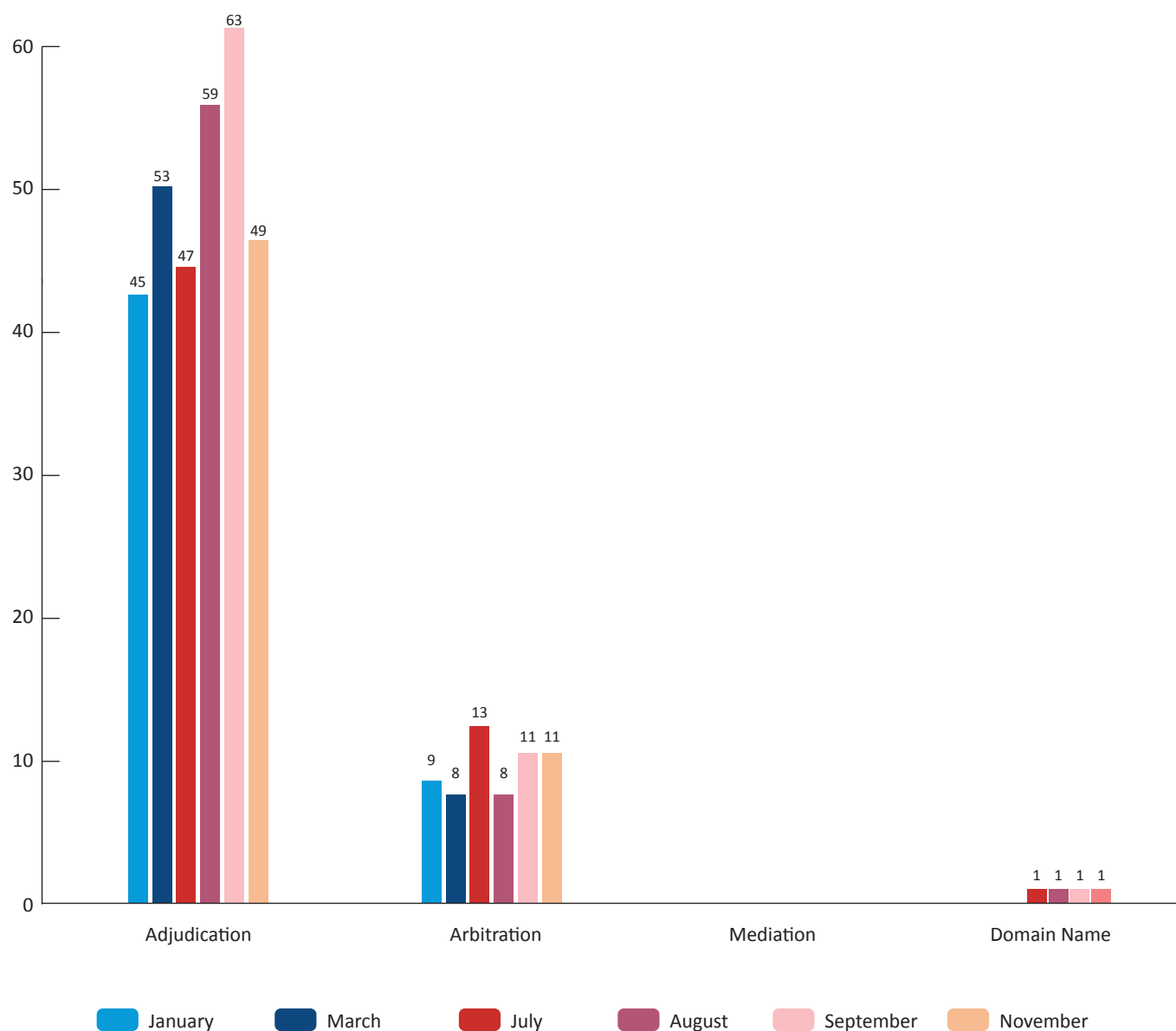
OVERVIEW OF MONTHLY CASE REGISTRATIONS



MONTHLY CASE REGISTRATIONS IN 2022



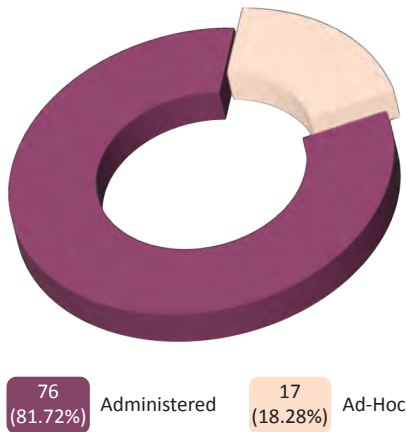
BUSIEST CASE REGISTRATION MONTHS AT THE AIAC



During the calendar year of 2022, the month of September was the busiest month at the AIAC as we have received the highest number of cases registered (75 cases). On the contrary, the month of December recorded the lowest number of cases registered with only 9 cases in total. The steep reduction of the number of cases registered in December as compared to the preceding month, November (60 cases) was likely attributable to the vacancy of the Director's office beginning from 1st December 2022.

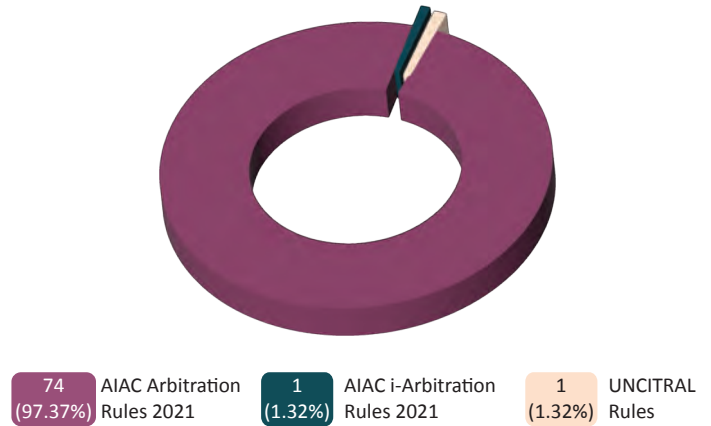
ARBITRATION STATISTICS

Administered vs Ad-Hoc



In 2022, the AIAC received a total of 93 new arbitration cases in which 76 cases were AIAC-administered matters while the remaining 17 cases were ad-hoc appointments under the Arbitration Act 2005.

Applicable Rules

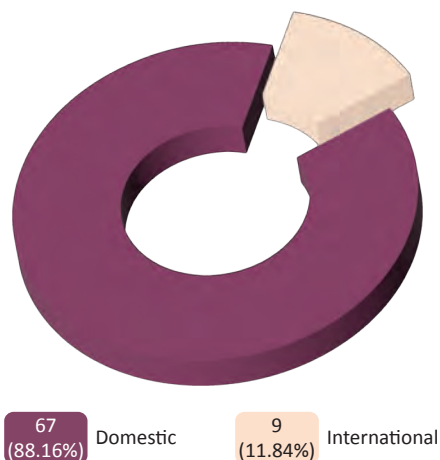


Among the 76 AIAC-administered cases in 2022, 71 cases have adopted the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 as the procedural rules governing the arbitration. It was recorded that 3 out of the 76 cases were administered in accordance with Fast-Track procedure under AIAC Arbitration Rules.

1 out of the 76 cases was administered in accordance with the AIAC's Protocol for the Administration of Arbitrations pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Additionally, in 2022 the AIAC welcomed its first administered Islamic arbitration case since the inception of the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules in 2021.

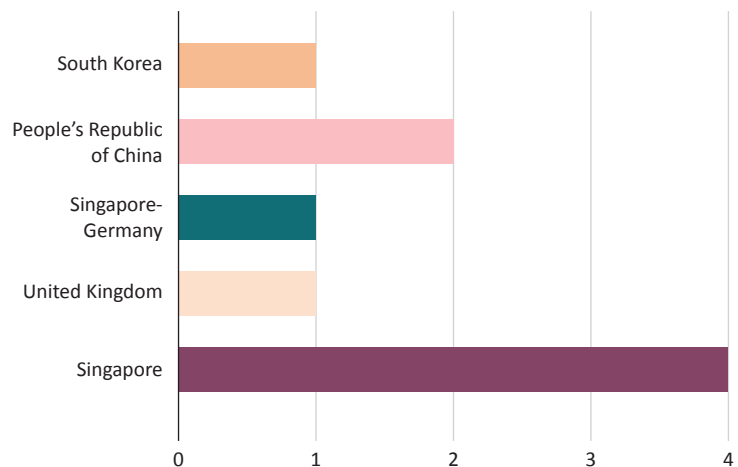
Domestic vs International Registrations



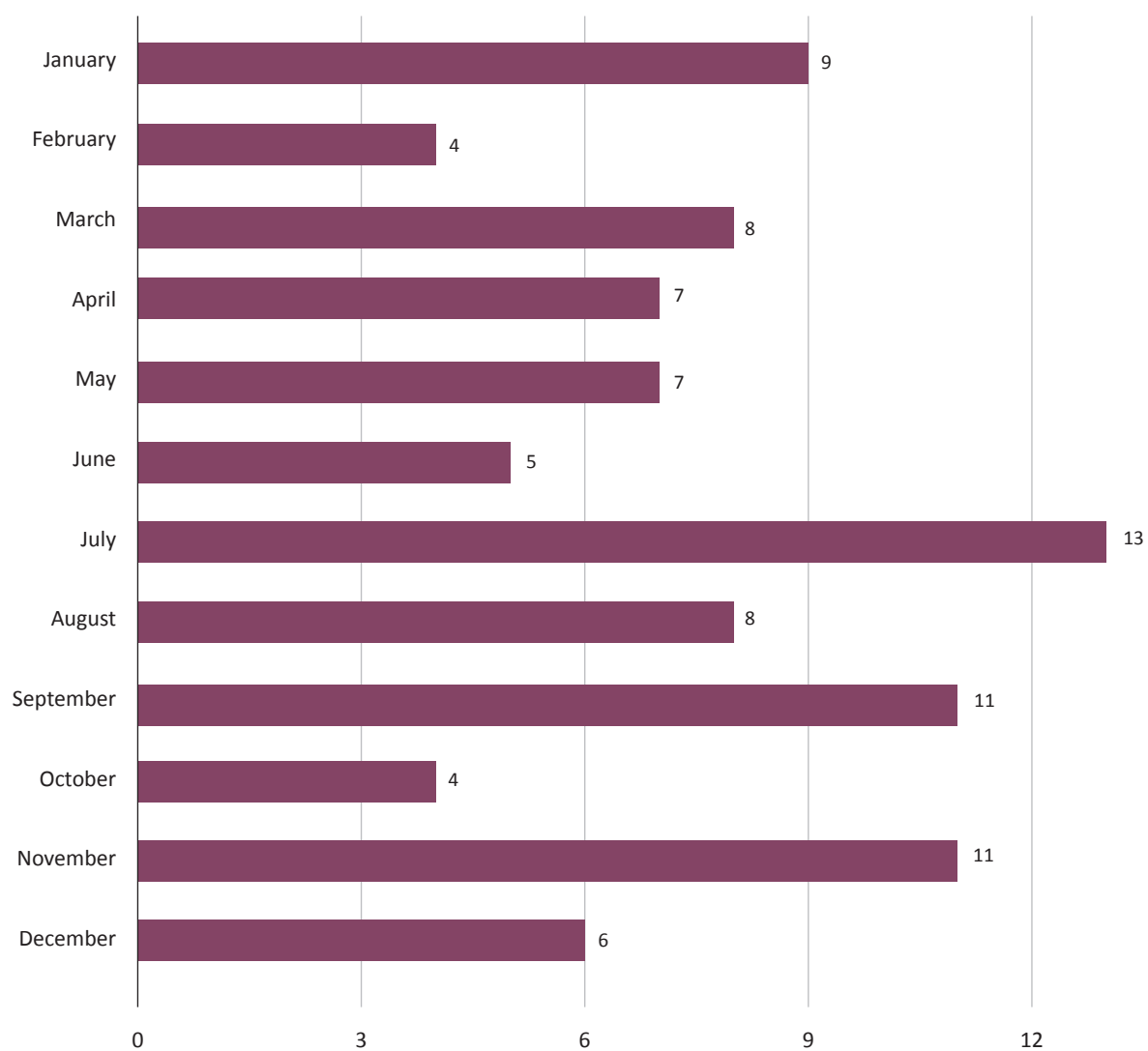
Resembling the trend of previous years, domestic arbitration remains to be an active contributor to the caseload of the AIAC as reflected with a total of 67 cases (88%) recorded in 2022.

Conversely, the AIAC has registered 9 international arbitration cases, with the participations of foreign counterparts from Singapore (4), People's Republic of China (2), Singapore-Germany (1), South Korea (1) and the United Kingdom (1).

Foreign Nationalities in 2022

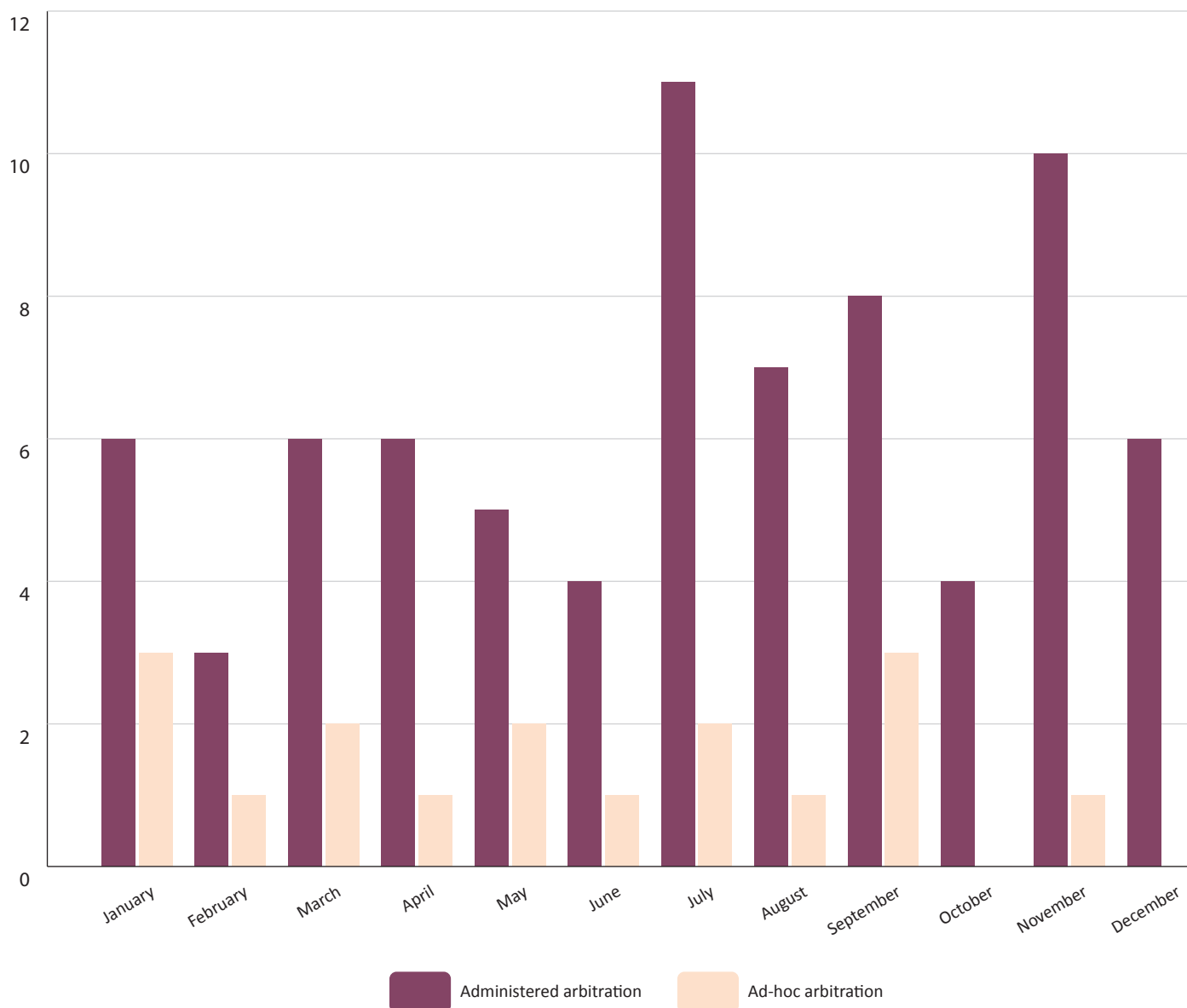


MONTHLY ARBITRATION CASE REGISTRATIONS IN 2022





ADMINISTERED VS AD-HOC MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS



As illustrated in the chart above, July 2022 is the busiest month as the AIAC received a total of 11 administered arbitration and 2 ad-hoc arbitration cases. In contrast, both February and October have recorded the least number of cases registered.

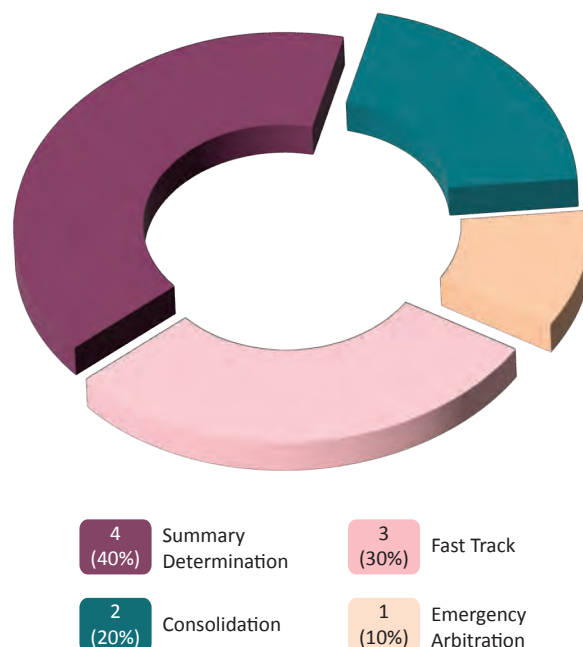
AMOUNT IN DISPUTE

The total amount in dispute for the AIAC-administered arbitration cases was USD17,368,270.74 (RM76,906,702.84 *following the exchange rate on 26th March 2023*). The AIAC experienced a steep decrease in terms of the total quantum in dispute for the AIAC-administered cases compared to the previous year i.e., 2021 which saw it record a total of USD540,239,548.67 (RM2,392,180,721.51 *following the exchange rate on 26th March 2023*).

Year	2020	2021	2022
Amount of Claim	USD2,113,636,522.08 (RM8,491,910,494.51)	USD433,363,301.59 (RM1,852,131,154.24)	USD3,781,550.82 (RM1,061,008,308.03)
Amount of Counter-Claim	USD117,448,841.93 (RM471,871,602.78)	USD106,861,151.82 (RM456,708,880.83)	USD13,586,719.92 (RM111,240,121.47)
Total Amount in Dispute	USD2,231,085,364.02 (RM8,963,782,097.29)	USD540,239,548.67 (RM2,308,840,035.07)	USD17,368,270.74 (RM1,172,248,429.50)
Average Amount in Dispute	USD79,681,620.14 (RM320,135,074.90)	USD12,563,710.43 (RM53,693,954.30)	USD14,343,030.08 (RM60,145,438.49)

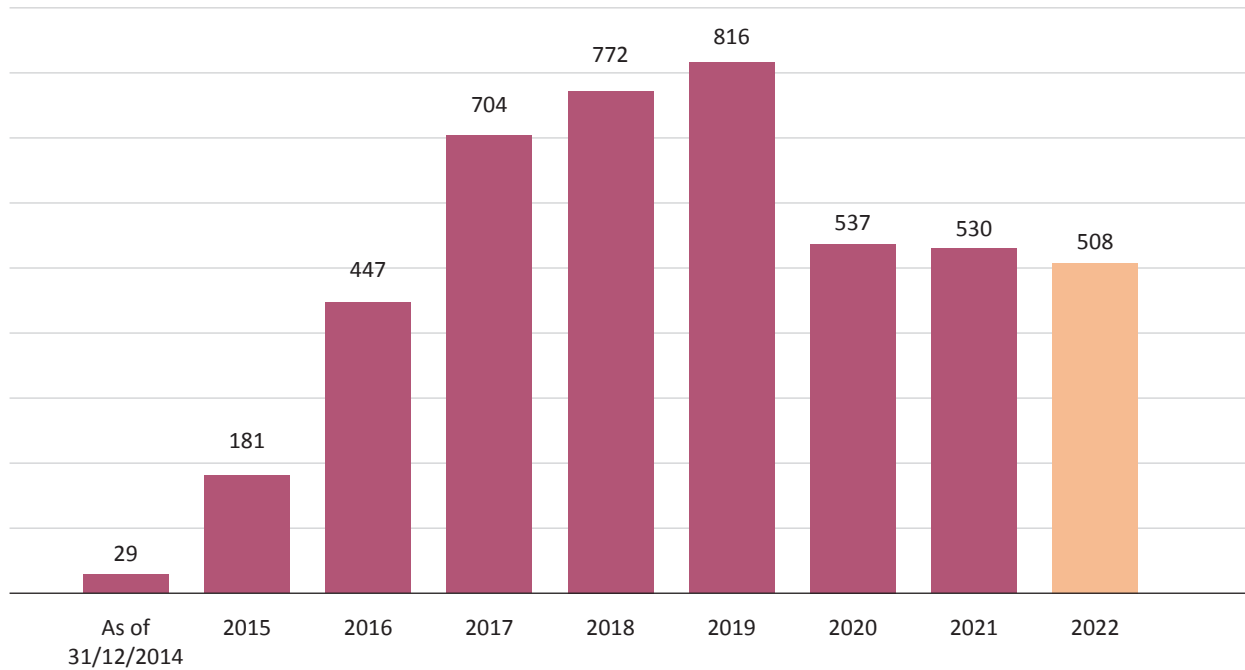
VARIETY OF AIAC-ADMINISTERED ARBITRATION

Among the 76 AIAC-administered arbitration cases, the AIAC has received 4 Summary Determination Requests in 2022, three of which involved domestic arbitration while the remaining one was an international arbitration. This illustrates that the newly introduced feature in the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 is welcomed by ADR practitioners. Additionally, the AIAC also welcomed its first-ever Emergency Arbitration Request, which allowed for the practical application of Rule 17 of the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021.



ADJUDICATION STATISTICS

HISTORICAL CASE REGISTRATION FOR CALENDAR YEARS



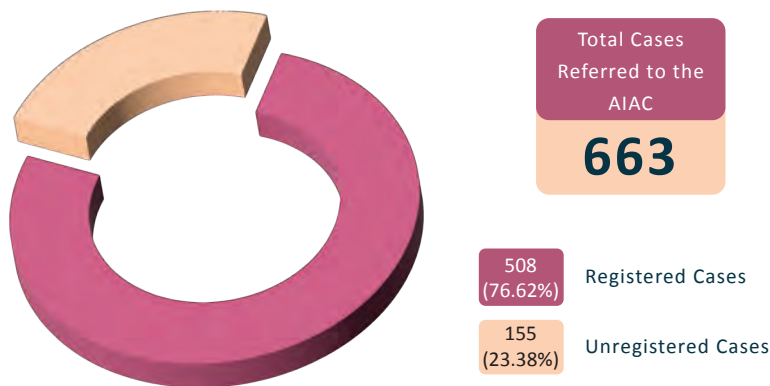
During the 2022 calendar year, the AIAC recorded a total of 508 cases.

There was a slight decrease of 22 cases from the registration made in 2021. However, the

decrease may echo the sentiment amongst industry players for resolution of payment disputes in the construction industry with the absence of the Director of the AIAC which impacted the AIAC's ability to accept

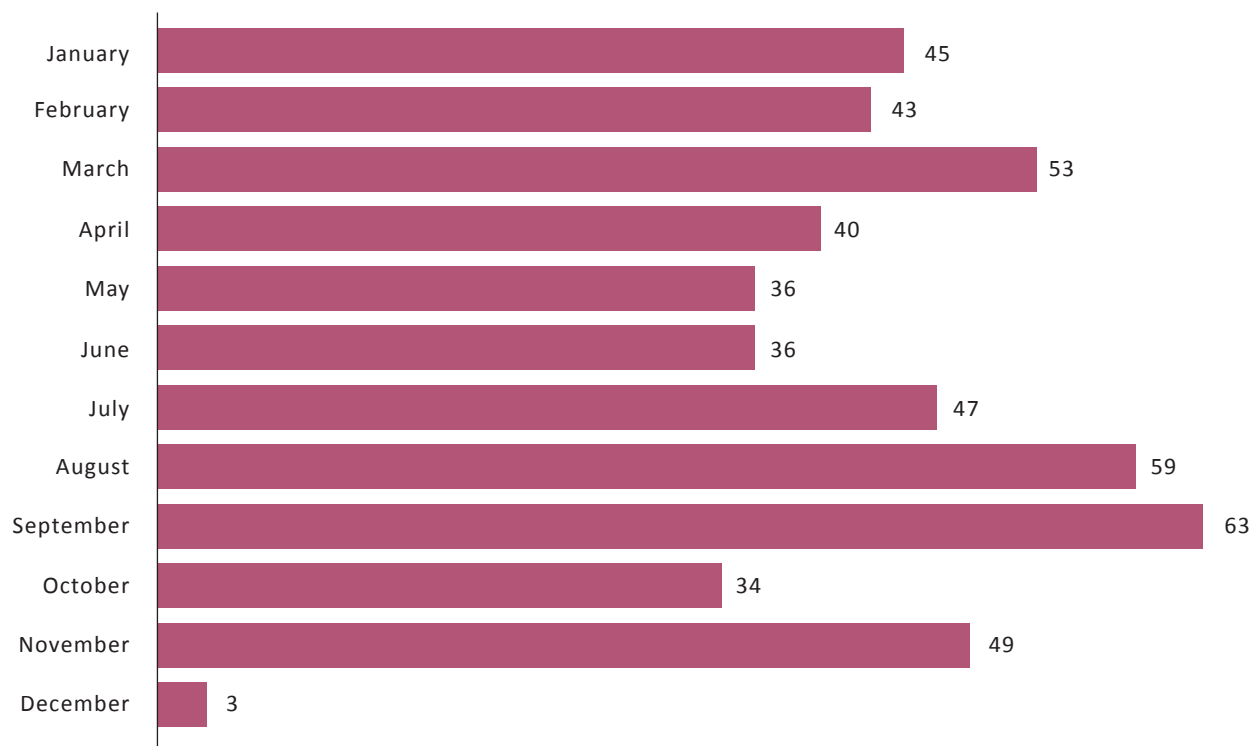
registration of new adjudication proceedings for December 2022.

REGISTERED v PRE-REGISTERED ADJUDICATION CASES IN 2022



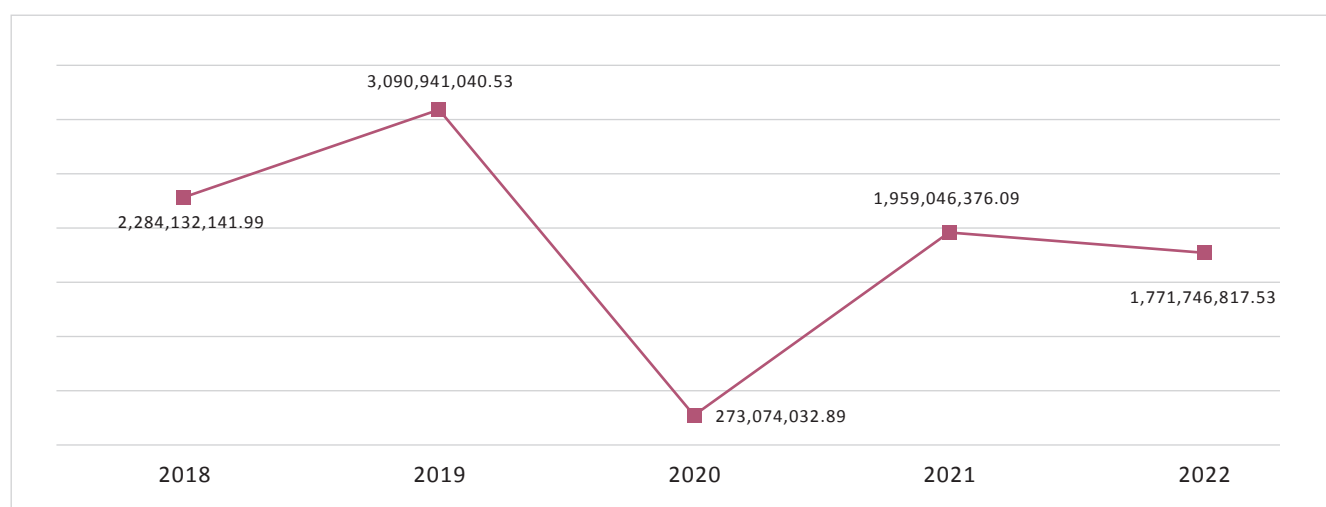
In 2022, the AIAC received a total of 663 adjudication matters for administration. Out of this, the AIAC proceeded to register a total of 508 cases.

MONTHLY ADJUDICATION CASE REGISTRATIONS IN 2022



In 2022, the month of September recorded the highest number of case registrations for adjudication (63). The month of December recorded the lowest number of case registrations (3) which was directly attributable to the absence of the Director at the AIAC that impacted the AIAC's ability to accept the registration of new adjudication proceedings.

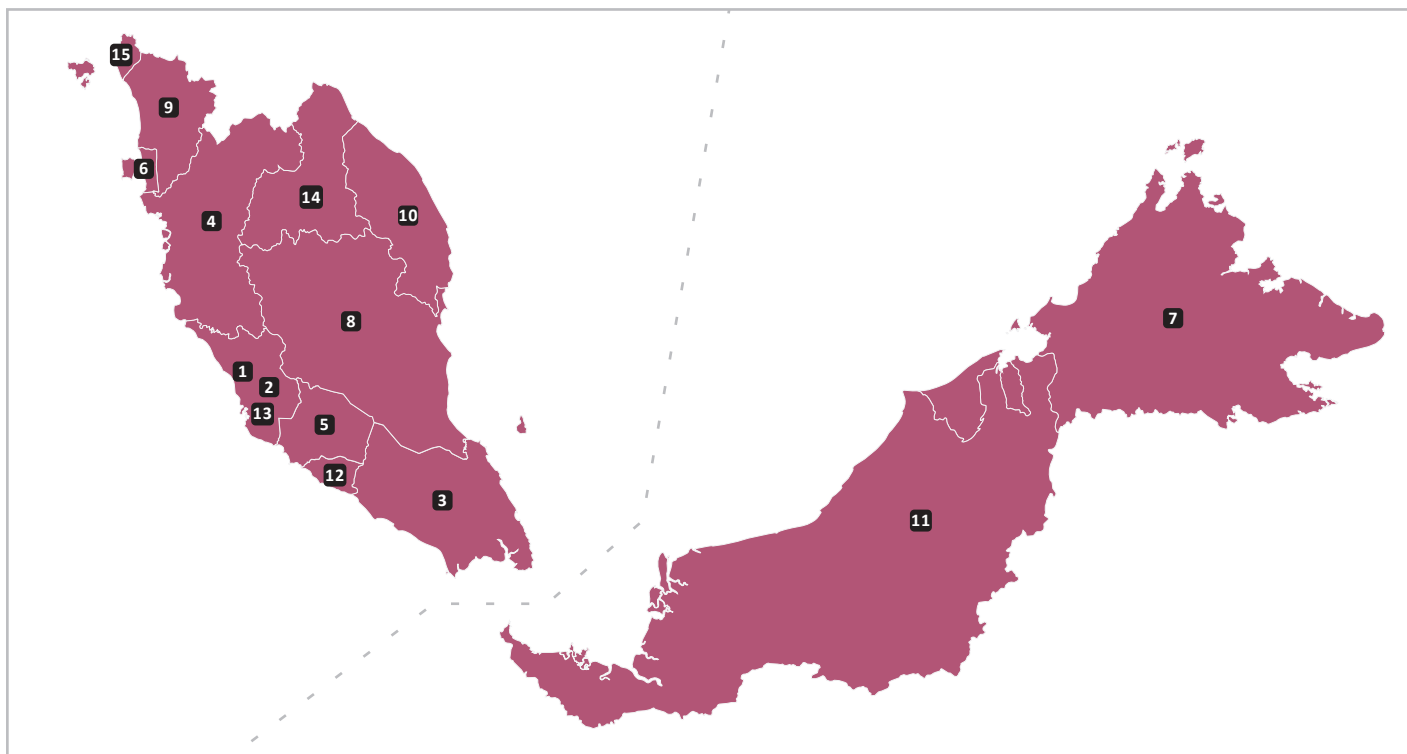
TOTAL QUANTUM OF ADJUDICATED DISPUTES



The total quantum of disputes adjudicated under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA) during the 2022 Calendar Year decreased by RM187,299,558.56, which represents a 0.9% decrease from the total quantum of dispute adjudicated in 2021.

PROJECT SITE LOCATIONS

From the 508 registered matters in 2022, 252 of them had their project site located in Malaysia's Klang Valley vicinity, specifically the states of Selangor (127) the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur (117) and Putrajaya (8), therein constituting 49.6%. The southern state of Johor had the next number of highest registrations (76), that is approximately 14.96% of the total registrations.



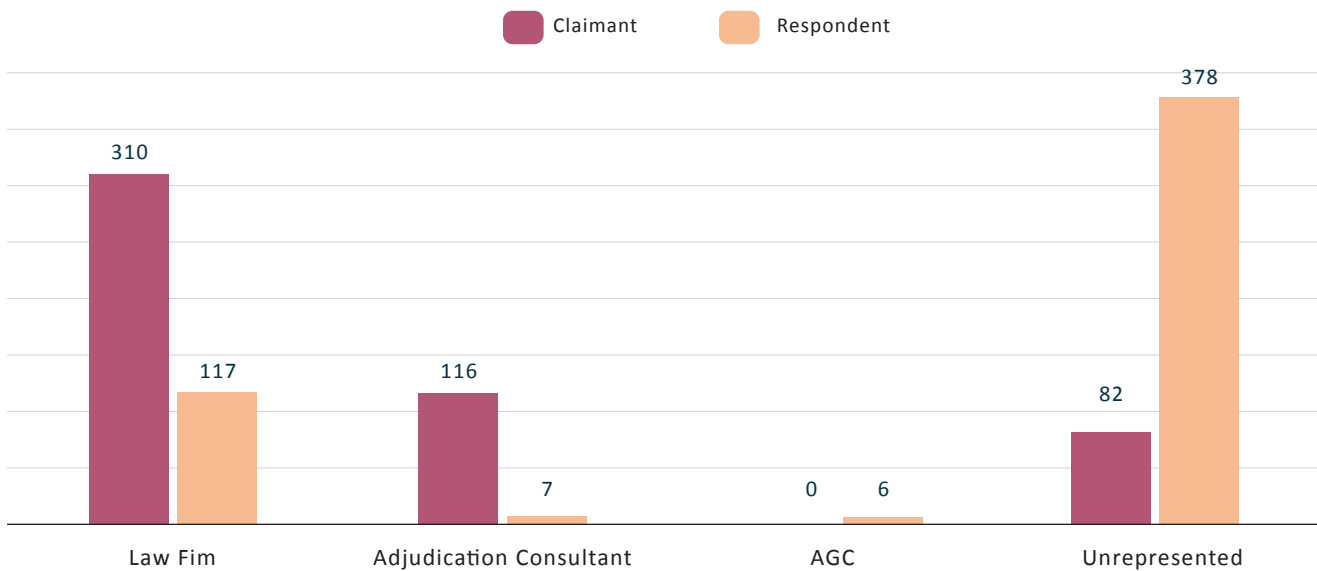
	PROJECT SITE LOCATION	2022	2021	2020
1	Selangor	127	111	134
2	Kuala Lumpur	117	123	99
3	Johor	76	107	92
4	Perak	27	30	29
5	Negeri Sembilan	26	14	27
6	Penang	24	25	29
7	Sabah	19	27	18
8	Pahang	18	16	21
9	Kedah	17	13	16
10	Terengganu	16	12	10
11	Sarawak	14	18	14
12	Melaka	12	17	26
13	Putrajaya	8	9	9
14	Kelantan	6	7	9
15	Perlis	1	1	3

FOREIGN NATIONALITIES

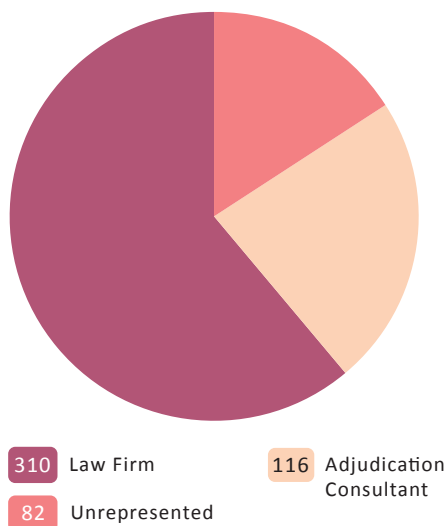
There are no proceedings which concerned foreign parties, i.e. non-Malaysian, in 2022.

PARTIES REPRESENTATIVES

In 2022, the primary categories for parties' representatives were law firms, adjudication consultants, Attorney General's Chamber ("AGC") and individuals or self-represented parties.

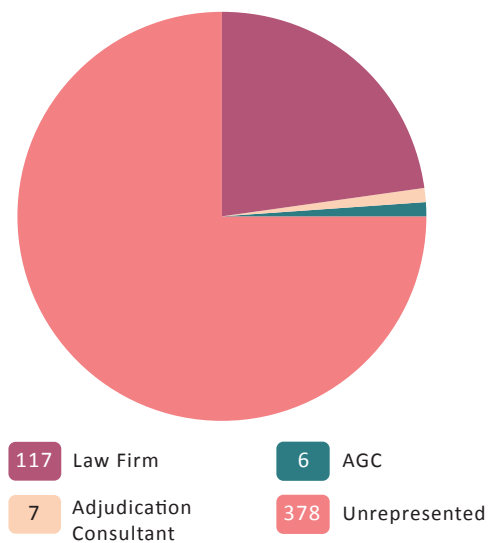


Conversion of numbers into percentages results in the following observations:



Claimants' Representatives:

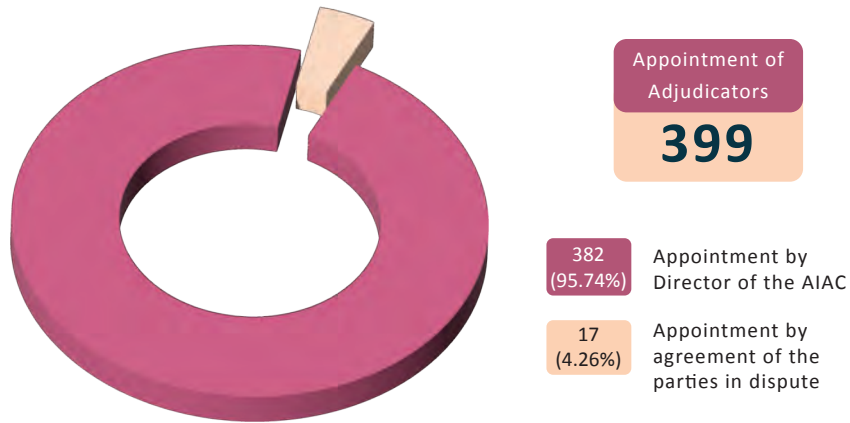
- 61.02% were represented by law firms
- 22.83% were represented by construction industry consultants
- 16.14% were unrepresented or self-represented



Respondents' Representatives:

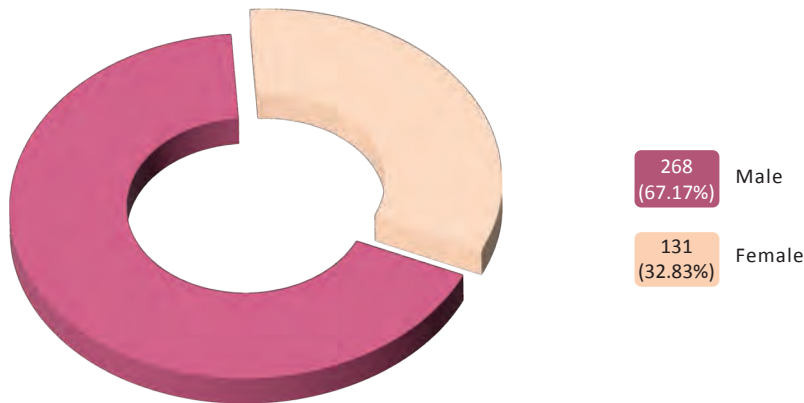
- 74.41%, that is three quarter, were unrepresented or self-represented
- 23.03% were represented by law firms
- 1.38% were represented by construction industry consultant
- 1.18% were represented by the AGC

APPOINTMENT OF ADJUDICATORS



In 2022, the AIAC recorded a total of 399 individual appointments of adjudicators. Of these, 382 were appointments of adjudicators by the Director of the AIAC and the remaining 17 were appointments by agreement of the parties in dispute. This speaks volumes to the efficiency of the AIAC's case management services.

GENDER DIVERSITY IN ADJUDICATOR APPOINTMENT



Out of the 399 individual appointments of adjudicators, 131 were female (32.83%).

WITHDRAWAL

In 2022, the AIAC recorded 33 cases of withdrawal. One of the main reasons the Claimant's withdrawal of their case was due to the Parties reaching a settlement before the completion of adjudication proceedings.

MEDIATION STATISTICS

MEDIATIONS REFERRED TO THE AIAC IN 2022

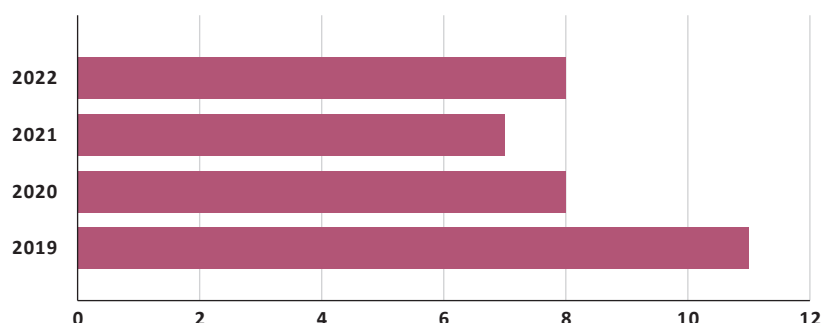
In 2022, a total of 5 mediation matters were referred to the AIAC. Out of the 5, 1 matter proceeded with the appointment of a mediator.

2020		2021		2022	
PFC	Registered	PFC	Registered	PFC	Registered
0	4	0	8	4	1

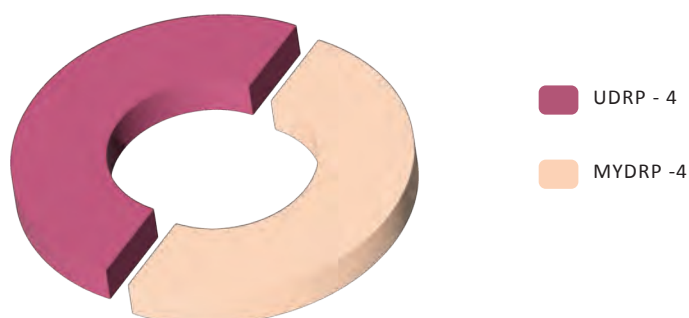
DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE RESOLUTION STATISTICS

APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR DOMAIN NAME MATTERS IN 2022

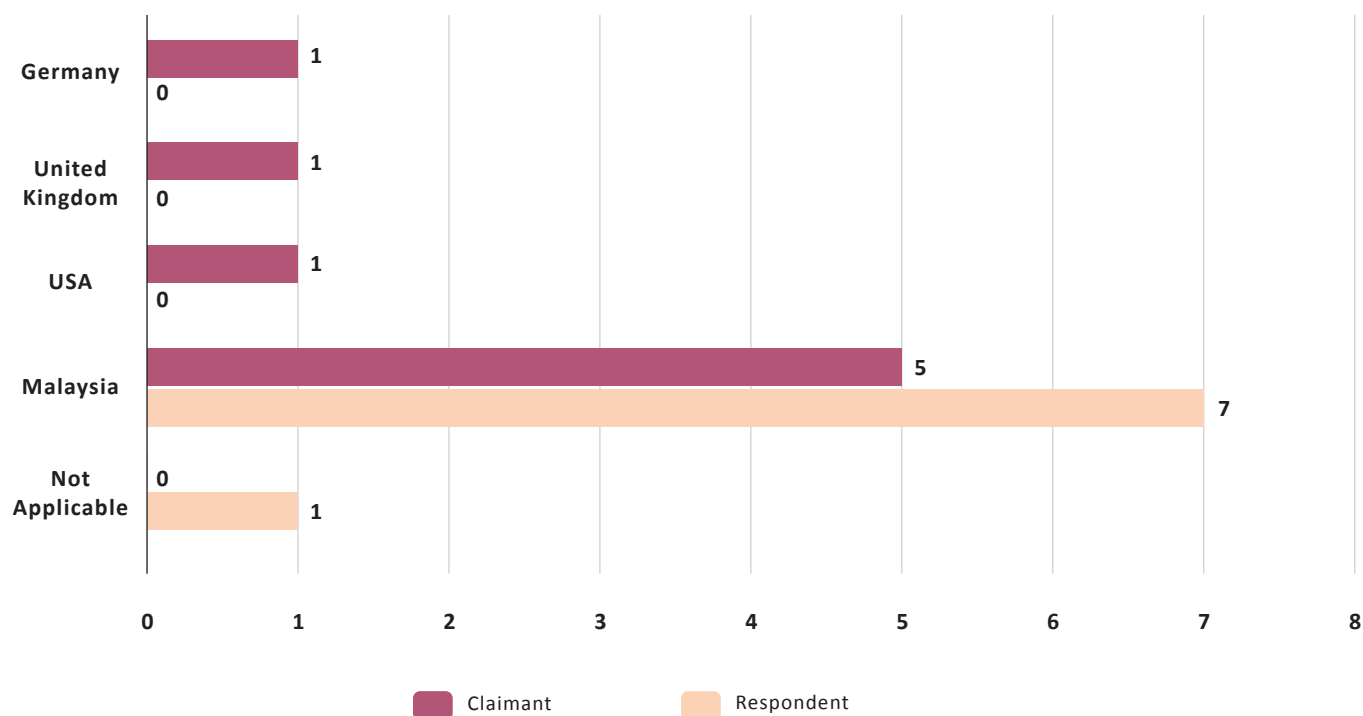
A total of 8 domain name appointments were made in 2022, which is slightly higher than those made in 2021. Such appointments include both matters administered by the AIAC under the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC) as well as cases under the Malaysian Network Information Centre (MYNIC) Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy.



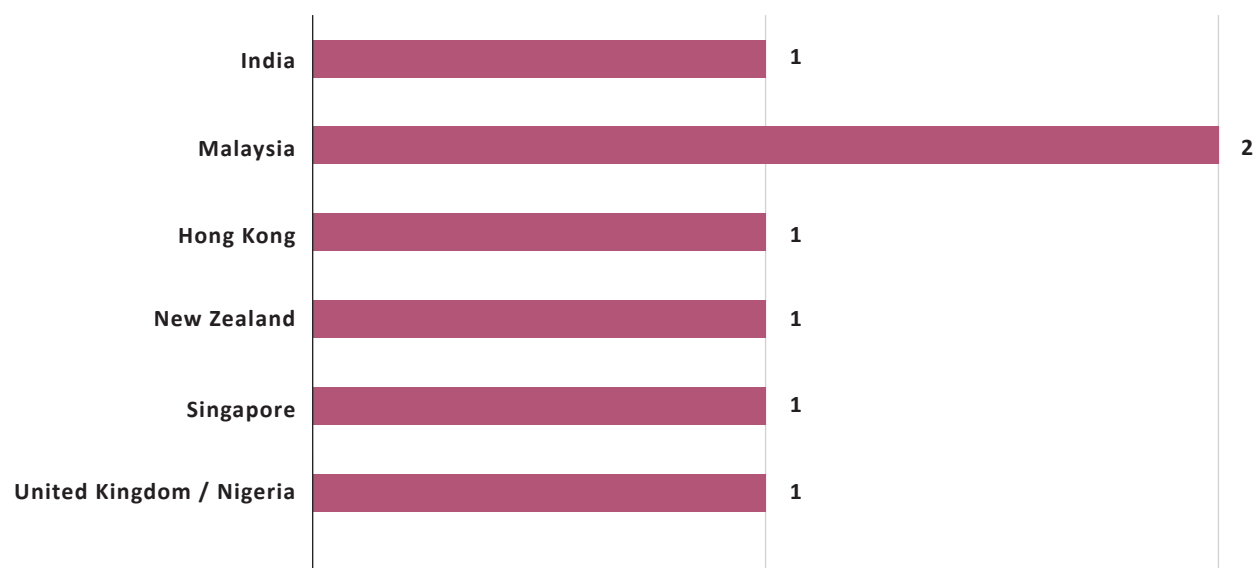
CATEGORIES OF DOMAIN NAME MATTERS IN 2022



GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGINS OF PARTIES IN DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE RESOLUTION MATTERS IN 2022



GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGINS OF PANELLIST IN DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE RESOLUTION MATTERS IN 2022



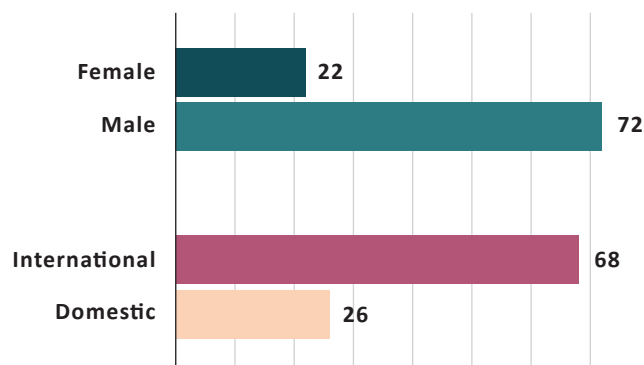
EMPANELMENT IN 2022

The year of 2022 has recorded a total empanelment of 173 dispute resolution professionals. The AIAC is delighted to welcome 95 international as well as 78 domestic dispute resolution professionals as part of our panellist.

	2022	New Total
Arbitrators	94	1441
Adjudicators	15	652
Mediators	61	502
DNDR Panellists	3	78

TOTAL ARBITRATORS EMPANELLED IN 2022

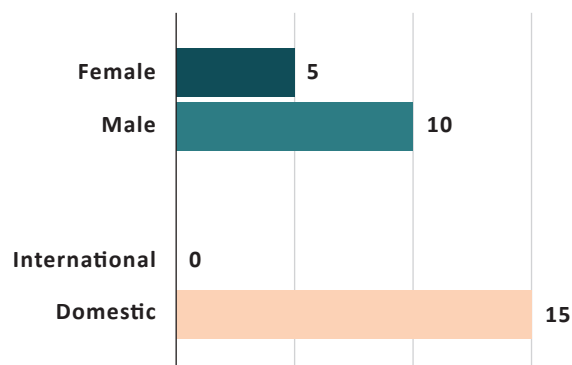
Diversity in Arbitrator
Empanelment in 2022



In 2022, the AIAC empanelled 94 arbitrators which accumulates to a total of 1441 arbitrators.

TOTAL ADJUDICATORS EMPANELLED IN 2022

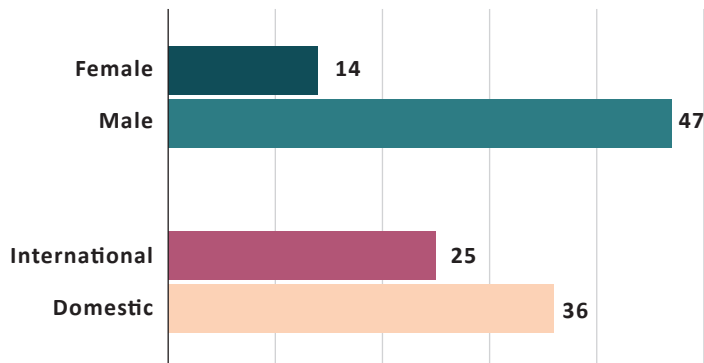
Diversity in Adjudicator
Empanelment in 2022



In 2022, the AIAC empanelled 15 adjudicators. This has led to a total of 652 adjudicators empanelled with the AIAC.

TOTAL MEDIATORS EMPANELLED IN 2022

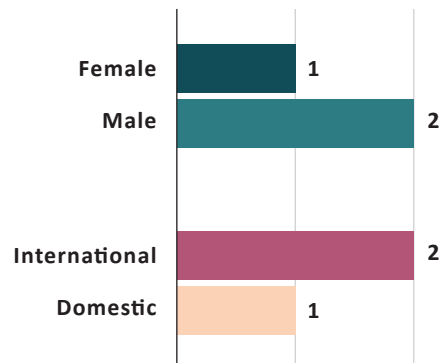
Diversity in Mediator
Empanelment in 2022



The AIAC empanelled 61 mediators in 2022. This has contributed to a rise in the total number of mediators to 502 empanelled with the AIAC.

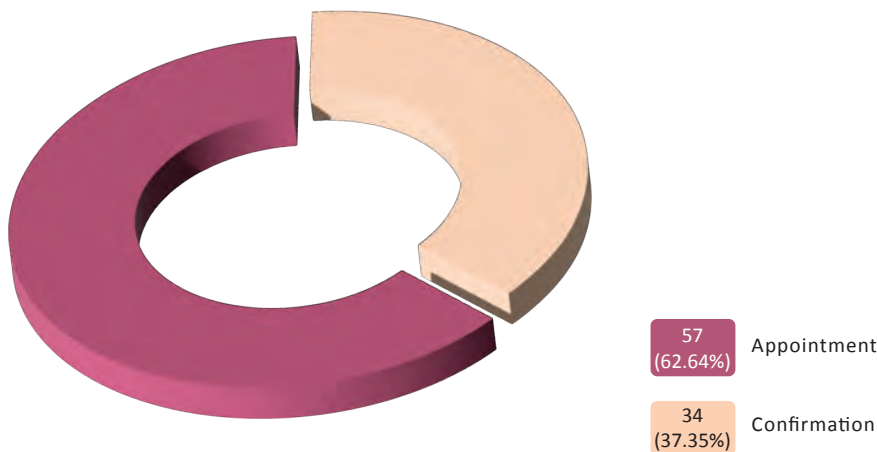
TOTAL DNDR PANELLISTS EMPANELLED IN 2022

Diversity in DNDR Panellist
Empanelment in 2022



In 2022, the AIAC empanelled 3 DNDR panellists. This brings to a total of 78 DNDR panellists empanelled with the AIAC.

APPOINTMENT & CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATORS IN 2022

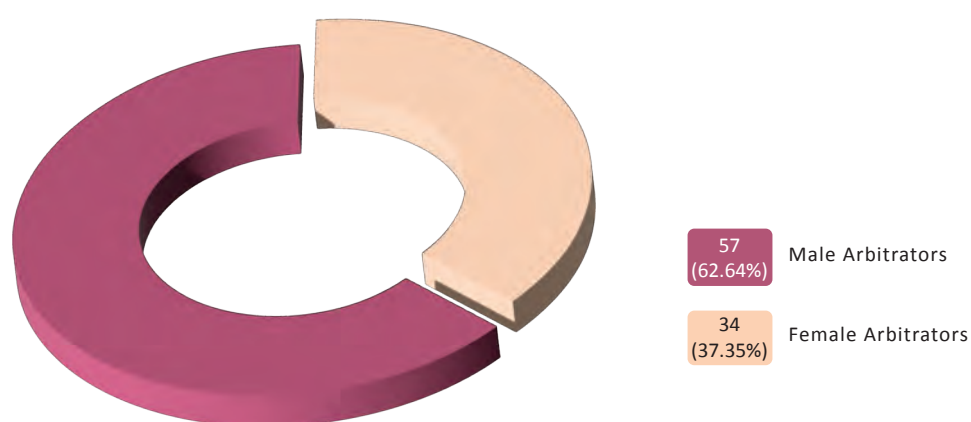


In 2022, the Director of the AIAC has undertaken a total of 91 arbitrator appointments and confirmations. Out of the 91 arbitrators, 57 of them were individual appointment while the remaining 34 involved the confirmation of arbitrators by the Director. Based on the statistics above, the AIAC recorded a decrease of 30.53% in the number of appointments and confirmations as compared to 2021. The decline could potentially be attributable to the liquidity crisis faced by companies post COVID-19, which in effect reduced the number of arbitration proceedings.

APPOINTMENT & CONFIRMATION OF NEWLY EMPANELLED ARBITRATORS IN 2022

In keeping with the AIAC's commitment towards ensuring equal opportunity in the appointment process for arbitration cases, we are pleased to highlight that 37 new arbitrators have received their first appointment, respectively, by the Director of the AIAC in 2022.

GENDER DIVERSITY IN APPOINTMENT & CONFIRMATION OF CONFIRMED ARBITRATORS IN 2022



From the 91 appointments and confirmations of arbitrators in 2022, the AIAC note that 34 of them (equivalent to 37.35%) were female arbitrators. This is a significant milestone achieved by the AIAC as compared to the appointment of female arbitrators in 2021, which

only constituted 14.5% of the total appointment and confirmation. Such improvement sets a good reflection of the continuous effort undertaken by the AIAC in embracing gender diversity as a goal in our empanelment programme.

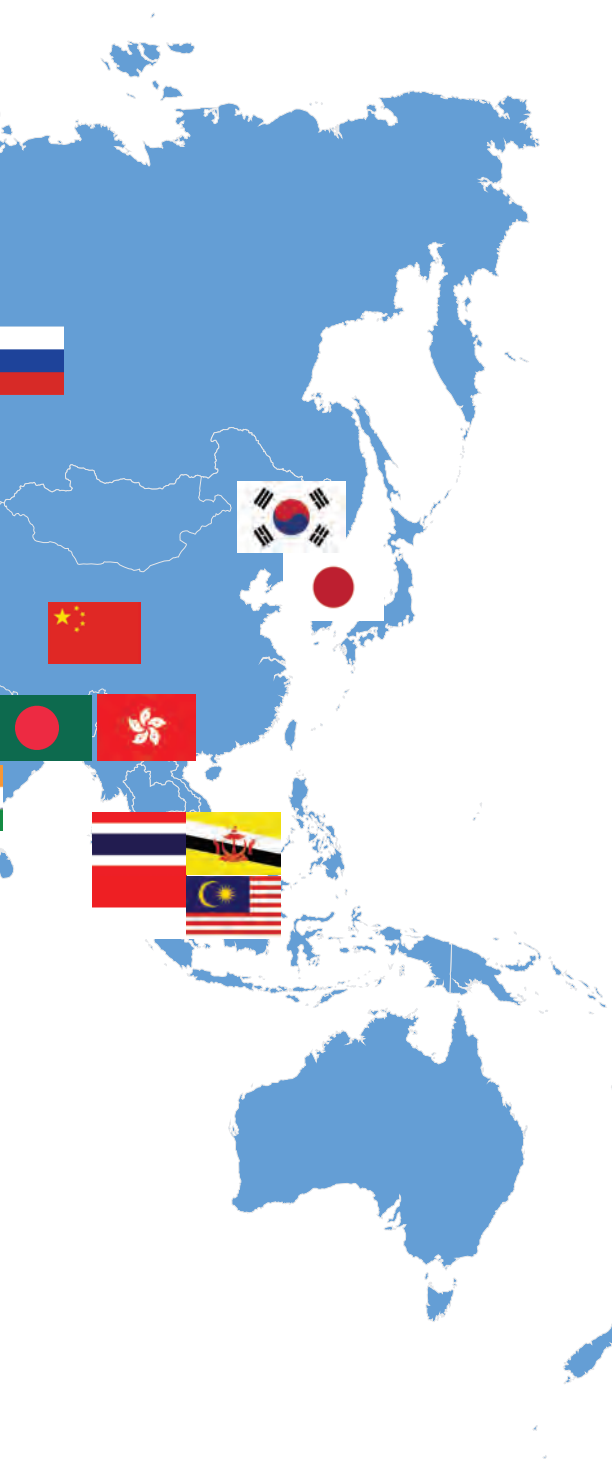
NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND GLOBAL COOPERATION





STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS





- Abu Dhabi Global Market Arbitration Centre (ADGMAC)
- ARIAS Asia
- Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC)
- Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)
- Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Center (BIAMC)
- Badan Arbitrase Nasional Indonesia (BANI)
- Bangladesh International Arbitration Center (BIAC)
- Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)
- Beijing International Arbitration Center
- Bogota Chamber of Commerce Arbitration and Conciliation Centre
- Bombay Chamber of Commerce, India
- Brunei Darussalam Network Information Centre Sdn Bhd (BNNIC)
- Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)
- Camara Oficial de Comercio (La camara)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Center
- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Centre for Mediation and Conciliation (CMC)
- Dorsett Regency Hotel (M) Sdn Bhd
- Hainan Arbitration Commission (HAC)
- Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS)
- International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law (IMSML)
- Invest KL
- Islamic Finance Lawyers (ISFIN)
- International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
- Japan International Dispute Resolution Centre (JIDRC)
- Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC)
- Kobe University
- Korea Internet Address Dispute Resolution Committee (KIDRC)
- Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA)
- Malaysian Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA)
- Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb)
- Mona International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation Limited
- Multimedia University (MMU)
- Monash University
- Opus 2
- Russian Arbitration Association (RAA)
- Russian Asian Legal Association (RALA)
- Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)
- Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (SHIAC)
- Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)
- Taylor's University
- Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC)
- The Arbitrators, Mediators and Dispute Board Chambers (ArbDB)
- The Asian Football Confederation (AFC)
- The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM)
- The British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre (BCICAC)
- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) (Malaysia Branch)
- The International Arbitration Institute of The University of Miami School of Law
- The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- The Jamaica International Arbitration Centre (JAIAC)
- The Shariah International Commercial Arbitration Centre
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2022 HIGHLIGHTS





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OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE AIAC ACADEMY

On 11th January 2022, the Asian International Arbitration Centre (“AIAC”) launched its AIAC Academy (“Academy”) to further its the mandate of continuous and sustainable development in the practice of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) and expand its repertoire of ADR products and services. The event was inaugurated by YB Datuk Wira Hajah Mas Ermieyati binti Samsudin (former Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Parliament and Law)), accompanied by introductory speeches delivered by YABhg. Tun Richard Malanjum, former Rector of the AIAC Academy, and YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar, former Director of the AIAC.

Following its official launch, the Academy organised a panel discussion titled “To Learn and Re-learn: Continuing ADR Education as the Way Forward”. The session discussed the importance of ADR education in creating an environment for future practitioners in Malaysia. The panel, composed of, YBhg.

Dato’ Varghese George, and Ir. Harbans Singh KS, provided insights on their experiences serving as counsel, arbitrator, and mediator in different matters.

Some of the Academy’s seminars and workshops planned throughout 2022 include the AIAC Arbitration-in-Practice Workshop series, the AIAC Adjudicators CCD Workshop series, the AIAC Mediation Skills Workshop series, the AIAC i-Arbitration Learning series, and the AIAC CIPAA Certificate in Adjudication. The Academy has also expanded its reach to organise certificate programmes with respective specialisations for interested practitioners.

For the year 2023, the AIAC is steadfast in fulfilling its mandate by extending and developing its capacity building initiatives, adding new events and workshops and partnering with other ADR training institutions.



LAUNCH OF THE COMMENTARY TO THE AIAC ARBITRATION RULES 2021 AND i-ARBITRATION RULES 2021

May 2022 saw the launch of the Commentaries to the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 and AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021 (collectively “2021 Rules”). The ceremony was officiated by YABhg. Tun Arifin bin Zakaria, Chairman of the AIAC Advisory Council (2020 – 2022), in the presence of YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar, former Director of the AIAC.

The AIAC noted the re-burgeoning of trade and commerce easing back into normalcy post-pandemic which required a thorough understanding of arbitral processes as a means of dispute resolution. In light of the above, the Commentaries to the 2021 Rules (“Commentaries”) were introduced to provide our stakeholders with insight into

the motivation behind the changes that are seen in our revised products which saw the exponential growth of caseload administered under the 2021 Rules. Professionals from across the globe provided valuable feedback on different segments of the Commentaries and this allowed the AIAC to take a multi-jurisdictional approach to enhance the applicability of the 2021 Rules.

Some of the areas covered by the Commentaries include case management issues encountered by the AIAC’s Legal Services department in the administration of cases and measures taken to address such issues. The Commentaries explore in detail, the key features of the 2021 Rules and enlighten users on how to optimally utilise

the same. The Commentary to the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 contains, among others, checklists which bolster the utility of the aforementioned Rules in furtherance to the various Circulars, Code of Conduct for Arbitrators, and Recommended Good Practices that the AIAC has published over the years.

The AIAC hopes that the launch of the Commentaries will continue to provide world-class institutional support for the conduct of domestic and international arbitration proceedings that are indispensable for ADR practitioners utilising the 2021 Rules.

AIAC CERTIFICATE IN ADJUDICATION PROGRAMME 2022

As part of the AIAC Academy's ongoing commitment as the adjudication administrative authority under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 ("CIPAA"), three AIAC Certificate in Adjudication programmes were held in the months of March, August, and November of 2022 in view to provide construction practitioners a structured, concise, and holistic course on the fundamentals, procedure, and regulations on statutory adjudication in Malaysia under CIPAA.

The March 2022 programme was held for its first time wholly, with lectures and sessions conducted via Zoom. The exam itself was held

at the AIAC's Bangunan Sulaiman and at Kuching, Sarawak. The August 2022 edition on the other hand was expanded and conducted specifically to ADR professionals in East Malaysia, with the programme conducted in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The November 2022 programme was a fully physical event held in our Bangunan Sulaiman.

Through this Programme, participants who had successfully completed the course and passed both examinations formulated and examined by the faculty members are welcomed to apply to be empanelled with the AIAC as Adjudicator.



AIAC EVENING TALK SERIES

The AIAC's Evening Talk Series is a programme that aims to provide a conducive environment for practitioners, scholars, and professionals from various backgrounds to discourse about milestones and recent developments in the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) realm.

In 2022, after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions thereto, the AIAC Evening Talk Series returned stronger than ever. Spanning across several evenings, the AIAC organised several interesting discussions on various subject matters which included the possible applicability of res judicata in international arbitration, joint venture disputes,

Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) issues, and document disclosure and expert evidence. The 2022 sessions are enumerated hereafter:

- Res Judicata in Arbitration (17th June 2022)
-The session delved into how much the res judicata doctrine applies in international arbitration, with a particular focus on its effect on the prohibition of re-opening a previous tribunal's findings.
- Joint Venture Arbitrations: Your Divorce, Your Way? (And More) (28th July 2022)
-The panel discussed international arbitration in the context of "divorce court" for joint venture disputes

between international companies and their local partners.

- The Interplay Between ESG Issues & Investment Treaty Arbitration (26th October 2022)
-The session addressed the ever-increasing significance of ESG issues in investments and policy-making.
- Document Disclosure and Expert Evidence in Commercial Arbitration (17th November 2022)
-The session examined the situations whereby document disclosure and expert evidence may consume time and money that are disproportionate to their utility.

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AIAC ADR JOURNAL

The AIAC is pleased to report the success of its inaugural publication of the first two volumes of a new open-access journal titled 'AIAC Alternative Dispute Resolution Journal'. Since the AIAC announced the Call for Papers on 8th October 2021, a total of 31 skilled practitioners and experts in Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") participated in the initiative as peer reviewers. 2022 saw a successful session with the following members of the Peer Review Board:

1. Alastair Henderson, *Herbert Smith Freehills*
2. Ir. Albert Yeu Yu Shen, *AECOM*
3. Andrew Mackenzie, *DLA Piper*
4. Dato' Andri Aidham Badri, *Kadir Andri & Partners*
5. Arun S. Prabhu, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas*
6. Bahari Yeow Tien Hong, *Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership*
7. Tan Sri Dato' Cecil W.M. Abraham, *Cecil Abraham & Partners*
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14. Holly Blackwell, *King & Wood Mallesons*
15. Ivan Loo, *SKRINE*
16. Jainil Bhandari, *Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP*
17. Prof. James Claxton, *Claxton IDR*
18. Lam Wai Loon, *Harold & Lam Partnership*
19. Lambert Rasa-Ratnam, *Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill*
20. Lim Tat, *Aequitas Law LLP*
21. Mohamed Ridza Mohamed Abdullah, *Mohamed Ridza & Co*
22. Nick De Marco KC, *Blackstone Chambers*
23. Sr. Nik Hasbi Fathi, *NHF Consult*
24. Paul J. Hayes KC, *39 Essex Chambers*
25. Peter Godwin, *Herbert Smith Freehills*
26. Philip Teoh, *Azmi & Associates*
27. Dr. Sivasangaran Nadarajah, *S. Nadarajah & Co*
28. Steven Lim, *39 Essex Chambers*
29. Vasantha Stesin, *Stesin Legal*
30. Wesley Pang, *Eversheds Sutherland*

Volume One featured five articles covering a variety of topics on ADR, credits to the contributors which includes Long Chay Jo (*MH Law*), Ir. Lai Sze Ching (*Lai Teh Adjudication & Arbitration Chamber Plt*), A. Rangarajan + Akshat Trivedi (*Symbiosis Law School*), Wong Weng Long @ John Wong

(*Charlton Martin, Construction Contract Consultants*), and Jacob Chong Sun Keong (*JC Contracts Advisory*).

Volume Two consisted of four articles covering topics including issues that were discussed at one of the AIAC's Evening Talks series – Res Judicata in Arbitration. Additionally, Volume Two also included the winner of the AIAC's YPG Essay Competition 2022 which saw a rising interest in investment arbitration, especially from students and practitioners. Contributors for Volume Two include Chan Leng Sun SC (*Duxton Hill Chambers*), Joseph Dyke (*McNair International*), Prof. Dr. Lee. C. G. John (*Renmin University of China*), and Raphael Ren (*Lim Chee Wee Partnership*).

The AIAC is steadfast in its commitment to serve as an accessible platform for ADR knowledge-sharing professionals in accordance with scholarly standards. As such it provides, amongst others, an accurate, comprehensive, and reliable compendium of ADR literature. The journals may be accessed here <https://www.aiac.world/Publications->. The AIAC also takes this opportunity to invite all ADR practitioners, research scholars, academicians, and jurists, from both within and outside the legal community to submit their papers for Volume Three.

AIAC ASIA ADR WEEK



The AIAC Asia ADR Week ("ADR Week 2022") is the AIAC's annual flagship event organised to navigate and reflect the recent developments in the ADR domain, both regionally and globally. The event was conducted in a hybrid mode with speakers and attendees participating both physically and virtually via the Brella platform throughout the six-day conference. With the theme titled "Compassus: The Odyssean Course to Modern ADR", the voyage of the Asia ADR Week 2022 was successfully conducted between the 3rd to 8th of October 2022.

The theme was inspired from the classic literature of Homer's Odyssey as the tale was taken as an allegory of the AIAC's role in the voyage through the uncharted terrains of the ADR domain. In line with the theme, the ADR Week 2022 showcased how, through the Odyssean journey, the AIAC has served as a compass to guide practitioners, stakeholders, and businesses in finding the most comprehensive and efficient way to deal with conflict resolution.

The ADR Week 2022 started with the opening ceremony where the former Director of the AIAC, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar delivered his opening remarks, expressing his gratitude to the AIAC's effort that resonates with Odyssean spirit of reliability, guidance, and progress.

Echoing Homer's Odyssey, Tan Sri Suriyadi said in his speech,

"... which chronicles the adventures of Odysseus, who embarked on a decade-long journey to reunite with his kingdom – foretelling a course marked with determination, perseverance, and relentless ambition, the ADR industry has indeed come a long way in establishing itself as a viable, conducive and preferred mode of dispute resolution and the AIAC is proud to accompany its growth."

This was followed by a special address delivered by The Right Honorable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, the Chief Justice of Malaysia whose special address was in synchrony with the theme of the ADR Week 2022 as the roles of both the AIAC as an institution and the Judiciary in preserving justice were eloquently addressed by Her Ladyship.

Thereafter, His Royal Highness Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al Maghfur-Lah, the Sultan of Perak delivered the Keynote Address in which His Royal Highness stated that:

"The peaceful resolution of disputes is one of the hallmarks of a developed and civilized society. By providing a means of resolving disputes outside the Courts, ADR lightens their burden. The mediation, arbitration and conciliation efforts of the AIAC thus make an important contribution to justice and the rule of law in our country, region, and beyond. AIAC provides a structured, interactive process, whereby an impartial third party assists the disputing parties to resolve conflict, using specialised communication and negotiation techniques."

The event featured more than 140 speakers from 6 different continents and it saw the attendance of over 400 participants both in person as well as virtually. In between the conference, the attendees were given the opportunity to join the breakout sessions and networking sessions, both physically and virtually and this allowed them to expand their engagements with stakeholders from various backgrounds within the ADR community.

As a concluding note, ADR Week 2022 was able to spark conversations on legislation, legal developments, and issues affecting the ADR community. The event acted as a conducive environment to encourage creative innovations to overcome the challenges and issues highlighted.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

AIAC SPORTS WEEK 2022

AIAC Sports Week 2022 "Feel the Freedom" - An Unparalleled Sports Extravaganza"



The AIAC Sports Week 2022, held in September 2022, celebrated sports and

National Heroes Take the Stage!

Following the successful run of last year, the AIAC's September Sports Week Series, also known as the "Webinar Series," continued with a series of thought-provoking panel discussions on several key topics in sports dispute resolution. The series included a session on the introduction of the metaverse in sports and a recap of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, and a discussion on pro-bono sports counsels.

In a historic collaboration, the AIAC and the

Special Live Conference

This was followed by a special in person conference titled 'An Ecosystem of Sports: Organising an International Sporting Event' in collaboration with the Olympic Council of Malaysia ('OCM').

The AIAC and OCM brought together an all-star line-up of trailblazers in the world of sports. This session which was moderated by Ms. Lesley Lim of MahWengKwai & Associates, was the ultimate power-hour of expert insights, valuable lessons, and exclusive perspectives on the current and future landscape of sports. The session was opened by HRH Tunku Tan Sri Imran Ibni

embodied the spirit of athletic freedom - "Feel the Freedom." This special edition event of the year highlighted some of the most exciting and unique accomplishments of the past year, from the Winter Olympics, Paralympics, and SEA Games, which took place in a one-of-a-kind sports bubble, to insightful webinars, a live conference, energising fitness sessions, and a AIAC Sports Trivia Night.

The former Director of the AIAC, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar kickstarted the event with his Special Remarks. Thereafter, the keynote address was delivered by Mr. Abdul Salim Ahmed

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Ad Hoc Division teamed up to shed light on the disputed competitions at the Beijing Games. The webinar was a first-of-its-kind event that offered an exclusive look into the challenges faced by the panel in providing swift resolution to disputes related to the Winter Olympic Games. With a line-up of star speakers, including The Honourable Dr. Tricia Kavanagh, Mr. Fabio Iudica, and Mr. Simon Xianyue Bai, moderated by Mr. Benoît Pasquier, this webinar was a true powerhouse of legal expertise and insight. The experts shared their insights on the

Almarhum Tuanku Ja'afar al-Haj, who shared his vision of a sporting nation that is driven by will and mindset, rather than just money. Following that, the National Sports Institute's CEO Mr. Ahmad Faedzal bin Md Ramli took the stage to talk about the impact of technology in sports, while thereafter, Datuk M. Rajasekaran, of Rajasekaran & Co, delved into the topic of sporting disputes, drawing attention to the 2017 SEA Games disputes that were handled by the AIAC. Former Malaysian Olympians' Association president Mr. Karu Selvaratnam, and OCM's COO Ms. Michelle Chai concluded the session by adding their own unique perspectives and experiences in organising international sporting events.

Ibrahim, the Chairman of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Continental Results Management Panel for Asia & Oceania. This was followed by a special tribute and appreciation to our national heroes in the AIAC Sports Week Special 'Meet the Athletes'. This was a special intimate interview conducted by Astro Arena's Football Presenter, Ms. Elli Famira and featured two National athletes namely, Mr. Harinder Sekhon (Malaysian International Cricketer and a two-time World record holder for the "Highest standing jump". and the Highest Seated Box Jump) and Mr. R. Sharmendran (national karate athlete and gold medallist of the Sea Games).

current and future state of sports disputes and the importance of technology in sports arbitration.

Additionally, Mr. Richard Wee and Ms. Susanah Ng, seasoned sports law practitioners, shared their expertise on the pivotal role of Pro-Bono Counsels in the sports industry. They provided an in-depth analysis of the challenges faced by sports personnel and the importance of having legal representation in the specialised field of sports law.

Overall, the AIAC Sports Week 2022 was a spectacular event that brought together a diverse group of sports enthusiasts and industry experts to celebrate the spirit of athletic freedom. From thought-provoking webinars to insightful panel discussions and energising fitness sessions, this event had something for everyone.



AIAC IN VIENNA



In a curtain raiser for the year's annual flagship arbitration moot competition, the 29th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot ('Vis Moot'), the AIAC in partnership with the organisers of the Vis Moot and receiving support from Konrad Partners, whom hosted the event, held a pre-Vis event themed "The AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021: The Vis and Beyond" on 8th March 2022 in Vienna.

This event was one of particular importance to the AIAC as the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 was selected as the arbitral rules of reference for the 29th Vis Moot (Vienna) and

19th Vis East Moot (Hong Kong). The event began with an opening address by the Vis Director, Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll, and a special address by UNCITRAL's Dr. Judith Knieper.

The AIAC then delivered a presentation on the key features of the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 and the AIAC's role as an international arbitral institution. This was shortly followed by a joint panel discussion with representatives from Konrad Partners and other ADR practitioners.

The AIAC in collaboration with the Vienna International Arbitral Centre ("VIAC") also organised a panel discussion titled "A Meeting of Arbitral Institutions: AIAC & VIAC". The discussion centered upon the role that the AIAC and VIAC has adopted in administering dispute avoidance for its global users and the best practices implemented by the respective institutions in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. An overview of the AIAC's and VIAC's arbitration

and mediation framework was also discussed, in addition to its facilities, virtual capabilities and case management framework.

With the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 acting as the procedural rules for the competition, the AIAC was delighted to see such a positive reception from the international community so soon after the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021's publication. The Director of the AIAC attended the competition in Vienna, while the Deputy Director of the AIAC served as the presiding judge for the Hong Kong finals.

The AIAC also participated in an official "Social Bubble" where two social events in conjunction with Vis Moot Vienna were held in Kuala Lumpur. From the large number of teams that participated, the team from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski emerged victorious with the University of Hamburg as 1st Runner Up.

AIAC OUTREACH IN LONDON

Towards the latter end of April 2022, the AIAC was hosted by 39 Essex Chambers at their offices in Chancery Lane, London for an event to introduce the new and improved AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021. The event drew strong participation from lawyers and ADR practitioners in London and saw the AIAC provide an overview on the key features of the revamped Rules which has built upon the previous 2018 edition of the Rules.

The attendees were informed of some of the newly introduced features such as the Summary Determination procedure and provisions relating to the use of third-party funding, guides and definitions, commencement of arbitration and others. The event culminated in an engaging Q&A session with the attendees.

The AIAC delegation then had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Catherine Dixon, Director General of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ("CI Arb") and her colleagues at CI Arb's offices in Bloomsbury Square, London. The AIAC provided a short presentation on the Role of the AIAC and the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021. This was followed by discussions between CI Arb and the AIAC on collaboration and further shared opportunities.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

AIAC OUTREACH IN DUBAI

On 18th November 2022, the AIAC participated in the Dubai Arbitration Week 2022 to strengthen relations with the Middle East region as well as to showcase the potential of the AIAC and its products, namely the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 and AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021 (Islamic Arbitration).

During an exclusive AIAC event hosted by the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Court, His Excellency Justice Tun Dato' Seri Zaki bin Tun Azmi, Chief Justice of the (DIFC) and Former Chief Justice of Malaysia, delivered the Keynote Address followed by the opening remarks by His Excellency Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi, Court of Appeal Judge & Chair of Arbitration Division of the DIFC Courts.

H.E. Justice Tun Dato' Seri Zaki elaborated on the provision for reference to Shariah Councils as a significant innovation in the development of arbitral rules and procedures. The process of making such a reference further promotes party autonomy in which the Parties can elect any Shariah authority to ascertain issues or points which have not been decided upon, in their respective jurisdictions.

The first session, titled "Rethinking Islamic Arbitration: Cohesion of Shariah Principles in AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021", was



moderated by Prof. Dr. Georges Affaki (AFFAKI) and featured a panel of esteemed speakers, namely Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab (Zulficar & Partners), Mr. Richard Little (Eversheds Sutherland), and Ms. Sharifah Shazuwin (AIAC). The panel expanded upon the Chief Justice's points and illuminated the audience on the benefits of adopting the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021 (Islamic Arbitration) from the perspective of the Rules Revision Committee members and practitioners in the field.

The AIAC had the opportunity to present before an audience comprising of members from diverse backgrounds and we were privileged to hear queries raised by them on Islamic Arbitration. Many of the attendees were based in the United Arab Emirates and we also celebrate those who attended from Australia, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, India, Jordan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

As for the second session, titled A Sign of the



Times: Bringing Expediency Back to International Arbitration, attendees witnessed a presentation on the benefits of expediency through Rule 8 of the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 on Fast Track Procedures, Rule 19 on Summary Determination, and Rule 18 on Emergency Arbitration.

The former Director of the AIAC, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar highlighted the efficiency expected through the use of these features and this was followed by a dialogue between Dr. Hassan Arab (Al-Tamimi & Co), Mr. Gretchen Siow (AIAC), and Mr. Sayf Eddine Essadik (AIAC) on the potential of the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021.

Both events received overwhelming support with a maximum capacity registered attendees. The AIAC also had the opportunity to network with various stakeholders throughout the DAW 2022. This success is indicative that the AIAC has a true potential in the Middle East and this would account for further marketing strategies in that region.

AIAC ACADEMY WORKSHOPS

AIAC Arbitration-in-Practice (AIP) Workshop Series

In 2022, the AIAC Academy launched its 2nd edition of the Arbitration-in-Practice ("AIP") Workshop Series 2022 in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Malaysia Branch) ("CIArb Malaysia Branch"). The AIP Workshop Series was formulated in a lecture-tutorial format led by selected senior and prominent arbitrators and practitioners as lecturers and tutors. The workshop series was designed to cater to both first-timers and seasoned arbitral practitioners. The entire workshop series was composed of eight workshops and took place between the months of April to November 2022 as follows:

- "Impartiality, Independence, Availability, Duties and Obligations of an Arbitrator" (16th April 2022) (Speakers: Dato' Nitin Nadkarni & Ms. Asya Jamaludin; Tutors: Ms. Nereen Kaur Veriah & Mr. Mak Hon Pan)
- "Jurisdictional Issues and Challenges to the Arbitral Tribunal" (14th May 2022) (Speakers: Tan Sri Dato' Cecil W. M. Abraham, Mr. Rajendra Navaratnam & Mr. Francis Xavier SC ; Tutors: Mr. Avinash Pradhan, Ms. Elaine Yap & Ms. Janice Tay)
- "Preliminary Meeting and Pre-hearing Considerations & Powers of the Arbitral Tribunal" (4th June 2022) (Speakers: Datuk D.P. Naban, Mr. Nahendran Navaratnam & Ms. Donna Ross; Tutors: Mr. Foo Joon Liang, Ms. Victoria Loi & Mr. Shannon Rajan)
- "Joinders and Consolidation" (2nd July 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Kamraj Nayagam & Ms. K. Shanti Mogan; Tutors: Mr. Aniz Ahmad Amirudin & Ms. Tan Min Lee)
- "Interim Measures and Emergency Arbitrators" (6th August 2022)

(Speakers: Mr. Mohanadass Kanagasabai & Mr. Lim Tuck Sun; Tutors: Datin Chu Ai Li & Ms. Vatsala Ratnasabapathy)

- *“Conduct of Hearings & Witness Examination”* (3rd September 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Chang Wei Mun, Ms. Bronwyn Lincoln & Mrs. Amanda Lees; Tutors: Mr. Kevin Prakash, Mr. Lam Ko Luen & Mr. Ooi Huey Min)
- *“Drafting Awards & Enforcement”* (15th October 2022) (Speakers:

AIAC Continuing Competency Development (CCD) Workshop Series

In 2022, the AIAC Academy continued its Adjudicators Continuing Competency Development (“CCD”) Workshop Series. The CCD Workshop Series is designed to be interactive and helpful for both legally and non-legally trained individuals regardless of seniority who regularly appear and participate in construction cases under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012. The CCD Workshop series comprised of ten workshops and took place between the months of February to November 2022 as follows:

- *“Recent Case Law Updates on Adjudication Part 1.”* (26th February 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Daniel Tan Chun Hao & Mr. Kevin Prakash)
- *“Handling Jurisdictional and Natural Justice Challenges or Issues.”* (12th March 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Belden Premaraj & Mr. Terence Loh)
- *“Approaching Set-off Claims for LAD, Non-completion, EOT and others in Adjudication.”* (30th April 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Soh Lieh Sieng & Ms. Lynnda Lim Mee Wan)
- *“Understanding Loss and Expense Claims in Adjudication.”* (28th

AIAC Mediation Skills Workshop Series 2022

In 2022, the AIAC launched its AIAC Mediation Skills Workshop Series 2022. The Workshop Series took place virtually, and was made open to the public and individuals who appear regularly and participate in Mediation Proceedings and those who are interested to learn more about mediation. The Workshop Series comprised of four workshops and one special edition workshop which took place between the months of February to October 2022 as follows:

- *“Understanding the Essentials of Mediation.”* (12th February 2022) (Speakers: Ms. Samrith Kaur & Ms. Louise Jacqueline Azmi)

AIAC i-Arbitration Learning Series

In 2022, the AIAC presented its third instalment of the 2022 AIAC i-Arbitration Learning Series. The Workshop Series took place both virtually and in person, and featured many prominent and distinguished Shariah experts in various fields. The Workshop Series comprised of four workshops which took place between the months of January to May 2022 as follows:

- *“Application of Ta’widh and Gharamah as Late Payment Charges under the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021.”* (27th January 2022) (Speaker: Prof Dr. Younes Soualhi)

Mr. Peter Godwin, Mr. Belden Premaraj & Ms. Brenda Horrigan; Tutors: Dato’ Mureli Navaratnam, Dato’ Sunil Abraham & Mr. Daniel Tan Chun Hao)

- *“Case Law Update”* (5th November 2022) (Speakers: YA Datuk Ong Lam Kiat Vernon, YA Dato’ Mary Lim Thiam Suan, YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan, YA Dato’ Lim Chong Fong & YA Tuan Ong Chee Kwan; Moderator: Mr. Lambert Rasa-Ratnam)

May 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Rodney Martin & Mr. John Wong)

- *“Deconstructing Financial and Payment Documentation in Adjudications.”* (25th June 2022) (Speakers: Ir. Harbans Singh K.S & Mr. Ratnalingam Vijayarajam)
- *“Discussing Issues and Challenges Faced by Adjudicators in CIPAA Proceedings”* (23rd July 2022) (Speakers: Ms. Celine Chelladurai & Ms. Rammit Kaur)
- *“Drafting Proper Notices, Claims and Written Submission for Adjudication.”* (13th August 2022) (Speakers: Mr. James Patrick Monteiro & Ms. Samrith Kaur)
- *“Writing an Effective and Enforceable Adjudication Decision.”* (24th September 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Chong Thaw Sing & Mr. Raymond Boo)
- *“Understanding AIAC’s Administrative Procedures, Circulars and Regulations in Adjudication.”* (29th October 2022) (Speakers: Ms. Teoh Shu Ling, Ms. Sharifah Shazuwin & Ms. Ooi Wei Qian)
- *“CIPAA Adjudicators’ Open Forum.”* (12th November 2022) (Speakers: Ir. Harbans Singh K.S, Mr. Ivan Loo & Mr. Lam Wai Loon)

- *“Understanding the Roles of Mediators and Co-Mediators in the Different Types of Mediations.”* (21st May 2022) (Speakers: Mr. Rodney Martin & Ms. Han Li Meng)
- *“Practical Tips in Undertaking the Various Stages of the Mediation Process up to Settlement.”* (16th July 2022) (Speakers: Ir. Harbans Singh K.S & Ms. Rammit Kaur)
- *“Drafting the Various Documents in the Mediation Process.”* (10th September 2022) (Speakers: Ir. Leon Weng Seng & Ms. Karen Ng Gek Suan)
- *“Special Edition: Practical Tips in Understanding the Various Stages of the Mediation Process Up to Settlement.”* (22nd October 2022) (Speakers: Mr Ir. Harban Singh KS & Ms Rammit Kaur)

- *“Powers and Duties of i-Arbitrators and Shariah Experts Under the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021 (“2021 i-Rules”).”* (28th February 2022) (Speaker: Mr. Abdullah Abdul Rahman)
- *“Islamic Finance Transactions: How Does the i-Arbitration Rules 2021 Assist?”* (28th April 2022) (Speakers: Dr. Syed Adam Alhabshi & Mr. Muhammad Aiman Mohamad Salmi)
- *“Arbitration for Islamic Fintech and Emerging Disruptive Products.”* (26th May 2022) (Speakers: Dr. Umar A. Oseni, Mr. Hamid Rashid & Mr. Umar Munshi)



AIAC'S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

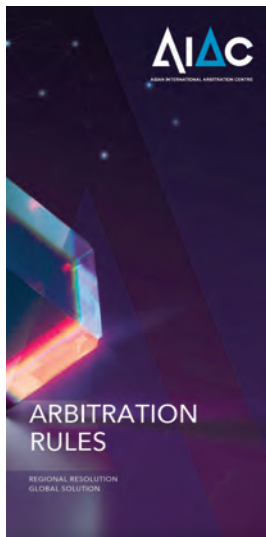




AIAC PRODUCTS

As the ADR industry continues to shape itself to the dynamic demands of its stakeholders, the AIAC endeavours to ensure that its products and services remain abreast with the constantly evolving ADR landscape. Summarised below is the range of products and services offered by the AIAC:

ARBITRATION



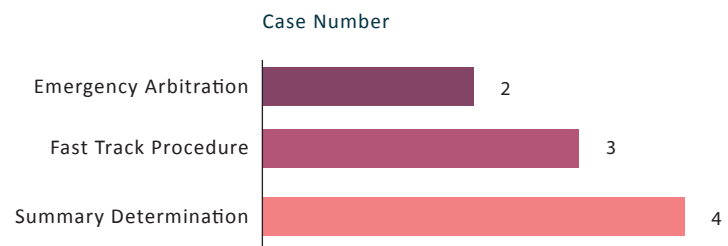
The AIAC introduced the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 (“2021 Arbitration Rules”) in 2021. The revised rules were designed to enhance efficiency, flexibility, and transparency. It combined Part I and Part II of the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2018 to create a more coherent set of procedural rules. Other notable changes included a new summary determination mechanism, the newly embedded Fast Track Procedure, enhanced clarity on the deposit collection process, the release of interim fees, and strengthened confidentiality provisions.

The 2021 Arbitration Rules also features a revamped appointment procedure that includes a provision for multi-party appointments, new provisions on impartiality and independence, conduct of proceedings, new provisions on the replacement of the arbitral tribunal, revised emergency arbitration procedures, revamped joinder and consolidation provisions, and expansive provisions relating to the closure of proceedings, technical review, and the drafting of arbitral awards.

In 2022, the benefits of these amendments have been evident as seen in the chart below. There was a notable increase in the usage of emergency arbitration under the 2021 Arbitration Rules, from the projects and energy sector, which was featured in an article in [The Edge Market](#).¹

Additionally, due to the new summary determination mechanism, the AIAC received a total of four (4) summary determination cases registered in 2022 for both domestic and international matters. Lastly, in 2022, there were three (3) cases, pertaining to the construction sector, where parties adopted the fast-track provision. The Legal Services Team at the AIAC also conducted technical reviews within a short period of time and received positive feedback from stakeholders.

Overall, the AIAC's commitment to providing quality experiences to their users through state-of-the-art facilities and streamlined procedural rules demonstrates our ongoing efforts to remain a preferred hearing centre in Asia and beyond.



(Key Features of the Usage of 2021 Arbitration Rules (2022))

¹ Justin Lim, “Cahya Mata gets interim order to halt defendant from taking action over power purchase agreement dispute”, 2nd December 2022, [Cahya Mata gets interim order to halt defendant from taking action over power purchase agreement dispute | The Edge Markets](#) (Accessed, 7th March 2023)

i-ARBITRATION

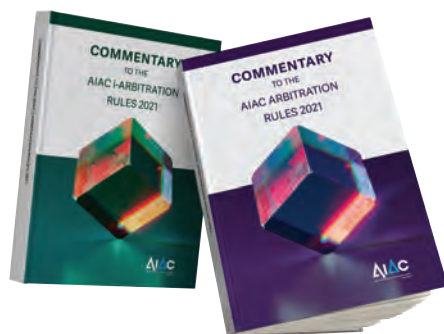


With the rising global appeal for a Shariah-guided dispute resolution mechanism in tandem with the growing Islamic Finance industry, the AIAC took the opportunity to revamp its i-Arbitration Rules 2021 (“i-Arbitration Rules”) which now embodies the key principles and practices found in the 2021 Arbitration Rules.

What sets the i-Arbitration Rules apart from the 2021 Arbitration Rules is the application of Shariah principles in i-Arbitration proceedings. Moreover, the procedural rules include provisions allowing for the reference of issues of Shariah law to the relevant Shariah Advisory Council and empowering the Arbitral Tribunal to appoint Shariah experts for determination on issues. Other key features under the i-Arbitration Rules include Third-Party Funding that is compatible with Shariah principles, powers of the Arbitral Tribunal to award *ta’widh* (the compensation on actual loss) and *gharamah* (the penalty for late payment) as well as Shariah-guided deposit collection and many more.

Having taken a similar shape after the 2021 Arbitration Rules, the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules underwent extensive revisions to ensure consistency in its streamlined structure, thereby guiding its users with greater clarity in navigating through the procedural rules available.

COMMENTARY TO THE ARBITRATION RULES AND i-ARBITRATION RULES 2021



To navigate the users of the AIAC Arbitration Rules, both the conventional and Islamic alike, the AIAC had taken an effort to publish the Commentary to the 2021 Arbitration Rules and i-Arbitration Rules 2021 (Commentaries). The Commentaries offer an in-depth and elaborated analysis of the procedural rules and assist in case management procedures. Readers would also gain a better understanding of the drafting history and outcome considered in creating the procedural rules incorporated today.

ADJUDICATION



The Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (the “CIPAA”) is a statutory adjudication mechanism for the speedy resolution of payment disputes in the construction industry in Malaysia. The enforcement began on 15th April 2014, at the peak of time when construction disputes were on the rise. As the AIAC is the default appointing administrative authority by virtue of CIPAA, the AIAC ensures that its case management processes are expeditious, with support from the AIAC Legal Services team.

Having been entrusted with the capacity as the sole appointing administrative authority, the AIAC not only administers adjudication proceedings, but also sets competency standards for adjudicators, and organises AIAC Certificate in Adjudication and AIAC Continuing Competency Development (CCD) Workshop Series. To streamline the CIPAA adjudication process and provide guidance to stakeholders, the AIAC issues periodic circulars and organises the annual CIPAA Conference. This conference discusses the challenges faced in implementing CIPAA, improves case management processes, and proposes legislative amendments.

MEDIATION



The AIAC Mediation Rules 2018 is a set of rules to guide its stakeholders in the conduct of mediation proceedings but remains steadfast in ensuring the flexibility of a mediation proceeding is preserved.

Given that the Arbitration Rules provide for a fusion of mediation and arbitration called Mediation-Arbitration (“Med-Arb”), parties wishing to reconcile their disputes may attempt to initiate mediation before resorting to arbitration. This would also allow for cheaper dispute resolution mechanisms, as well as preserving the parties’ relationship before resorting to arbitration.

DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE RESOLUTION



As the disputes are not only limited to contractual relations, it also saw internet-related disputes on the rise. The AIAC is also one of the few domain name dispute providers in the world that provide a variety of services in relation to the domain name disputes. The AIAC is home to the management and operation of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (“ADNDRC”), empanelling neutral panellists across the globe. Through the establishment of ADNDRC, the AIAC administers disputes under the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (“UDRP”) mechanism and the Uniform Rapid Suspension System (“URS”).

The AIAC is the exclusive provider of dispute resolution services for .my domain name disputes, appointed by the Malaysian Network Information Centre (“MYNIC”). To assist in this mandate, the AIAC publishes the AIAC’s Guide to Domain Name Dispute Resolution, which outlines the policies, rules, procedures, applicable timelines, and stages for the UDRP and URS processes, as well as the MYNIC’s Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“MYDRP”) and MYNIC’s Sensitive Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“SNDRP”), and AIAC Supplemental Rules.

AIAC STANDARD FORM OF BUILDING CONTRACTS



The AIAC’s Standard Form of Building Contracts (“SFCs”) is a suite of standard form contracts in responding to the needs of the construction industry. Whilst the SFCs is widely accessible to use, it is also convenient, effective, and contemporary.

Having observed that construction disputes are on the rise and understanding that construction contracts often take multiple forms of contracts, the AIAC takes note that a dispute avoidance mechanism is void yet required, and thereby began its effort in the drafting of the SFCs. The SFCs is the first-ever CIPAA-compliant suite of building contracts focusing on the prevention of disputes. In the eventual situation where a dispute is unavoidable, the AIAC SFCs provide the parties with various tailor-made alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. To avoid abeyance to the construction works, delays, and deadlocks, the SFCs emphasise provisions encouraging the parties to continue construction works through the dispute. Interested users may download the SFCs at <http://sfc.aiac.world>.

AIAC STANDARD FORM - SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT



The AIAC's Standard Forms – Software Development Contract (“SFs-SDC”) is a standard form contract in responding to the ever-growing technological industry, having established its own Technology Expert Committee (“TEC”) who are also responsible for the drafting of the SFs-SDC. With the TEC established, a convenient ecosystem is created where lawyers and key players in the technology industry could come together to discuss developments in the industry, current issues, as well as solutions and innovations in overcoming the foregoing matters.

With the SFs-SDC in place, it aims to provide a convenient contractual template for stakeholders in the technological industry, thereby promoting greater innovations. The SFs-SDC encompasses not only the best industry practices but is also drafted to ensure that the rights and obligations of the stakeholders are well-managed and balanced.

Where disputes are inevitable, the AIAC SFs-SDC provides the parties with various tailor-made alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. The AIAC SFs-SDC is accessible for free at <http://sfc.aiac.world>.

VIRTUAL ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS PROTOCOL & VIRTUAL MEDIATION PROCEEDINGS PROTOCOL



Launched at the peak of COVID-19, the Virtual Arbitration Proceedings (“VAP”) Protocol is a timely yet extensive guideline where virtual arbitral proceedings are on the rise. The guideline serves to assist parties in proceedings such as meetings, case management, witness examinations, and hearings that take place virtually.

Similarly, the Virtual Mediation Proceedings (“VMP”) Protocol acts as a guideline to assist parties and mediators in virtual mediation proceedings. Both the guidelines cover protocol for the parties and the arbitrator/mediator, the venue, participants at the venue whilst a virtual proceeding is taking place, test run protocols, caucus and breakout session, witness examinations, provisions on recording and confidentiality, and other etiquettes necessary for the virtual proceedings to take place.

The VAP Protocol for arbitration further covers the guide for the tribunal secretary, electronic presentation of evidence, declaration, *ex parte* communications, and extensively covers the circumstance where procedural irregularities occurred due to technical and/or connectivity issues that have taken place in the arbitral proceedings.



AIAC SERVICES

Fund Holding Arrangements

For the convenience of the parties and tribunals in ad hoc arbitration matters, the AIAC provides its service as a deposit holder during the entire arbitration proceedings. The arrangement is pursuant to the written agreement concluded between the AIAC, the arbitral tribunal and the parties. The tribunal's fees and expenses are disbursed in accordance with the agreed schedule and the tribunal's directions in various currency exchanges available.

Tribunal Secretaries

The growth of arbitration in Malaysia has created a demand for tribunals requiring secretarial support in administering arbitral proceedings. The year 2019 began to see an uptick in trends in the appointment of tribunal secretaries by the AIAC, where the AIAC Arbitration Rules were applied. The arbitral tribunal may submit a written request to appoint a tribunal secretary to the Director of the AIAC, whereby the appointment of the Director is made on a case-by-case basis.

Alternative Hearing Venue

The AIAC continuously engages partner institutions to ensure that its state-of-the-art facilities are widely known to the public. At present, the AIAC has also collaborated with other institutions for capacity-building events by providing its facilities for events in serving its mandate under the AALCO Host Country Agreement. Further, we have also seen our hearing venues and facilities at large be rented by corporations and companies for professional events. For an expression of interest, kindly contact the AIAC Team at reservations.team@aiac.world.

AIAC Library

The AIAC Library needs no introduction amongst the AIAC stakeholders, as it houses a variety of books, journals, articles, archives, case reports, and IT equipment for public use. The AIAC Library is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Monday to Friday. Any request for access after business hours will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Other services including printing, scanning, and photocopying services are also available upon request to the librarian in charge. To schedule an appointment, please drop an email to library@aiac.world or dial +60 (3) 2271 1000.

Transcribing Services and Video Conferencing

The AIAC has recently procured an advance and affordable transcription system to equip its hearing rooms with the necessary technological support. The hearing rooms are capable of supporting various video conferencing platforms combined with IT support from the staff when the clients required it.

Virtual Proceedings

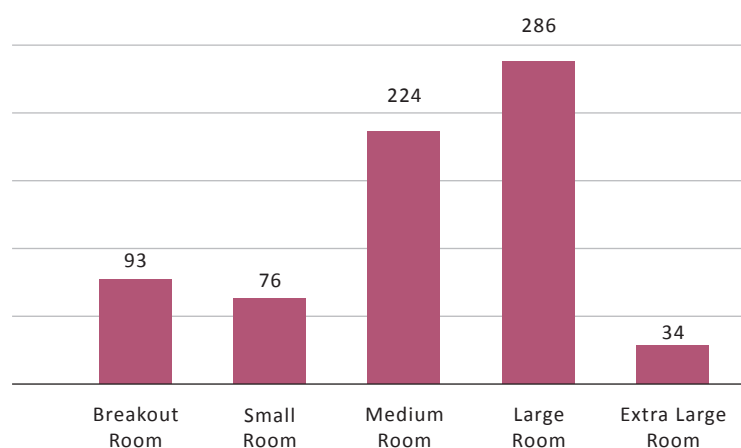
With the technological support in place in the AIAC facilities, the AIAC is able to assist with the conduct of virtual meetings and/or hearings catering to the specifications and preferences of the parties and tribunals. The facilities may also be used for other related meetings for the user's convenience. For further information regarding the AIAC's virtual proceeding services, please contact the AIAC Reservations Team at reservations.team@aiac.world.

AIAC STATE-OF-THE-ART-FACILITIES

Prominently acknowledged as a premier hearing centre in Asia, the AIAC is located in one of Malaysia's most iconic heritage buildings, the Bangunan Sulaiman, and sits strategically in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's golden triangle. Our Centre is dedicated to providing top-notch facilities and all-round quality experiences to our users. The AIAC offers 24 hearing rooms that can be classified into 5 types: Extra Large – 50 pax; Large – 22 pax; Medium – 14 pax; Small – 10 and Breakout – 4 to 6 pax. In addition to that, the AIAC also offers our Auditorium (200 pax), the Arbitrators' Lounge, the Law Library, the Private Dining Room, and an alfresco Café.

AIAC HEARING ROOM BOOKING IN 2022

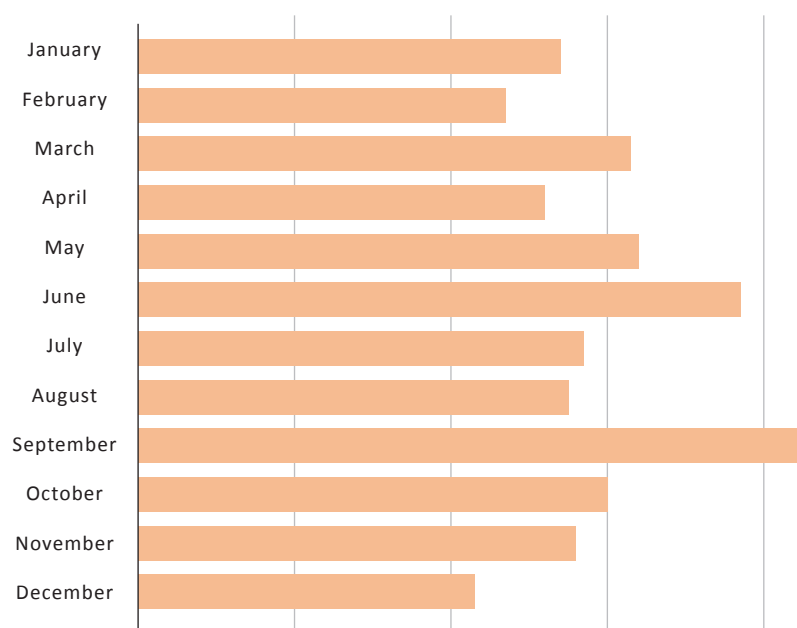
In the past, our users have generally preferred small hearing rooms. However, since the complete reopening of the economy and the lifting of all COVID-19 restrictions in the last two years, we have observed a consistent increase in the utilisation of our hearing rooms, with a total usage of up to 713 times. The majority of users have opted for the medium-sized room, indicating a shift in preference towards larger rooms.



AIAC's Hearing Room Usage (2022)

AIAC ROOM RESERVATION PER MONTH

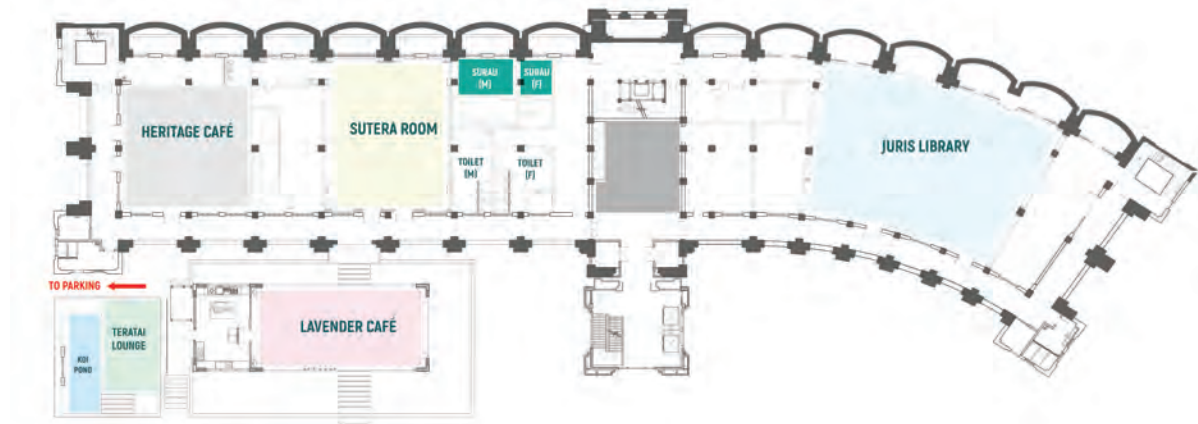
The following chart depicts the frequency of room reservations made throughout the year. In 2020, due to restrictions imposed by the Malaysian Government to curb the spread of COVID-19, including a ban on physical gatherings of any kind, the hearing facilities were not available to the public. As the AIAC resumed the reopening of its premises in 2021, April and October were the busiest months. In 2022, the usage rate of the physical premises at AIAC shows a consistent increase throughout the year compared to 2021. The last month of each quarter shows significant activity, while it is marginally lower towards the end of the year.



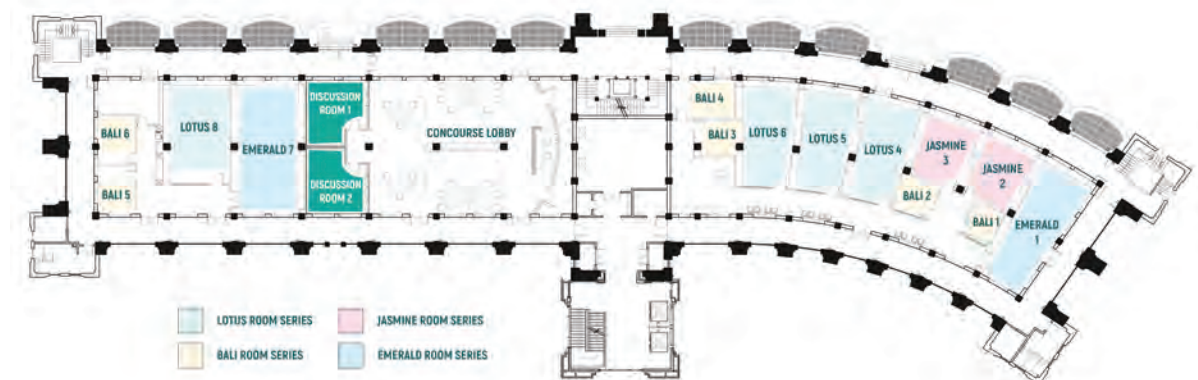
AIAC's Room Reservations (2022)

The layout images below showcase the locations of the AIAC hearing rooms in the Bangunan Sulaiman building

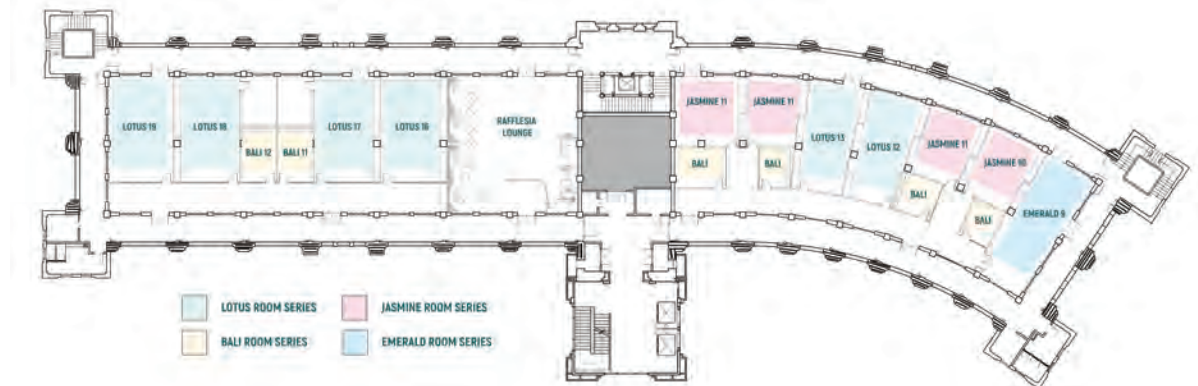
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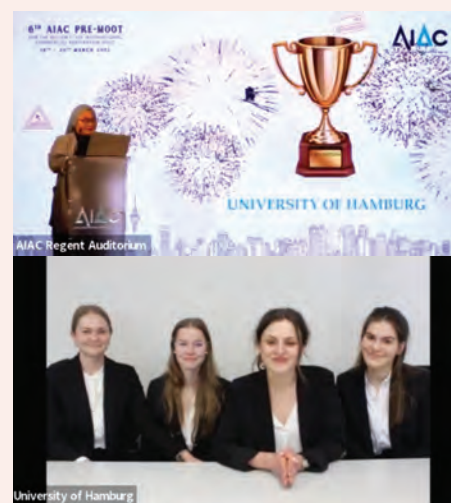
6TH VIRTUAL PRE-MOOT

In keeping with our tradition, the 6th AIAC Pre-Moot was organised between 18th to 20th of March 2022 as a training ground to better prepare our mooties for the highly anticipated 29th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna and its sister moot, the 19th Vis (East) Moot in Hong Kong. Hosting the 6th AIAC Pre-Moot signifies a remarkable achievement by the AIAC when the Centre's very own arbitral rule, the AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021 was featured as the governing procedural rule of the 2022 Vis Moot Problem. To further complement our pride, the AIAC is delighted to be joined virtually by 269 arbitrators and 146 teams from over 44 countries.

After several rounds of intense oratory battle, the University of Hamburg was crowned as the Champion of the 6th AIAC

Pre-Moot while the University of New South Wales as the Runner-Up. With respect to the Malaysian Final Award, UOW (M) KDU College was announced as the winner, followed by Multimedia University as the Runner-Up. Sonali Yardi (University of New South Wales) and Nurzulaikha Mohamad Zaidi (UOW (M) KDU College) achieved a double victory as they were awarded the Best Oralists of the Final and the Malaysian Final Awards respectively. Similarly, National Law University Delhi were awarded the Best Memorandum on Behalf of the Claimant Award. Meanwhile, Wuhan University was the winner of the Best Memorandum on Behalf of the Respondent Award. On the final day of the event, a virtual speed networking session was successfully hosted in light of the AIAC's commitment towards expanding the students' network and

engagement with the International ADR practitioners whom served as arbitrators during the competition.



AIAC ACADEMY WORKSHOP

The AIAC YPG Conference in conjunction with the 6th AIAC Pre-Moot ("Conference"), was held virtually with the given theme of "Current State of International Trade and Arbitration". The Conference centred around the discussion of arbitration as a feasible dispute resolution mechanism in an environment where global trade was hampered by the pandemic. We were graced with the presence of Prof. Dr. iur. Ulrich G. Schroeter, who delivered his keynote address on the assessment of whether the interplay of international trade and arbitration has taken one step forward or backwards, with all things considered.

During the first session of the conference, a panel of speakers, including Ms. Kelly Ong Ree Jen (Senior Associate at Raja, Darryl & Loh), Ms. Khushboo Shahdarpuri (Senior Associate at Al Tamimi & Co.), and Ms. Anna Lintner (Barrister at 39 Essex Chambers), moderated by Ms. Thethe Mokele (Senior

Associate at Pinsent Masons), discussed the importance of having versatile or limited contracts in upholding the true spirit of international commercial arbitration.

In the second session, another set of speakers, comprising Ms. Sima Ghaffari (Member of Iran Central Bar Association, ICC YAF Representative for North Africa, Middle East, and Turkey), Ms. Cheryl Teo (Senior Associate at Allen & Overy), Ms. Ila Kapoor (Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas), and Mr. Ivaylo Dimitrov (Associate at Omnia Strategy LLP), with Mr. Cameron Sim (International Counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton) as moderator, delved into the appointment of arbitrators in multi-party arbitrations and considered factors in determining the appropriate composition of the tribunal in conformity with the arbitration clause entered into by the parties.

In concluding the conference, the AIAC YPG gathered several young practitioners from different backgrounds for a "hot debate" session to demonstrate the conduct of an ideal arbitration proceeding. Thereafter, we witnessed a debate in the final session involving whether arbitral institutions should adopt a more hands-off approach when determining procedural challenges in arbitration proceedings, as these matters should be decided by the arbitral tribunal (Ms. Victoria Kigen – Kenyan Attorney, Case Counsel at Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration), or whether arbitral institutions should guard the integrity of the proceedings and ensure efficiency through procedural compliance and decisions in the event where challenges are raised (Mr. Wesley Pang – Partner in Global Litigation and Dispute Management Group at Eversheds Sutherland).



AIAC YPG PODCAST

As part of the AIAC YPG's outreach program and to promote the AIAC YPG amongst young ADR Practitioners, our audiophile members took delight in featuring leading practitioners and stakeholders in a podcast entitled "Inside Stories. The first season of the AIAC YPG Podcast includes featuring inside stories of an arbitrator, where two prominent arbitrators, Ms. Janice Tay (Partner, Wong & Partners) and Ms. Tan Swee Im (Arbitrator Member, 39 Essex Chambers), were interviewed by Ms. Crystal Wong Wai Chin (Partner, Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill) on their career paths and progression as well as the practice of diversity in arbitration.

Similarly, Datin Chu Ai Li (Partner, Azman Davidson & Co.) and Ms. Lynnda Lim (Managing Director of REX C Expert & Dispute Services) shared their experience of adjudicating construction claims in the following episode and provided valuable tips and advice for aspiring adjudicators.

Sticking to the theme of knowledge-sharing by industry experts, the Podcast also featured Ms. Lilien Wong (Partner, Shearn Delamore & Co.) as moderator with Mr. Rodney Martin (CEO, Charlton Martin Group) and Mr. Nick Sunderland (CEO, CCMS Group Ltd) in the hot seat as they brought us through their journey of serving as expert

witnesses, shared best practices and obstacles that one should anticipate in venturing into this particular track of dispute resolution.

Last but not least, we had the pleasure of having the former Director of the AIAC, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar, indulging us with his experience of transitioning from serving in the judiciary to helming the AIAC and his hopes for the future of the Centre in Episode 7.

AIAC YPG ESSAY COMPETITION

At the end of the Podcast season, the AIAC announced the launch of the AIAC YPG Essay Competition 2022 ("**Competition**") for the benefit of interested undergraduates, postgraduates, and young practitioners. The Competition was designed to stimulate critical thinking and creative analyses of burgeoning issues in the realm of international investment arbitration. In this regard, all AIAC YPG members were given the opportunity to choose between the topics of whether Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) cases represent a threat to a state's climate change policies and actions, the current approach to corruption allegations in

international investment arbitration or the ISDS reforms proposed by the UNCITRAL Working Group III.

After weeks of deliberating hundreds of entries, the AIAC YPG announced Raphael Kok Chi Ren as the grand winner and he was awarded the cash prize of USD2,000 sponsored by Herbert Smith Freehills. Muhammad Dekri Algamar and Aliya Ilysia Irfana Ampri came in second, bringing home USD1,000 sponsored by Allen & Overy, followed by Sinthu A/P Rajendran in third place, which came with a cash prize of USD500 courtesy of Lee Hishammuddin Allen

& Gledhill. Their winning essays were titled "*Corruption Allegations in International Investment Arbitration: Is the Current Approach Sufficient?*", "*Reconciling Indigenous Rights in Investor-State Dispute Settlement Systems: A Critical Analysis on UNCITRAL Working Group III*", and "*Baby its Warm Outside! The Relationship Between Investor-State Dispute Settlement Cases, Global Warming and Regulatory Chill*" respectively and these essays are available on our AIAC YPG website for online consumption.

AIAC YPG ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

The AIAC YPG also conducted its customary Advocacy Workshop Series (“**Workshops**”) from July to November 2022 in preparation for the annual 6th AIAC Pre-Moot for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (“**Pre-Moot**”).

Teams that registered for the Pre-Moot as well as students and young practitioners of ADR were given access to our complimentary virtual Workshops with the support of three prominent young practitioners from different jurisdictions across the globe. Ms. Vee Vian Thien (former Associate, White & Case LLP), Mr. Jagpreet Sandhu (Associate, LALIVE) and Mr. Joe-han Ho (Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers) masterfully focused their

seminars on various aspects of written and oral advocacy to ensure that participants of the Pre-Moot were well-equipped to present their cases skilfully before the arbitral tribunal. Some of the areas covered during the first instalment of the Workshops include the significance of and issues arising out of key documents in the procedural stage of arbitrations, the different types of submissions and effective written advocacy in practice. For oral advocacy, the speakers engaged the audience with tips on conducting successful cross-examinations, communicating with the tribunal through demonstrative and multimedia presentations, and sharing the best approaches in keeping submission on flow.

The Workshops garnered overwhelming participation from teams from all around the world.

The advocacy workshop on cross-examination organised by the AIAC was a valuable and engaging learning opportunity for legal practitioners, arbitrators, and undergraduates alike, who wants to improve their advocacy skills in the conduct of arbitration proceedings. The speakers provided practical guidance on how to conduct effective cross-examination, and the simulation exercise allowed participants to practice and receive feedback on their techniques.

AIAC YPG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AIAC YPG BYLAWS

The AIAC was proud to launched a set of bylaws at the AIAC YPG Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) 2022. These bylaws were introduced by former Co-Chair of the YPG, Mr. Lim Tse Wei and then YPG Co-Chair, Ms. Tharshini Sivadas, which subsequently also confirmed Ms. Sharifah Shazuwin as Secretary General and Ms. Sabrina Sharin as Deputy Secretary General for the 2022-23 Term. Additionally, Co-Chair, Ms. Tharshini Sivadas also confirmed the existing Regional Representatives and Core Committees for the 2022-23 Term as well.

The introduction of the AIAC YPG bylaws provides an important framework for the operation of AIAC YPG, helping to ensure that it operates in a fair and efficient manner and remains accountable to its members and stakeholders by providing transparency within the organisation.

The adoption of a two-year term for the YPG Regional Representatives and the Core Committees was discussed in detail by Co-Chair, Ms. Tharshini Sivadas. It is also

pertinent to note that The Core Committee will consist of all AIAC Case Counsels by default.





i-ARBITRATION MOOTING COMPETITION

From 20th November to 21st November 2022, the International Islamic Banking and Finance Arbitration Competition 2022 (“IIBFAC”) was held at AIAC’s Bangunan Sulaiman. The inaugural Islamic Finance and Islamic Arbitration-based arbitration competition was duly organised by the Moots and Client Consultation Club of the Ahmad Ibrahim Kuliyyah of Laws (“AIKOL”), the International Islamic University of Malaysia (“IIUM”). Sponsored by Messrs. Shook Lin & Bok together with the venue support by the AIAC, the first IIBFAC saw 6

teams from University Malaya, IIUM, Multimedia University, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin participating in this moot.

The IIBFAC saw the AIAC i-Arbitration Rules 2021 utilised in the moot problem for the competition, and the moot hearings were conducted in a hybrid format. The final round of the competition was presided by three eminent panel arbitrators, Mr. Samuel Tan from Messrs. Shook Lin & Bok, En. Abd Shukor Tokachil and the presiding arbitrator,

Datuk Dr. Prasad Sandosham Abraham, then AIAC’s Deputy Director. IIUM emerged victorious, bringing home the championship trophy.

The competition was aimed to gather first-hand experience and extensive knowledge of Islamic Banking and Finance Arbitration, by testing the veracity of the rules through the moot, whilst serving as part of the AIAC’s mandate in capacity building and raising awareness on Islamic arbitration to the public.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

As a part of AIAC’s gradual transition to normalcy post the COVID-19 Pandemic, the hybrid working year of 2022 has witnessed a robust uptake of speaking engagements both domestically and internationally in online and face to face platforms. These speaking engagements are as follows.

1. DNS Forum “MYNIC – Privacy Trends and Domain Name Dispute Resolution” (31st March 2022).
2. Visit from UCSI University, by AIAC (14th April 2022).
3. Lecture “The Role of Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) in Shaping International Dispute Resolution Landscape”, by National University of Malaysia (UKM), Virtual, (26th April 2022).
4. Panel Discussion on “The Future of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)”, hosted by Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center, Virtual (Zoom Webinar) (20th May 2022).
5. Conference, “International Diplomacy and the Relevancy of Alternative Dispute Resolution”, by the AIAC, Bangunan Sulaiman (30th June 2022).
6. Presentation on the Role of AIAC, its Products and Services to the Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry delegates by the AIAC, AIAC (5th July 2022).
7. “Introduction to the Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia)” by the AIAC, Courtesy visit by HE Nineta Bărbulescu, Ambassador of Romania to Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (6th July 2022).
8. CIPAA Conference 2022 (A National Conference on Construction Adjudication by Legal Plus and L2 i-CON) (8th July 2022).
9. Lecture “The Overview of ADR, Drafting of Arbitration Clauses & The AIAC As Hallmark of Malaysia’s Dispute Resolution” by Asian Law Students’ Association Brickfields Asia College, AIAC (17th August 2022).
10. SKRINE + AIAC: Connecting AIAC I-Arbitration Rules 2021 With the Industry, by AIAC & Skrine, Kuala Lumpur (19th August 2022).
11. AIAC Roadshow 2022 Perak, “AIAC Arbitration Rules 2021”, by AIAC, Ipoh (22nd September 2022).
12. The Inaugural Masterclass on Adjudication Society of Construction Law, Malaysia, held Virtually (24th September 2022).
13. ADNDRC Annual Conference “Session II - Ongoing Reforms of the DNDR System: Why and How” (3rd November 2022).
14. Visit to the AIAC Delegate from Timor-Leste (Engineer Body) (14th November 2022).
15. Panel Discussion “A Sign of the Times: Bringing Expediency Back to International Arbitration”, by Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts for Dubai Arbitration Week 2022, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (18th November 2022).
16. Congratulations Video by Tan Sri Suriyadi, 2022 Shanghai Arbitration Week—AllBright Law Offices Forum (21st November 2022).
17. “Introduction to the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)” by the AIAC, Courtesy visit to the Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (22nd November 2022).
18. “AIAC Adjudication” by the AIAC, AIAC Penang Road Show 2022, Penang, Malaysia (5th December 2022).

INTERNSHIPS PROGRAM

The Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) offers internship opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate international and local students who are seeking to immerse themselves in the workings of an arbitral institution. Candidates with impeccable organizational and communication skills, with broad awareness in ADR and/or legal profession are encouraged to apply.

The experience period which usually lasts from 3 – 6 months, provides the candidate with the theoretical, institutional, and practical perspectives of arbitration and other methods of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”). The AIAC endeavours to provide a working understanding of the institution as an ADR provider, both locally and internationally, and educate its interns with various developments in the ADR industry.

Under the supervision of an AIAC Case Counsel, interns are given the opportunity to be involved in the operations of different departments

of the institution, including but not limited to legal, business development, and operations. This will expose them to case management practices, AIAC events, and other projects. Such approach enables the interns to have a holistic understanding of the various career opportunities in the field. They are also given opportunities to network with different arbitration practitioners during the course of their internship. The internship schedule stretches from Mondays to Fridays, with working hours between 8:30 AM to 05:30 PM.

There has been an absence of international interns in the beginning of 2022 due to travel restrictions and the closure of international borders. However, the AIAC welcomed our sole international intern last December and will continue to curate and empower young minds internationally and regionally.



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