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THE ASIAN EXPERIENCE

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**PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1: 5TH MAY 2018**

**“THE ASIAN EXPERIENCE”**

09:00-10:00 **Official Launch of Asia ADR Week 2018 and Launch of the Asian International Arbitration Centre**

Opening speeches by:
- Guest of Honor (to be announced soon)
- Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, Director of AIAC

10:00-11:00 **1st Keynote Address**

11:00-11:30 Networking break

11:30-13:00 **Session 1: “Building a New Asia: A Spectrum of Opportunities”**

Far East or New West? Asia has for many years been the world’s engine for economic growth. A diverse panel of business leaders from various different industries, which arguably form the foundation of continued robust growth in Asia, discuss the future of ASEAN and beyond. Prominent speakers will be from the following industries:

**Moderated by Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, Director, AIAC**

- Oil & Gas by Abd Rahim Mahmood, Petronas
- Construction & Transportation by H.E. Dr. Makio Miyagawa, Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia
- Banking by Ramanand Mundkur, Mundkur Law Partners (India)
- Multilateral Finance by Diana Michaliouva, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (China)
- Technology in the Free Trade Zone by Lars Markert, Nishimura & Asahi (Japan)

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 **Session 2: “Business in Malaysia: Sharing Solutions, Getting the Deal Through”**

The Malaysian economy is expected to enjoy very high rates of growth in the upcoming years. New opportunities for growth come hand in hand with new challenges. The increased interdependence of social, economic and environmental systems, as well as the globalized interconnectivity of people all play a key role in and must be utilized to create a fertile ground for foreign ventures and investment. What are the critical steps Malaysia must take to remain an attractive business hub?

**Moderated by Dato’ Stanley Isaacs, Messrs Isaacs & Tan**

- ADR regime
- Protecting your IP rights by Hemalatha Ramulu, Messrs Skrine
- Taxation by Datuk D.P. Naban, Messrs Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill
- Overcoming cultural differences – foreign firms adapting to local practices and customs by Craig I. Celniker, Morrison Foerster (Hong Kong), Arthur Dang, Angie Law Firm (China), Daniel Waldek, Herbert Smith Freehills

15:30-16:00 Networking break

16:00-17:30 **Session 3: “Gaining the Edge in Business: Unravelling the Myths of the ADR Ecosystem”**

- Breakout 1: “Emerging Trends in Investment State Disputes” – what’s new, what works and what doesn’t, from the perspective of the State and Investor by Tan Sri Cecil Abraham, Cecil Abraham & Partners, Raja Bose, K&L Gates, Dr Mariel Dimsey, CMS (Hong Kong). Moderated by Dr Gavan Griffith, Essex Court Chambers

- Breakout 2: “Innovation in Effective Cross-Border Contract Management” – a study on core competencies and innovations in contract management, such as contract automation by Erin Rankin, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Dubai), Nicholas Hoh, Herbert Smith Freehills, Anand Juddoo, Juddoo Consulting Ltd. Moderated by Ing Loong Yang, Latham & Watkins LLP (Hong Kong)

- Breakout 3: “Realigning ADR to Global Business Needs” – international ADR best practices that boosts investment appetite and how they can be implemented by Datu’ Nitin Nadharni, Messrs Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill, Khieu Metly, Sok Siphana & Associates (Cambodia), Oyinbade Jolade-Okusanya, Africa Law Practice (Nigeria), Peter Godwin, Herbert Smith Freehills. Moderated by Dr Nicolas Wiegang, CMS

17:30-18:30 **Session 4: “Real Money, Real Investors, Real Time, Real Talk – What ADR Can Do For You”**

Rapid Fire Debate moderated by Benjamin Hughes, Hughes Arbitration Chambers

- Stretching the rules in arbitration: Tactical Advantage or Abuse of Process? P. Gananathan, Messrs P. Gananathan & Loh vs. Dr Chinyere Ezeoke, Universiti Malaya
- Equal Representation in ADR: Absence of Opportunities or Failure to Seize? Asya Jamaluddin, CMS vs. Sharon Chong, Messrs Shrin
- Confidentiality vs Transparency: If it’s not broke, why fix it? Shanti Mogan, Messrs Sheen Delamore vs. Ooi Huey Miin, Messrs Raja Daryl Loh
- Med-Arb: How effective is it? Shanti Abraham, Shanti Abraham & Associates vs. Anil Changaroth, Changaroth Chambers LLC

18.30 onwards Asia ADR Week Welcome Cocktail
DAY 2: 6TH MAY 2018
“DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE”

09:00-10:00
**Exclusive Premier: “Unveiling the Amendments to the Arbitration Act, 2005”**
Speech by Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, Director of AIAC

10:00-10:30
Networking Break

10:30-12:00
**Session 1: “Together Towards the Future – But First, a Look Back”**
The year 2017 was a year with many important changes in international arbitration. With one of the foci on recent trends in Malaysia and more generally Asia, the speakers of this session will take a look back on various different changes, which took place in 2017 by Benjamin Hughes, Hughes Arbitration Chambers, Professor Philip Yang, Philip Yang & Co. Ltd (Hong Kong), Dr Winnie Jo-Mei Ma, Chinese Arbitration Association (Taipei), Christopher Lau SC, 3 Verulam Buildings Barristers, Ing Loong Yang, Latham & Watkins LLP (Hong Kong), Andrew G. Moran QC, The Arbitration Chambers. Moderated by Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, AIAC

12:00-13:00
**Session 2: “Tomorrow’s Methods: Holistic Resolution of Conflicts & Dispute Avoidance”**
We are seeing a paradigm shift towards holistic methods of dispute resolution as well as dispute avoidance. This session explores what these methods are and when and how they are applied most effectively by Sujatha Sekhar Naik, SIDREC, Li Hu, CIETAC, Paul Rose, ArbDB, Janet Checkley, SIDRA. Moderated by Professor Philip Yang, Philip Yang & Co. Ltd (Hong Kong)

13:00-14:00
LUNCH

14:00-15:30
**Session 3: “Training Workshop for Selected Spotlight ADR Topics”**
- **Breakout 1: “The AIAC Rules, Your Partner Throughout the Proceedings”** – using the AIAC Rules to manage the costs of arbitration proceedings by Sudharsanan Thillainathan, Messrs Shook Lin & Bok, Ben Olbourne, 39 Essex Chambers, Peter Godwin, Herbert Smith Freehills. Moderated by Aniz Ahmad, Cecil Abraham & Partners
- **Breakout 2: “Arbitration Agreements Built to Last”** – dissecting all elements of arbitration agreements, drafting enforceable arbitration agreements and the do’s and don’ts to avoid pathological clauses by Koh Swee Yen, Wong Partnership LLP, Celine Chelladurai, Messrs Celine & Oommen, Christine Artero, The Arbitration Chambers, JLN Murthy, ICADR Regional Centre (India). Moderated by Christopher Lau SC, 3 Verulam Buildings Barristers
- **Breakout 3: “Making the Most of Interim Measures”** – a study on the various forms of relief that can safeguard parties’ interests pending an outcome by Filip Boras, Baker McKenzie (Austria), Hiroki Aoki, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Elaine Yap, Elaine Yap Law Office. Moderated by Sitpah Selvaratnam, Messrs Tommy Thomas

15:30-16:00
Networking break

16:00-17:30
**Session 4: “The Dawn of the Digital Era of ADR”**
When a snake sheds its skin, it changes; when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, it transforms. Will dispute resolution merely shed its skin, or will it turn into a butterfly? This session looks into the trends of digitization and artificial intelligence (AI) and explores how they can be utilized to increase efficiency and whether the field of dispute resolution will undergo the fundamental changes other industries have already undergone or will undergo in coming years. Moderated by Shannon Rajan, Messrs Skrine
- **Optimization of legal research and ADR through technology** by Jo Fan Pang, Can Law
- **Online brand protection** by Denis Cai, Dot Trademark
- **Impact of technology on cross border transactions and investment state disputes** by Dr Martins Paprinskis, UCL London
- **Electronic discovery of documents** by Daniel P. Levison, Morrison Foerster
- **Artificial intelligence in arbitration** by Lucas Bento, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP (New York)
- **The AIAC Case Management System** by Alonso Mayodormo Castilla, AIAC

17:30 onwards
40th Anniversary Gala Dinner
DAY 3: 7TH MAY 2018
CIPAA CONFERENCE

09:30-11:00  CIPAA Conference opening
A snapshot of the success of statutory adjudication in Malaysia showcasing procedural details, enforcement procedure, adjudicated amounts and overview of the 2018 KLRCA Report (up till May 2018)

11:00-11:30  Networking Break

11:30-13:00  Session 1: “Making it Matter: Natural Justice in CIPAA”
The speakers will analyse the most important findings and decisions of the federal court and its impact on statutory adjudication by Foo Joon Liang, Messrs Gan Partnership, Wilfred Abraham, Messrs Zul Rafique, Sudharsanan Thillainathan, Messrs Shook Lin & Bok, Ramdas Thiamdas, Messrs Siva, Ram & Associates, Nahrendran Navaratnam, Navaratnam Chambers. Moderated by Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, AIAC

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-15:30  Session 2: CIPAA Refresher Course
- Breakout 1: “Drafting a Concrete Clad Decision” – the dos and don’ts in writing an Adjudication Decision by Dr. S. Sivasangaran Nadarajah, Messrs S. Nadarajah & Co, Belden Premraj, Messrs Belden, Sabarina Samadi, ZICO, John Cock, On Q Consulting Limited. Moderated by Ir Harbans Singh, HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers
- Breakout 2: “The ABCs of the Adjudication Process” – a back to basics overview from the submission of a Payment Claim to the issuance of a Decision by Ramdas Thiamdas, Messrs Siva, Ram & Associates, Ivan Loo, Messrs Shire, Tan Swee Im, Messrs Tan Swee Im & Partners. Moderated by James Monteiro, Messrs James Monteiro
- Breakout 3: “Procedure: What Your Administrative Authority Wants You to Know” – a look into the nitty gritty of the administration of adjudication cases and ensuring procedural compliance by Huganeswaran Veerasagram, AIAC, Tatiana Polevschikova, AIAC, Janet Chai, Chooi & Co. Moderated by Shanta Mohan, Chambers of Shanta Mohan

15:30-16:00  Networking break

16:00-17:30  Session 3: “Moving to Mastery: the Standard Form Contracts”
It has been just under a year since the successful and widely acclaimed launch of the Standard Form Contracts. This session explores the various issues that have arisen since, the industry response to this innovative initiative and what is in store moving forward by Lam Wai Loon, Messrs. Harold & Lam Partnership, Ir. Harbans Singh, HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers, Kevin Prakash, Mohanadass Partnership, Karen Gough, 39 Essex Chambers. Moderated by Kuhendran Thanapalasingam, Messrs Zul Rafique

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