

# ADR AND 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY DIPLOMACY

## AN INTRODUCTION TO ADR FOR ASIA'S DIPLOMATIC CORPS

**BANGUNAN SULAIMAN, AIAC**  
**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 | THURSDAY**

**3.00 P.M. - 6.00 P.M.**

REGISTRATION AT 2:30 P.M.  
COCKTAILS 6.00 P.M. ONWARDS

## ABOUT

21<sup>st</sup> century diplomacy has undergone a number of changes since the formation of the Westphalian nation-state. States today now share a crowded international stage with private business, transnational advocacy groups and international organizations, blurring the line between the traditional public/private divide. With these ever-changing relationships comes the need to understand how 21st century globalized disputes are currently being solved.

Various forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) have arguably filled a vast void in the de jure and de facto governance of transnational commercial disputes, with international arbitration among others quickly becoming the preferred means of cross-border dispute resolution between private commercial parties.

Thus, globalization has fused together the goals of both states and ADR, as it is evident that a quick, cost-effective and equitable resolution of a commercial dispute between international parties is vital for further economic growth and cross-border trade and investment.

With this in mind, the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) is honoured to host Malaysia's diplomatic community in providing a brief introduction to arbitration, mediation, and other forms of ADR, thereby providing Trade Commissioners, Commercial attachés, and Economic Officers with practical know-how and a holistic understanding of this burgeoning form of commercial dispute resolution.

In attendance with Malaysia's elite diplomatic community will be a number of chambers of commerce, business and trade associations, as well as international organizations coming together for a day of learning, networking, and relationship building amongst Malaysia's international business community.

Diplomacy and ADR have much in common; it is in understanding the emergence of the latter and its role in facilitating trade and investment that states can truly appreciate the emerging trends of 21st century international business.

**By invitation only. Admission is Free.**



# PROGRAMME

- 2:30 Registration
- 3:00 – 3:10 Welcoming Remarks by Vinayak Pradhan (AIAC)
- 3:10 – 3:20 About the AIAC and its role as an Arbitral Institution by Tatiana Polevshchikova (AIAC)
- 3:20 – 3:40 Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration by Nahendran Navaratnam (Navaratnam Chambers)
- 3:40 – 4:00 Investment Treaty Disputes by Tan Sri Dato' Cecil Abraham (Cecil Abraham & Partners)
- 4:00 – 4:20 Maritime Disputes by Dato' Anantham Kasinather (Sree Harry & Co)
- 4:20 – 4:40 Oil & Gas Disputes by Dato' Lim Chee Wee (SKRINE)
- 4:40 – 5:00 IP and Domain Name Disputes by Hemalatha Ramulu (SKRINE)
- 5:00 – 5:20 Introduction to Mediation by Shanti Abraham (Shanti Abraham & Associates)
- 5:20 – 6:00 Panel Q&A
- 6:00 Cocktails + Optional Tour of Bangunan Sulaiman

# SPEAKERS



VINAYAK PRADHAN  
AIAC



TAN SRI DATO' CECIL ABRAHAM  
CECIL ABRAHAM & PARTNERS



DATO' LIM CHEE WEE  
SKRINE



DATO' ANANTHAM KASINATHER  
SREE HARRY & CO



HEMALATHA RAMULU  
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