

SCMA-CMAC INAUGURAL JOINT SEMINAR

Maritime Arbitration in a Rising Asia: The Singapore and China Experience

13 November 2018, Tuesday 9:45am – 12:15pm, Maxwell Chambers, Singapore.

Over the last decade, Asia's importance as an economic powerhouse and the engine of growth for world economy continues to grow. With the rise of Asia, the centre of gravity in the maritime industry has also shifted to Asia. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a mega project to revive the ancient Silk Road, presents many opportunities for businesses. Singapore, as a key financial and legal hub, is also well placed to support the BRI. These developments will benefit China and Singapore - two vibrant commercial and maritime hub.

In the area of dispute resolution, China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC) and the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) are two well-respected maritime arbitration institutions dedicated to helping parties resolve their disputes expeditiously. The SCMA and CMAC will collaborate to present a joint seminar, titled "Maritime Arbitration in a Rising Asia: The Singapore and China Experience", in Singapore on 13 November 2018.

Participants to the event can look forward to hearing from maritime arbitration and mediation practitioners from China and Singapore, innovations in alternative dispute resolution and connectivity of Sino-Singapore maritime arbitration legal services.

During the joint seminar, there will be a SCMA-CMAC Collaboration Agreement Signing Ceremony. The Agreement will further solidify the working relationship between SCMA and CMAC and pave the way for closer collaboration to promote Asia as an international maritime arbitration hub to leverage the opportunities and tackle the challenges presented by a fast-changing world environment.

The joint seminar will be conducted in English. All are welcome to join us.

Featured Speakers & Practitioners

Dr. Chen Bo

Deputy General Secretary, China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC)

Mr Niu Lei

Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm, Shanghai

Mr Cui Qiang

Partner & Attorney at law, Commerce & Finance Law Offices, Beijing

Mr Lawrence Teh

Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk, Singapore

Capt. Lee Fook Choon,

Maritime Arbitrator/Loss Adjuster, Integral Marine Consultants Pte Ltd



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Practice / Shipping
Training level: General

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Programme

09.45 to 10.00
(15 min)

Registration

10.00 to 10.10
(10 min)

SCMA Welcome Speech

10.10 to 10.30
(20 min)

Dr Chen Bo
CMAC Deputy General Secretary

CMAC Maritime Arbitration

- Introduction of CMAC Arbitration Rules and specialised arbitration schemes
- Highlight key features of CMAC arbitration
- Broadly discuss developments in Chinese maritime arbitration

10.35 to 10.50
(15 min)

Mr Cui Qiang
Partner & Attorney at law Commerce & Finance Law Offices, Beijing

Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Maritime Arbitration Awards by the Chinese courts

- Discuss the impact of relevant Chinese decisions on enforcement of foreign arbitral awards
- Discuss the experiences and practical considerations when enforcing a foreign arbitral award in China
- Discuss Chinese decisions on recognising awards from foreign ad-hoc arbitrations

10.55 to 11.10
(15 min)

Mr Niu Lei
Partner
Zhong Lun Law Firm, Shanghai

CMAC Maritime Mediation Practice

- The rise of mediation and its impact on arbitration
- Discuss CMAC's Unified Mediation Rules and the 4 CMAC specialist mediation centres
- The "Entrusted Mediation Mechanism" of Shanghai Maritime Court and Guangzhou Maritime Court
- China's maritime mediation and the adoption of the Singapore Convention on Mediation

11.15 to 11.30
(15 min)

Mr Lawrence Teh
Senior Partner
Dentons Rodyk

The Importance of Asian Venues for Maritime Arbitration

- Singapore's role as a neutral and impartial arbitral Asian seat
- Ways in which CMAC and SCMA can cooperate to build and strengthen Asian maritime arbitration/mediation
- Explore how Chinese and Singapore legal practitioners/counsel may position themselves for the opportunities that may be available in China and South East Asia

11.35 to 11.50
(15 min)

Capt. Lee Fook Choon
Maritime Arbitrator/Loss Adjuster
Integral Marine Consultants Pte Ltd

The complementary strengths of SCMA and CMAC in meeting the challenges of the Belt and Initiatives (BRI)

- Compare and contrast the Chinese and Singapore approaches on dispute resolution
- How can CMAC and SCMA seize the opportunities offered by BRI and support each other in joint promotion, educational initiatives and development of Maritime Arbitration in Asia

12.00 to 12.15
(15 min)

Signing of SCMA – CMAC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and photo taking

Closing Speeches & Close of Seminar



Speakers



Bo Chen

Deputy General Secretary, CMAC (Beijing)

Dr. Chen, Bo is Deputy General Secretary of Arbitration Court of China Maritime Arbitration Commission. She got her Bachelor degree of Law and Master degree of International Law from China University of Political Science in 1984 and 1987 respectively. In 1999 she got her Master degree of International Maritime Law from International Maritime Law Institute of International Maritime Organization, Malta. In 2006 she got Doctor Degree of International Law from Dalian Maritime University. She has taught maritime law and international law in Central University of Nationalities in Beijing. Since 1993, she serves in the China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), and has handled thousands of maritime and commercial arbitration cases. Main areas of practice cover charterparties, bills of lading, ship sale and repairing, sale of goods, investment and insurance etc. She is also Executive Member of China International Law Society and China Maritime Law Association, the Professor of China University of Political Science and Law, the Arbitrator of CMAC and CIETAC, and Supporting member of LMAA.



Mr Niu Lei

Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm, Shanghai

Mr. Niu is the dispute resolution Partner of Zhong Lun Law Firm, Shanghai. He has extensive experiences in advising and representing international and domestic companies dealing with disputes through arbitration either in or outside Mainland China arising from international trade, shipbuilding, construction, M&A and maritime issues etc.

Niu Lei is a listed arbitrator of CIETAC (China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission), CMAC (China Maritime Arbitration Commission) and HKIAC (Hong Kong International Arbitration Center) as well as (KLRAC) Kuala Lumpur Regional Arbitration Center and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIA). Mr. Niu has been appointed as the presiding arbitrators/sole arbitrators/co-arbitrators in more than 200 arbitration cases.



Cui, Qiang (Alan)

Partner & Attorney at Law, Commerce and Finance Law Offices, Beijing.

As an experienced arbitration and litigation attorney, Mr. Cui has dealt with large quantity of cases involving equity investment, real estate, construction and infrastructure, international trade, transport and logistics, intellectual property, antitrust, and non-performing loans disposal. He has successfully represented many international investment institutions, multinational companies and large-scale domestic corporations for more than 400 cases relating to litigation and arbitration before Chinese Courts and arbitration institutions, including China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Beijing Arbitration Commission, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center, Shanghai International Arbitration Center and etc.

Benefiting from his professional expertise and communication skills, Mr. Cui achieves a satisfactory result in the majority of cases. In 2017, Mr. Cui was nominated as rising lawyers by the Asian Legal Business.



Speakers



Lawrence Teh Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk

Lawrence Teh is a Senior Partner in the Maritime practice and has wide experience handling maritime and commercial disputes, including those related to carriage of goods by sea, international trade and commodities, charterparties, ship and offshore construction, conversion and repairs, mortgage enforcement, ownership, ship agency and investment disputes in maritime businesses. Lawrence oversees all of the Firm's maritime work and maritime clientele and is often the contact partner for outgoing and incoming investments, ship purchase and finance, and corporate and tax work.

Lawrence advises clients and acts as counsel in all areas of commercial law and appears regularly as lead counsel in the Singapore courts, in arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is also considered and appointed regularly as an arbitrator in international disputes under the rules and auspices of international arbitration institutions and in ad hoc arbitrations.

He is the Administrator of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), Member, Panel of International Arbitrators, KCAB International. Member, Panel of Arbitrator/Mediator, Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (also known as the Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC).

He is named in numerous legal guides and directories including the The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, International Who's Who for Commercial Litigation, International Who's Who of Shipping & Maritime and Asialaw Leading Lawyers for Shipping, Maritime & Aviation and in the Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers.



Capt Lee Fook Choon Maritime Arbitrator/Loss Adjuster, Integral Marine Consultants Pte Ltd

Capt Lee Fook Choon, Master Mariner, LLM, FCI Arb, ACII, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Insurance Practitioner, a marine loss adjuster and insurance recovery consultant since 1978 and maritime arbitrator since 1994. To date, he has been involved in more than 135 arbitration cases in Hong Kong, Singapore, London and Shanghai.

The arbitration cases involved charter party issues, shipbuilding disputes, international trade disputes, Sales of Goods issues, Bills of Lading disputes, insurance claims etc. He is a panel arbitrator with HKIAC, SIAC, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Regional Arbitration Centre (Kuala Lumpur), Beijing Arbitration Commission and China Maritime Arbitration Commission. He is also an approved tutor with the UK Chartered Institute of Arbitrators besides being a practicing mediator in commercial and insurance disputes on ad-hoc and institutional basis. He is a trained and accredited mediator with the Hong Kong Mediation Council and a Principal Mediator with Singapore Mediation Centre and Singapore International Mediation Centre. He is accredited as an adjudicator in Malaysia in 2013 after completion of training. He had since adjudicated in a large shopping mall project in Malaysia.

He is currently Consultant to Integral Marine Consultants, Singapore and Director of Toplis & Harding (Maine & Recoveries) Ltd, Hong Kong. He has written many papers and had published two books namely "Risk Profile of Ships" and a sea adventure book under the title "Transforming Grace of God."

As an insurance loss adjuster, he had handled or supervised the handling of more than 9000 marine hull, cargo and general insurance claims spanning over 35 years acting on behalf of regional, London and Scandinavia insurers. He is also a risk assessor acting on behalf of international insurers for all classes of maritime assets, high security warehouse, privatised ports and container terminals, inland transit risks, project risk evaluation of just in time logistics and have conducted numerous large hull and cargo claims (particularly petroleum and chemical) investigations.

