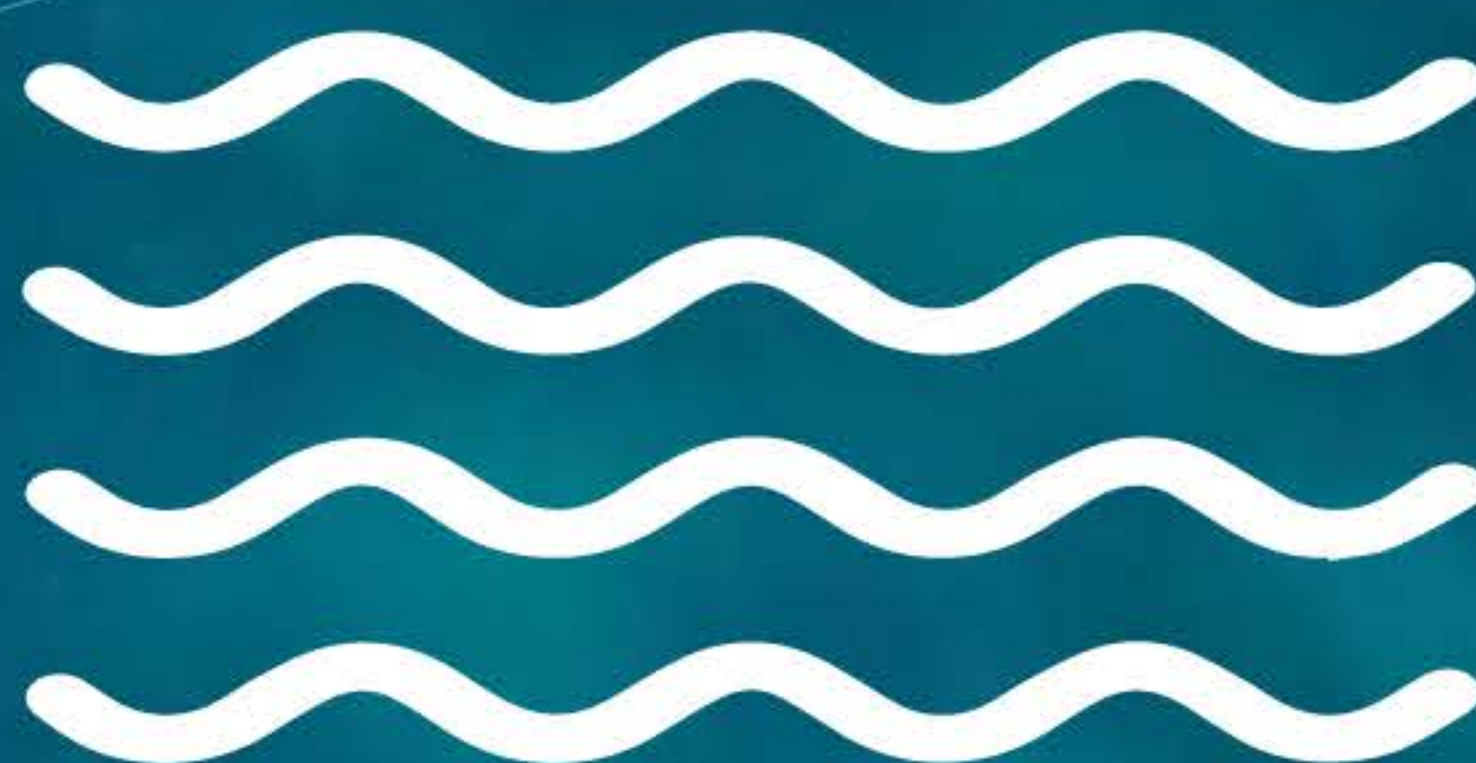




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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

## 2024: Strengthening SCMA's Global Reach and Thought Leadership

As we reflect on 2024, the maritime and trade industries continue to face profound transformation shaped by technological advances, evolving regulatory landscapes, and the increasing need for a greener maritime future. At the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), our mission remains steadfast: to provide adaptive, efficient, and fair dispute resolution mechanisms that empower the maritime and international trade communities to meet these challenges head-on.



### Key Milestones and Initiatives

In January, we marked the inauguration of the SCMA-SIMC Maritime Mediator Panel, a pioneering joint initiative taken with the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC).

This platform offers parties an additional pathway to resolve disputes efficiently and amicably, reflecting our commitment to diversifying dispute resolution mechanisms.

Our Perspective Seminar Series with esteemed chambers—Essex Court Chambers, 7 King's Bench Walk and Quadrant Chambers — continued to provide a platform for robust discussions on contemporary legal challenges. These seminars reaffirmed SCMA's role in shaping the discourse around maritime law and arbitration.

The launch of new global collaborations was another highlight. In July, SCMA formalised Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) and the Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC), strengthening academic and institutional ties.

### Expanding Our Global Footprint

This year also saw a concerted effort to extend SCMA's reach across key maritime hubs. Marketing trips were made and seminars held in Mumbai, Bangkok, Jakarta, Qingdao, Ningbo, Seoul, London, and Hai Phong showcasing SCMA's dispute resolution offerings and engaging stakeholders in vibrant maritime communities.





Our Distinguished Speaker Series held during Singapore Maritime Week (17 April) highlighted critical industry issues, including decarbonisation and the challenges of geopolitical uncertainties. Similarly, our Marine Fuels Forum (15 May) and Clyde & Co Seminar (19 September) provided valuable insights into emerging fuel regulations and trade dynamics.

## Thought Leadership and Industry Collaboration



2024 marked the successful completion of the 4th Maritime Arbitrators' Accreditation Programme (MAAP), conducted by leading arbitrators. This programme drew participants from over 10 countries and reinforced SCMA's reputation as a centre for excellence in maritime arbitration training.

We also sponsored and took on the main secretariat role for the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM) 2024. By investing in the next generation of legal professionals, SCMA continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing the future leaders of maritime law and arbitration.

## Engaging the Maritime Ecosystem



SCMA remains committed to building bridges within the maritime industry. This year, we hosted inaugural events such as the In-House Lawyers' Group Meeting (1 August), fostering dialogue among legal professionals.

Our annual Great Debate (29 August) sparked lively discussions on the future of arbitration, while the Arbitrators' Formal Dinner (5 November) celebrated the achievements of SCMA arbitrators.

As part of our educational efforts, SCMA continued its support for the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM), hosting a successful event on 12 July.

## Looking Ahead



As we move into 2025, SCMA remains steadfast in its vision to be a "by members, for members" institution. Initiatives such as the formation of the Arbitrators' Representative Council (ARC), the Members' Consultative Council (MCC), and the In-House Legal Counsel Group (ILG) will empower our members to actively shape SCMA's future.

We also successfully concluded our flagship SCMA Conference in March 2025, and are preparing for the XXIII International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators (ICMA) in March 2026, a prestigious event that will showcase Singapore's leadership in maritime arbitration on the global stage.

Last year's achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our stakeholders, partners, and members. I extend my deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to our success in 2024. Together, we will continue to position Singapore as a global hub for maritime and trade dispute resolution.

Chao Hick Tin  
Chairman of the Board  
Singapore Chamber of Maritime  
Arbitration (SCMA)



# STATISTICS <sup>2024</sup>

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REPORTED CASE REFERENCES

112% INCREASE

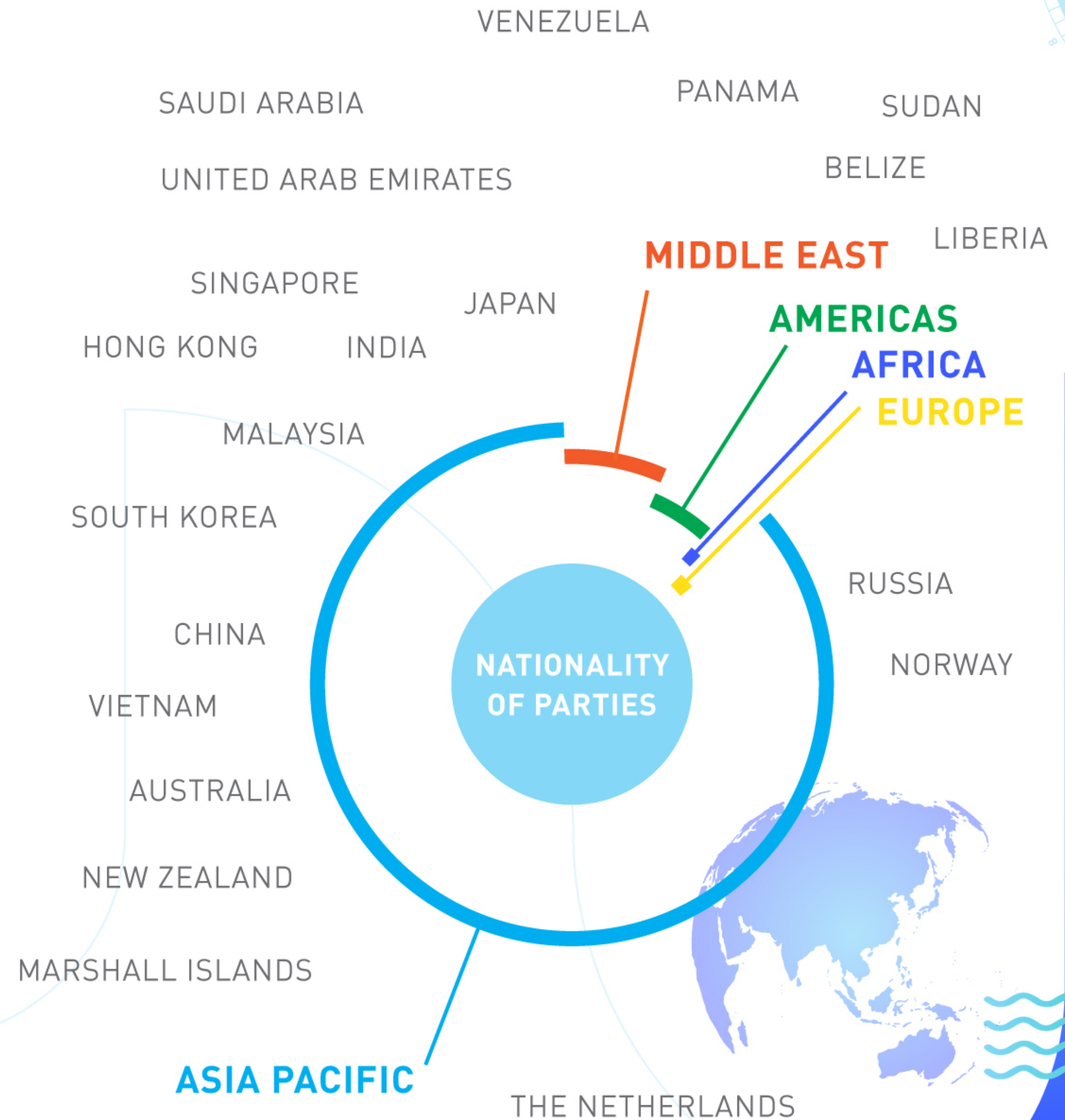
OVER LAST 5 YEARS' AVERAGE

USD \$97,977,788.20

TOTAL CLAIMS AMOUNT

USD \$1,180,455.28

AVERAGE CLAIMS AMOUNT





## KEY MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES

# INAUGURATION OF SCMA-SIMC MARITIME MEDIATOR PANEL

12 JUL 2024

The inaugural batch of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) - Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) (SCMA-SIMC) Maritime Mediators Panel was launched at the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)'s New Year Conversations 2024, which was also in celebration of its 20th anniversary.

The SCMA-SIMC Maritime Mediators Panel aims to facilitate the appointments of qualified mediators for resolving maritime and shipping disputes, while also promoting the wider adoption of mediation in suitable cases within the maritime industry.

Mediation has emerged as a compelling alternative dispute resolution mechanism, offering parties an interest-based, cost-effective, and confidential method of resolving disputes amicably within the maritime industry. The collaboration between SCMA and SIMC will further strengthen Singapore's position as a leading dispute-resolution hub for the maritime and international trade industries.

Through the SCMA – SIMC Maritime Mediators Panel, both institutions will be able to nominate qualified mediators to facilitate the resolution of their maritime or shipping disputes. The institutions will develop criteria and guidelines for the admission of suitable mediators, ensuring the highest standards of professionalism and expertise in mediating maritime and trade disputes.





## KEY MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES

# SCMA PERSPECTIVES SEMINARS

comprising 3 seminars:

10 JAN 2024

The first SCMA Perspectives Seminar **"THE FUTURE OF ARBITRATION: REFORM IN ENGLAND, AND A COMPARISON WITH SINGAPORE'S APPROACH"** was held on 10 January 2024, run jointly with Essex Court Chambers and Allen & Gledhill LLP.

In this seminar, the speakers, Chris Smith KC and Wei Jian Chan of Essex Court Chambers discussed their insights regarding the publication of the long-awaited final report by the Law Commission of its review of the UK Arbitration Act 1996 and a draft bill setting out the recommended amendments to the Act.

Daniel Liang of Allen & Gledhill LLP moderated the seminar and provided his views on the relevance of these recommendations in the context of Singapore law.





## KEY MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES

SCMA  
PERSPECTIVES  
SEMINARS

25 FEB 2024



**"ALLEGING CONSPIRACY TO USE UNLAWFUL MEANS"** was held jointly on 25 January 2024 with 7 King's Bench Walk (7KWB).



During the Seminar, Mr Stephen Kenny KC of 7KWB presented on the emergence of the tort of conspiracy along with its division into conspiracy to use unlawful means and conspiracy to injure without using unlawful means.

He also touched on the development of the tort of conspiracy, what it is to be a conspirator and the probable advantages in developing a claim in terms of conspiracy to do harm by unlawful means.



28 FEB 2024



Ms Gemma Morgan, Barrister at Quadrant Chambers presented the **LATEST KEY JUDGMENTS AFFECTING THE SHIPPING SECTOR FROM THE ENGLISH COURT OF APPEAL & SUPREME COURT**: *Herculito Maritime Ltd v. Gunvor International BV* ("The Polar"), *FIMBank p.l.c. v KCH Shipping Co. Ltd* ("The Giant Ace") and *Unicredit v Euronav* ("The Sienna").

Ms Xeauwei Tan, a Partner specialising in dispute resolution at Allen & Gledhill LLP, moderated the seminar and discussed the perspective of the banks, in view of these judgments.



SCMA extends our heartfelt gratitude to Gemma and Xeauwei, for sharing their knowledge and legal experiences with us during their engaging presentations and for sparking meaningful discussions amongst the attendees. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to learn from the both of you.

The Seminar closed with a fruitful networking session, which allowed the attendees within the maritime and international trade industry with the opportunity to connect with one another.



## KEY MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES

MOU SIGNING  
WITH SMU & SHIAC

08 SEP 2024

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) has cemented our partnership with Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) and 上海国际仲裁中心 - Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC) at the 5th Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council (SSCCC) meeting held in Shanghai, China by entering into two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

The two MOUs were respectively signed by Mr. Chao Hick Tin SC, Chairman of SCMA, with Professor Chu Beiping, President of SMU, and with Mr Zhou Min Hao, Chairman of SHIAC.

The MOUs embody a commitment to reciprocity in promoting each party's events and initiatives, sharing vital information, and co-organising educational and professional activities.



## 上海市-新加坡全面合作理事会第五次会议

5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SINGAPORE-SHANGHAI  
COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION COUNCIL

2024年7月9日 上海 July 9, 2024 Shanghai



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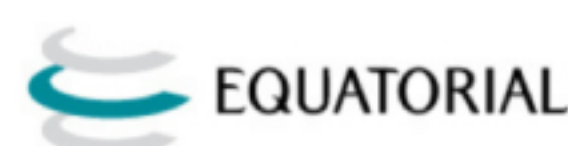


## KEY MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES

# SCMA PLEDGE SIGNATORIES 2024



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MANAGEMENT SERVICES



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INTERNATIONAL



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WE WOULD LIKE TO  
THANK ALL SIGNATORIES  
FOR SUPPORTING SCMA





## EXPANDING OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT  
MUMBAI, INDIA

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) was pleased to return to India on 1 February 2024 with our SCMA Maritime Law and Arbitration seminar in Mumbai, which was graced by Mr Cheong Ming Foong, the Consul-General of Singapore's Consulate-General in Mumbai.

Together with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and along with supporting organisations including the Indian Nation Shipowner's Association (INSA), the ICS Mumbai branch (Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers) and the ICS Madras Branch (Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers) as well as our SCMA member law firms, Norton Rose Fulbright Singapore, Oon & Bazul LLP and Rajah & Tann Asia, SCMA organised a half-day seminar that covered topics relating to legal and arbitration in the context of maritime and international trade sectors.

The seminar ended with closing remarks from Capt John Prasad Menezes, the Chairman of the ICS East India branch, one of the supporting organisations for the SCMA seminar, followed by a networking reception.

01 FEB 2024

MUMBAI,  
INDIA



# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT BANGKOK, THAILAND

Aside from attending several meetings with potential Thai stakeholders, SCMA, in collaboration with JTJB LLP and JTJB International Lawyers Co.,Ltd., hosted a seminar on force majeure clause developments, risk and insurance considerations, and SCMA Rules application. The conference attracted around 80 participants.

A panel of experts, moderated by John Sze, including Srinivas Kavi, Juthathawat Pengsri, Bhaskar Nigam, and Jack Marriott-Smalley, discussed strategies for managing risks in conflict situations.

19-21 MAR 2024

BANGKOK, THAILAND





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT QINGDAO, CHINA

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)'s recent trip to Qingdao saw successful collaborations with our Chinese partners. The first was with the China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), Qingdao Branch, where we jointly hosted over 120 participants from the Qingdao maritime sector, including local maritime port authorities, state-owned maritime enterprises, shipowners, and legal professionals, at a joint SCMA- CMAC networking reception held at the CMAC Qingdao Centre. The SCMA was honoured that the reception was also graced by Mr. Lihu Deputy Chairman of CMAC.

Prior to networking over drinks and food, SCMA and CMAC Qingdao Branch were joined by our colleagues from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). Ms Woei Tyng Tan, Senior Director (International Maritime Centre Division) of MPA made a presentation on how Singapore continued to build maritime capabilities whilst highlighting some of MPA's key initiatives in decarbonisation, digitalisation, and cybersecurity. Kevin Yong SCMA's Deputy Executive Director, introduced the Chambers and explained how the SCMA arbitration rules might benefit the dispute resolution needs of Chinese players in the maritime and international trading sectors.

28 MAR  
-02 APR 2024

QINGDAO  
SHANDONG  
CHINA



The second collaboration was that with the Shandong Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) and the Shandong Pilot Free Trade Zone Qingdao (SDPFTZ Qingdao), both of whom were introduced to SCMA by Singapore's MPA. SCMA gave a presentation to an audience of more than 120 participants on our arbitration rules, such as the Main Rules and the Expedited Procedure, at the seminar jointly hosted by Singapore MPA, Shandong MSA, and the SDPFTZ Qingdao. The joint seminar covered a spectrum of topics such as port security management, the development of Qingdao Free Trade Zone, Singapore's Flag State Control inspections, green fuel bunkering, and various maritime safety regulations.

During our trip to Qingdao, SCMA also took the opportunity to visit several shipping companies and associations to promote awareness and heighten the understanding of the use of SCMA arbitration rules for resolving their disputes. SCMA was thankful to have the chance to conduct meaningful discussions with these companies to explore potential future collaborations with them.





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT DALIAN, CHINA

SCMA participated in the Dalian Arbitration Week, organised by Dalian International Arbitration Court, for the first time.

We partnered Jincheng Tongda & Neal Law Firm (JT&N) to organise a law and arbitration seminar during the Week. This was attended by about 70 participants in person and 2,000 participants online.

SCMA visited shipping companies, Dalian Maritime University and Dalian Shipbuilding Industry Company; attended XINDE MARINE NEWS's Green Shipping Forum 2024; and organised a talk involving Chinese shipowners from Dalian and Shanghai.

28 -31 MAY 2024

DALIAN  
LIAONING  
CHINA





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT JAKARTA, INDONESIA

The SCMA Indonesia Conference in Jakarta was graced by Pak Trisnadi Mulia, the Vice-Chairperson of the Indonesian National Shipowners' Association.

Together with supporting organisations including the INSA and Anggraeni and Partners, and our member law firms, Helmsman LLC - Advocates & Solicitors, LVM Law Chambers LLC, Oon & Bazul LLP and Watson Farley & Williams, the SCMA organised a half-day seminar that covered topics relating to legal and arbitration in the context of maritime, commodities and international trade sectors.

The conference featured two panel discussions led by SCMA's law firms, covering practical considerations in selecting arbitrators and interim relief in maritime and international trade arbitrations, as well as strategies for resolving shipping and commodities disputes through arbitration. The conference concluded with a networking lunch reception.



3 -7 JUN 2024

JAKARTA  
INDONESIA





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT NINGBO, CHINA

SCMA participated in the Maritime Silk Road Port Cooperation Forum 2024. At the Forum, SCMA's Jane Hu shared with participants Singapore's robust framework for maritime arbitration and the SCMA arbitration rules. This was followed by a presentation by Nicholas Lum, who highlighted relevant case studies where SCMA rules were used to facilitate dispute resolution.

Besides participating in the Maritime Silk Road Port Cooperation Forum, we had the opportunity to engage with various maritime law firms, shipping companies, and associations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parties and partners who gave us an opportunity to engage them.

24 -28 JUN 2024

NINGBO  
ZHEJIANG  
CHINA





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

For the first time, SCMA hosted a reception graced by His Excellency Mr Ng Teck Hean, High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to the United Kingdom. The SCMA's Reception was held at the International Maritime Organization building at Albert Embankment which overlooks the River Thames.

It was a great opportunity to meet our SCMA arbitrators, members and guests from the London maritime community.

8 - 12 JUL 2024

LONDON  
UNITED  
KINGDOM





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT TIANJIN, CHINA

10-13 JUL 2024

TIANJIN  
CHINA

In July, the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) had the pleasure of visiting Tianjin, China where we co-hosted a seminar on "How Chinese Lawyers Can Participate in Singapore Arbitration."

This event was co-hosted with the Maritime and Commercial Professional Committee of Zhonglun Wende Law Firm, the Tianjin Bar Association, and the Alumni Association of Dalian Maritime University.

At the seminar, Jane Hu shared more about SCMA and our rules along with SCMA Arbitrator Justin Gan, Partner at Stephenson Harwood LLP. SCMA also visited the Tianjin International Shipping Industry Expo 2024 where Justin Gan shared valuable insights on the critical role Chinese lawyers can play in international arbitration.





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT HAI PHONG, VIETNAM

The SCMA Hai Phong Conference 2024 attracted a huge number of maritime and legal professionals as we delved into critical maritime issues, showcasing the strong interest and commitment within the industry to enhance dispute resolution and arbitration practices.

We worked with four SCMA corporate members to share with the local audience on topics including:

- Tackling notable issues in resolving maritime disputes
- Navigating cost-effective arbitration in shipping disputes
- Understanding cross-border enforcement and recognition of arbitration awards
- Exploring shipowners' remedies under LOI for the delivery of cargo without the production of OBL.

24 SEP 2024

HAI PHONG  
VIETNAM





# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT SHANGHAI AND ZHOUSHAN, CHINA

Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) Board Director Lawrence Teh, Registrar Shi Yan, Business Development Manager Jane Hu Wenzhen with SCMA Panel Arbitrator Matthew Harvey KC visited Shanghai and Zhoushan city and participated in the International Maritime Law Conference for Free Trade Ports (FTZ) on October 16th.

14 - 18 OCT 2024

ZHOUSHAN  
ZHEJIANG  
&  
SHANGHAI,  
CHINA



The event was organised by the Zhoushan Free Trade Zone Administration and co-hosted by the China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC) and the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), along with other local Chinese entities. SCMA board member Lawrence Teh and SCMA Panel Arbitrator Matthew Harvey delivered keynote speeches. Jane presented on maritime dispute resolution in afternoon session. The event was well received and contributed valuable ideas for improving Zhoushan's legal services environment.

During the visit to Shanghai, SCMA also held discussions with industry partners, including the China Shipowners Association, New Yangtze Group, China P&I, CU Line, TianTai Law Firm, and AnJie Broad Law Firm. Special thanks to SCMA corporate member Wintell & Co for organising a joint seminar with SCMA at their offices. Additionally, SCMA collaborated with SHIAC to host a joint seminar. Both events attracted a diverse audience of professionals and experts from the maritime and legal industries, leading to lively discussions and exchange of insights.



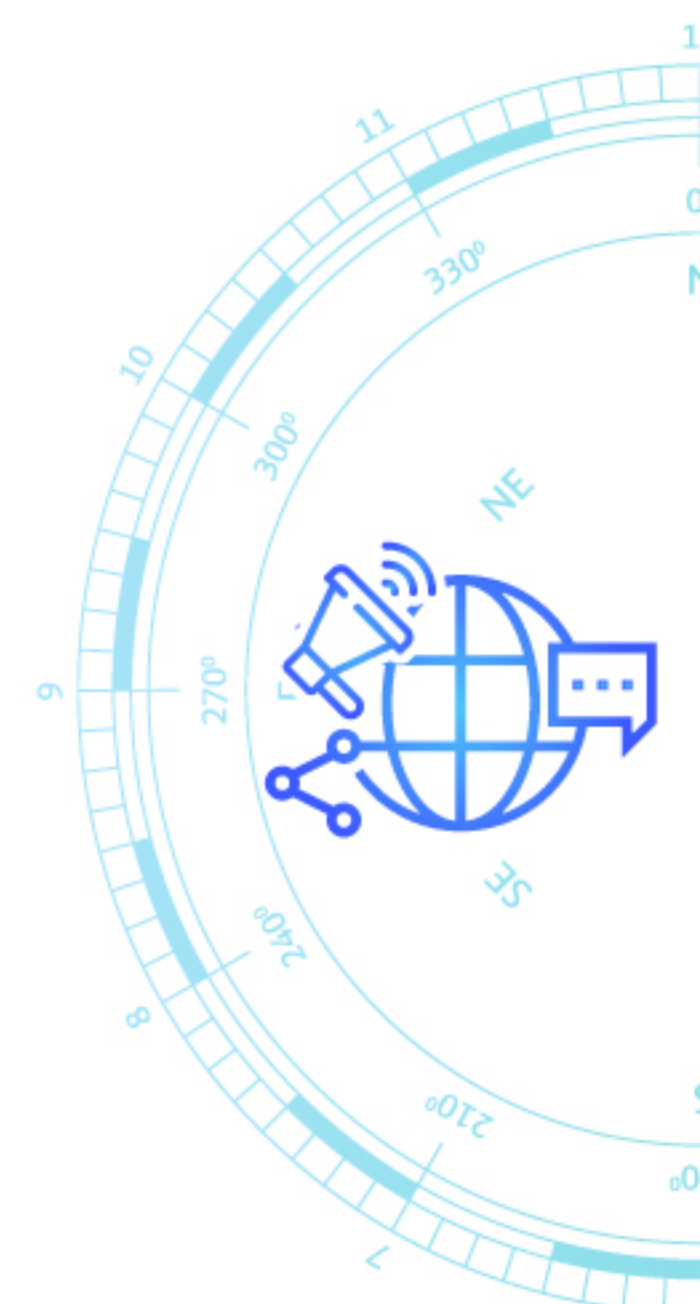


# OVERSEAS MARKET DEVELOPMENT SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

SCMA participated in the Seoul ADR Festival 2024. A breakfast conference was organised together with our SCMA Corporate Member, Kim & Chang, on 31 Oct 2024. Speakers at this breakfast conference included representatives from our other 2 SCMA Corporate Members – Dennis Matthiew and Dzungsrt & Associates. The SCMA Secretariat took this opportunity to visit Korean law firms, shipping companies and other maritime players.

28 OCT  
- 1 NOV 2024

SEOUL,  
SOUTH KOREA





## SCMA FLAGSHIP EVENTS

# SCMA DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES 2024

@SINGAPORE MARITIME WEEK 2024

17 APR 2024

The 5th SCMA Distinguished Speaker Series (DSS) presented us with an excellent platform to engage in discourse on alternative fuels.

Sergio Mujica, Secretary-General of ISO, was the Distinguished Speaker at our event. Eng Dih Teo, Chief Executive of Singapore's MPA, and Dr. Noel Hacegaba, Chief Operating Officer Port of Long Beach, provided valuable insights during the fireside chat.

We welcomed over 120 participants, with some from overseas markets, including Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, the US, the UK and Vietnam.





## SCMA FLAGSHIP EVENTS

# SINGAPORE CONVENTION WEEK 2024 - SCMA GREAT DEBATE

29 AUG 2024



SCMA's Great Debate during the Singapore Convention Week 2024 featured debaters engaging in a spirited discussion on Integrated Dispute Resolution (IDR) versus Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

Debate Motion: This House believes that an Integrated Dispute Resolution (IDR) Mechanism, allowing a Resolver to freely select from Arbitration, Mediation or Negotiation, is the most efficient way to resolve maritime disputes of the future. The debate was moderated and judged by Justice Steven Chong SC and Mr. Matthew Harvey KC.





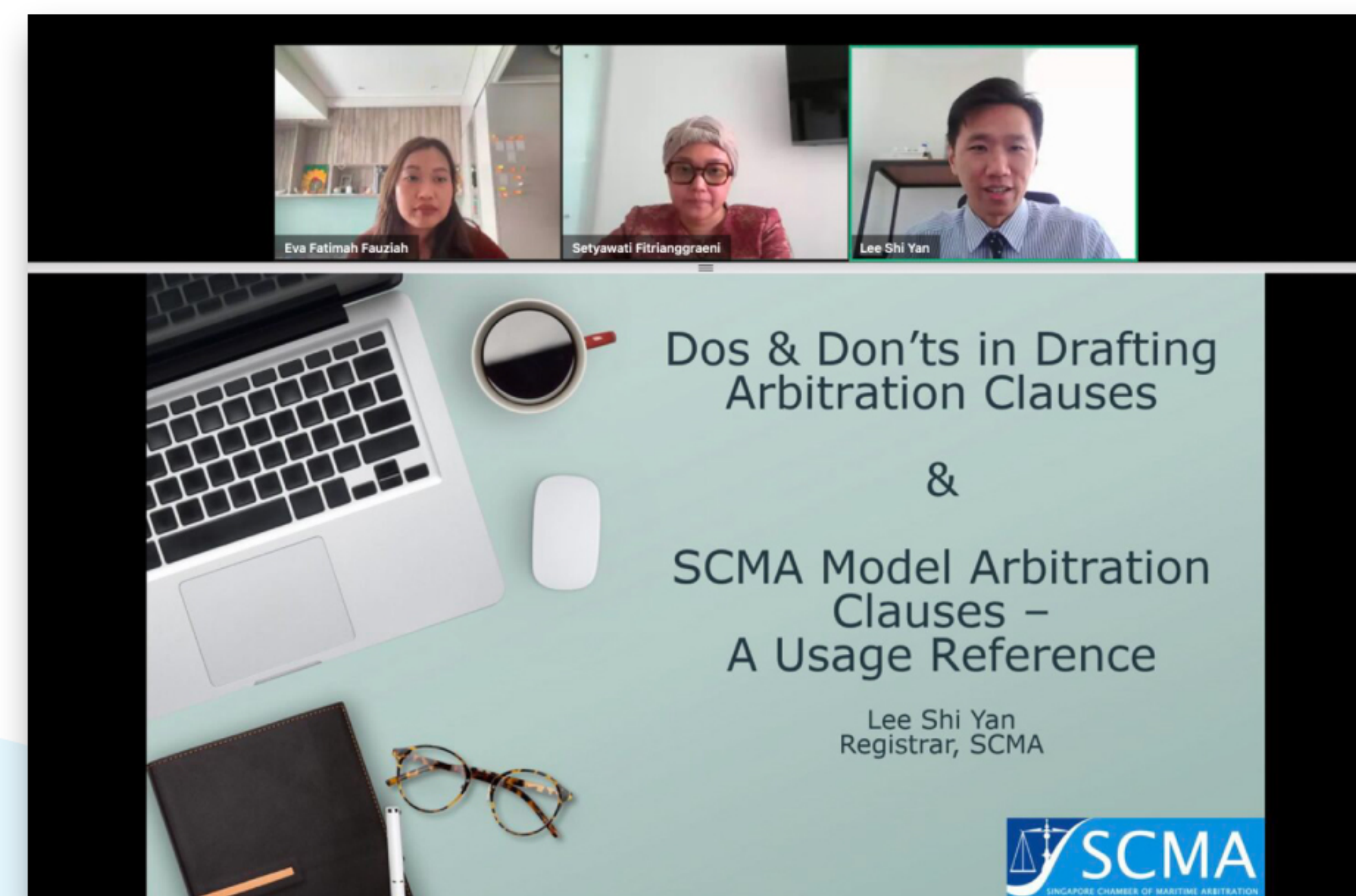
## WEBINARS

# MONDAQ WEBINAR WITH ANGGRAENI AND PARTNERS

20 MAR 2024

Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) was invited to speak in an online webinar yesterday hosted by Anggraeni and Partners. The seminar's topic was "Do's and Don'ts in Drafting Arbitration Clauses in Indonesia & Best Practices from the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration."

In the seminar, Setyawati F. and Eva F. Fauziah discussed arbitration in Indonesia. Shi Yan shared about the features of SCMA rules and the benefits of drafting effective arbitration clauses.





## WEBINARS

# SCMA-LSLC JOINT MARITIME WEBINAR 2024: REIMAGINING BILLS OF LADING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

SCMA, in collaboration with the London Shipping Law Centre (LSLC) hosted a webinar titled "Reimagining Bills of Lading for the 21st Century" on 20 Nov 2024. This session will explore how international trade is adapting to electronic standards and the evolution of case law without a new international convention.

The webinar was moderated by The Hon. Steven Rares (Independent Arbitrator & Mediator, 12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, NEWMANS ROW & David Grief International Consultancy) and features two Singapore-Based Speakers, Fangyi Li (General Counsel, Pacific International Lines (PTE) Ltd) and Maureen Poh (Director, Helmsman LLC - Advocates & Solicitors) along with two London-Based Speakers, Professor Charles Debattista, (Independent Arbitrator, 36 Stone) and Ingolf Kaiser (Partner, MFB).





20 NOV 2024



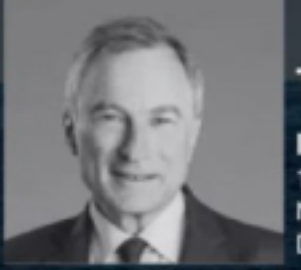
Jointly Organised By: **SCMA** (Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration) | **LSLC** (The Forum for Shipping, Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution)

Supported By: **DAVID GRIEF** | **Chambers Lab**

### Speakers

 <b>Charles Debattista</b> Independent Arbitrator 36 Stone	 <b>Ingolf Kaiser</b> Partner MFB	 <b>Li Fangyi</b> General Counsel Pacific International Lines	 <b>Maureen Poh</b> Director Helmsman LLC
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### Moderator

 <b>The Hon Steven Rares KC</b> Independent Arbitrator & Mediator 12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers (SYD) NEWMANS ROW (LDN) David Grief International Consultancy (SG)
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## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP &amp; INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

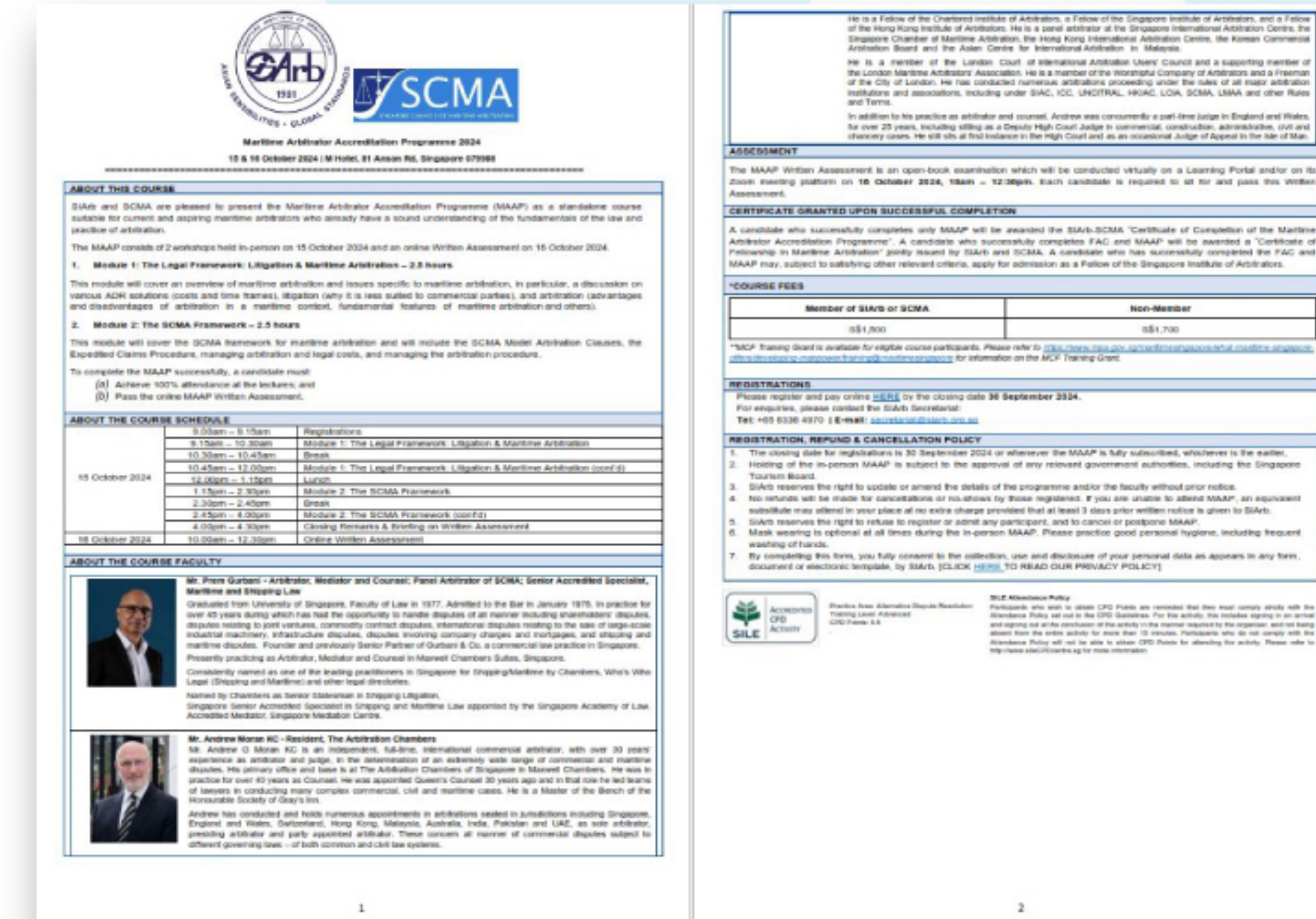
# 4TH MARITIME ARBITRATORS' ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME (MAAP)

15 OCT<sup>20</sup><sub>24</sub>

The 4th Maritime Arbitrator Accreditation Programme (MAAP), which is jointly organised by SCMA and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) was held in Singapore on 15-16 October 2024.

This comprehensive programme is specifically designed for current and aspiring maritime arbitrators who have a solid understanding of the fundamentals of arbitration law and practice.

This year, we welcomed 14 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia and Singapore.





# WORKING GROUPS

SCMA formed three working groups in 2024, looking to provide thought leadership in support of developing Singapore as a IMC in the areas of:

- a) methanol and ammonia as marine fuels of the future; and
- b) digitalisation and cybersecurity

The workgroups for methanol and ammonia are currently reviewing and evaluating the respective value chains to identify relevant gaps and opportunities for the creation of new standard form contracts or clauses. Where appropriate, they will also make representations to the relevant international bodies and position Singapore at the forefront of industry, environmental, and legal innovation in the maritime sector.

The workgroup for cybersecurity will propose a methodology to measure the economic losses arising from cyber incidents in the maritime sector.

## Methanol



## Ammonia



## Cybersecurity



## Methanol Working Group

- Reviewing and evaluating methanol value chains
- Identify relevant gaps and opportunities for the creation of new standard methanol form contracts or clauses

The Work Group met twice in 2024. Last August, SCMA served as a Sounding Board for BIMCO's Methanol Annex, which aims to supplement the BIMCO Bunker Terms 2018.





## Ammonia Working Group

- Reviewing and evaluating ammonia value chains
- Identify relevant gaps and opportunities for the creation of new standard ammonia form contracts or clauses

On 29 November 2024, this Work Group set a key objective to create a set of contract clauses and terms for ammonia bunkering that are commercially executable.



## Cybersecurity Working Group

- Methodology to measure the economic losses arising from cyber incidents

One of the key objectives of the Cybersecurity Workgroup was to propose a methodology to measure the economic losses arising from cyber incidents in the maritime sector.





# SCMA COMMITTEES

**Arbitrators' Representative Council (ARC)**

**Members' Consultative Council (MCC)**

**In-house Lawyers Group (ILG)**

## Arbitrators' Representative Council (ARC)

The ARC aims to issue advisories to guide parties and arbitrators in an SCMA Arbitration, oversee the revision of the SCMA Rules and serve as the representative voice of SCMA arbitrators in Singapore and globally.



## Members' Consultative Council (MCC)

The MCC aims to promote SCMA and enhance the value of SCMA membership for our corporate and individual members.





# SCMA COMMITTEES

## In-house Lawyers Group (ILG)

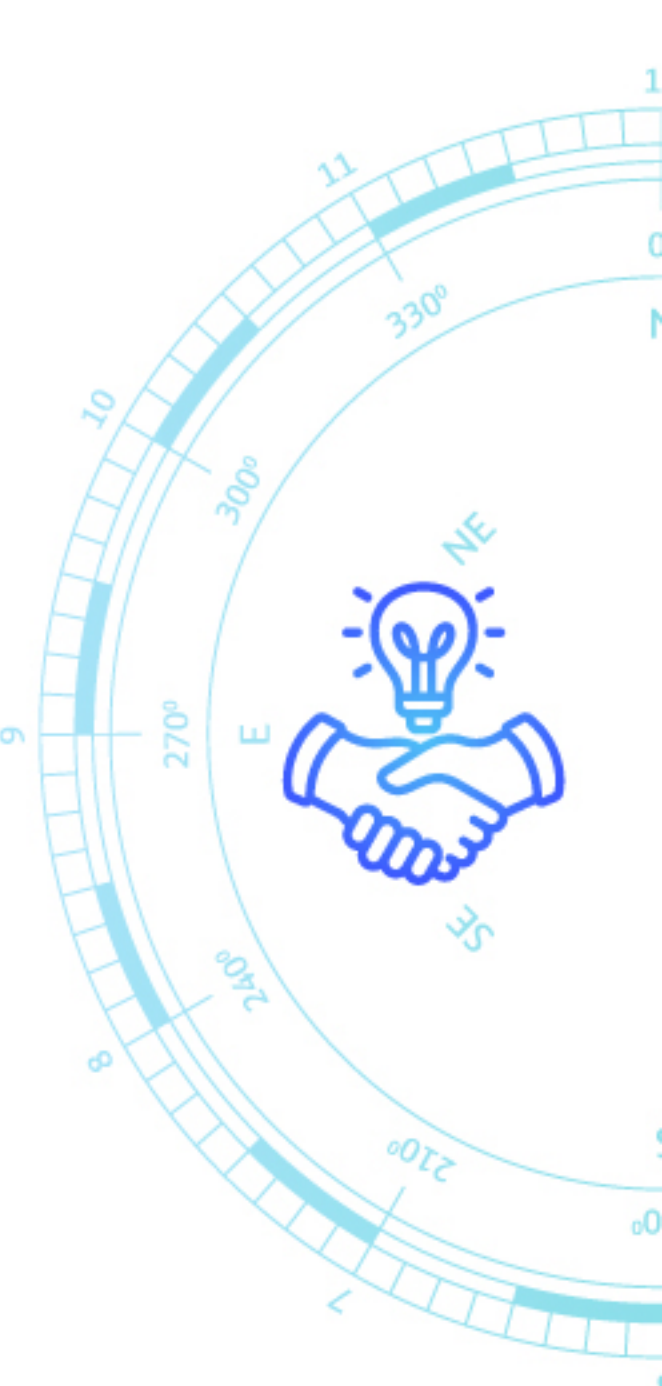
The ILG aims to support and advance the interest of such individuals who oversee the legal matters within their companies, and provide a platform for members to network and share knowledge.



# INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

## SCIC Working Groups on Methanol and LNG Bunkering

SCMA provided inputs on the draft Technical References for Methanol Bunkering, Mass Flow Meter Bunkering and LNG Bunkering. In particular, SCMA had studied and provided inputs to the dispute resolution clauses in all three Technical References.





## ENGAGING THE MARITIME ECOSYSTEM

SCMA INTERNATIONAL  
MARITIME LAW ARBITRATION  
MOOT (IMLAM)

12 JUL 2024

As the Secretariat of the Organising Committee, SCMA attended the Finals of the International-Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM).

This year's competition not only highlighted the legal prowess of law students but also fostered valuable connections and collaboration among future legal representatives from around the globe. The quality of arguments presented, and the level of professionalism demonstrated were truly impressive.





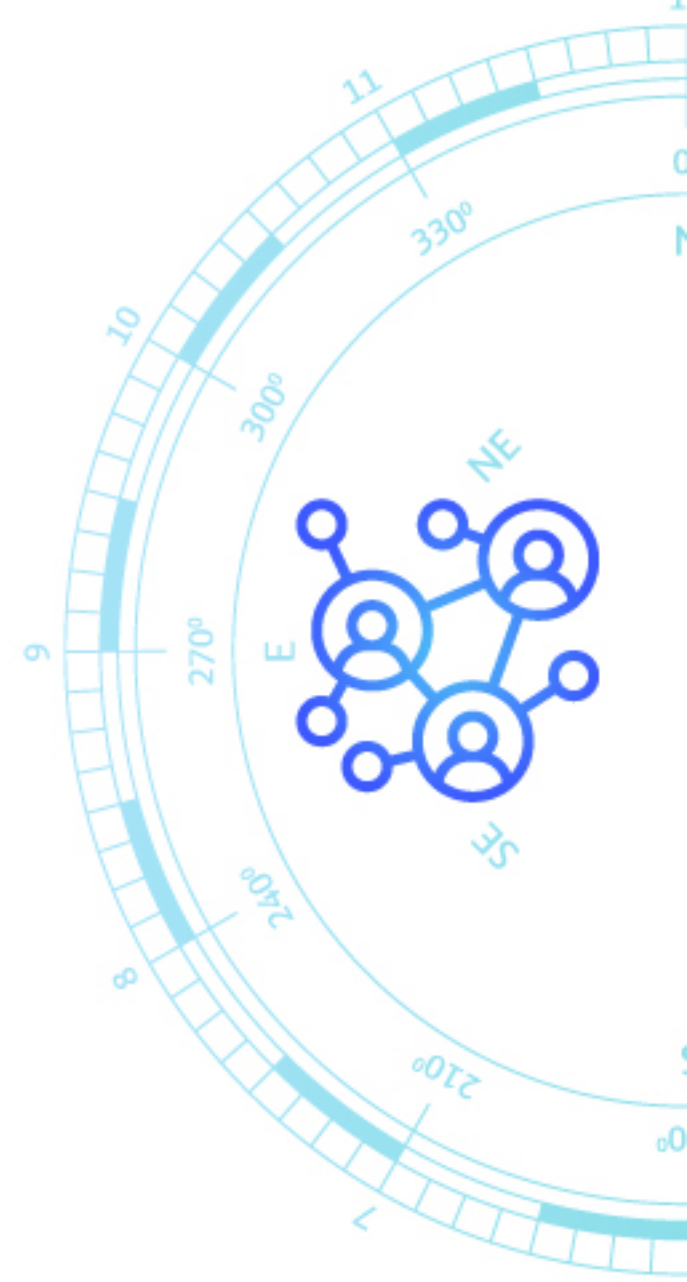
## ENGAGING THE MARITIME ECOSYSTEM

# SCMA-ICS NETWORKING DRINKS

Together with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Singapore Branch), SCMA organised a Networking Reception. It was an enjoyable night filled with meaningful connections.

It was a great opportunity to connect with fellow professionals in the maritime sector.

27 JUN 2024





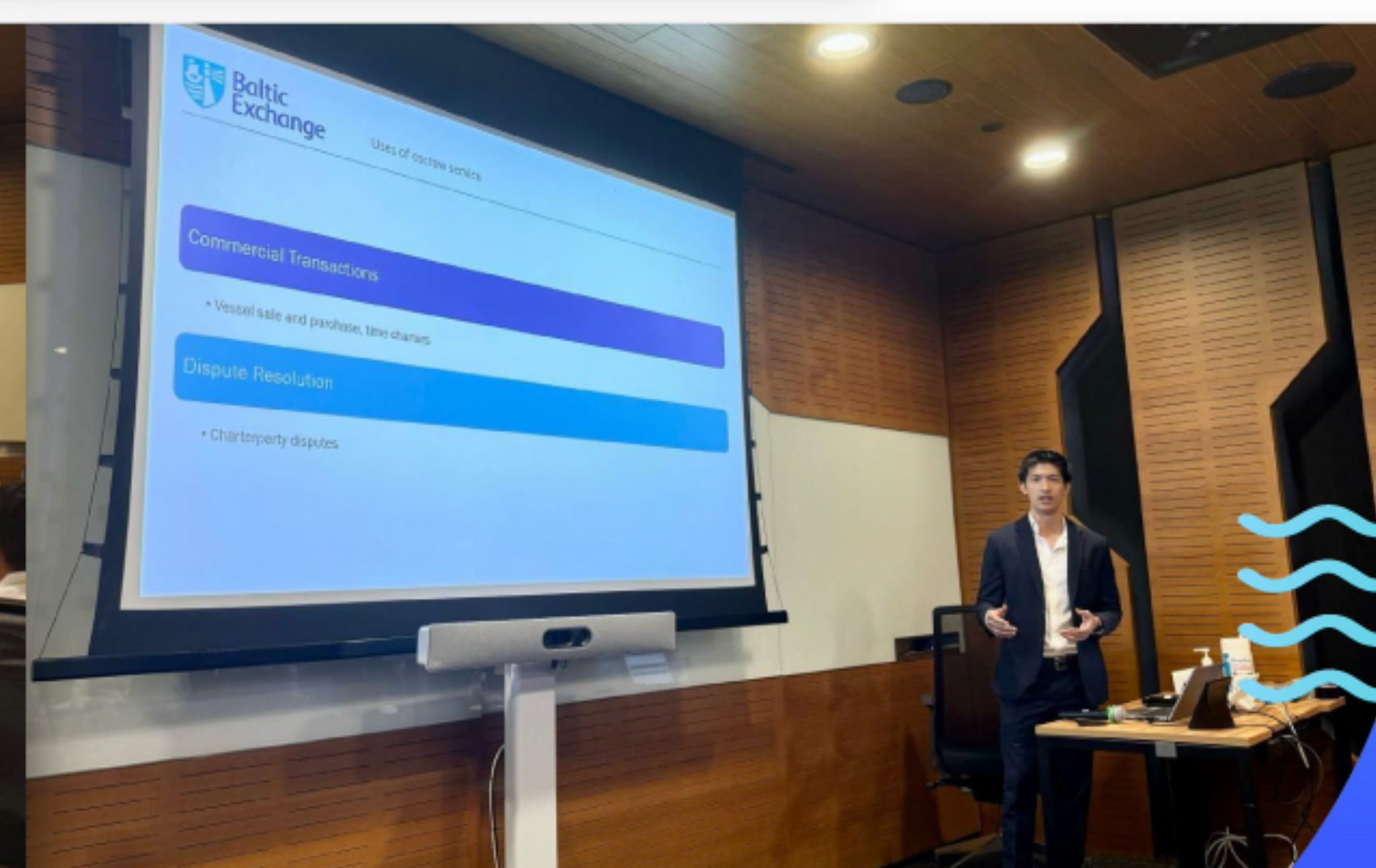
## ENGAGING THE MARITIME ECOSYSTEM

SCMA-BALTIC  
EXCHANGE - MARITIME  
LEGAL CLINIC

08 SEP 2024

This year's Maritime Legal Clinic attracted diverse participants from the shipping and international trade sectors. The session commenced with SCMA's sharing on SCMA arbitration. This was followed by an informative presentation on the Baltic Exchange and its Escrow Services.

Probin Dass of Dennis Mathiew proceeded with a presentation on "Avoiding the Time Bar Trap in Maritime Arbitration: A Case Study," underscoring the significance of legal representation and the implications of limitation periods in initiating arbitration actions. Additionally, Suresh S from Harry Elias Partnership LLP provided insights on "Sailing through Stormy Seas: Understanding AML Risks in Shipping," a topic that delved into the complexities of anti-money laundering risks in the maritime sector. Following the presentations, attendees enjoyed networking drinks and light refreshments before engaging in complimentary individual consultations with the legal experts.



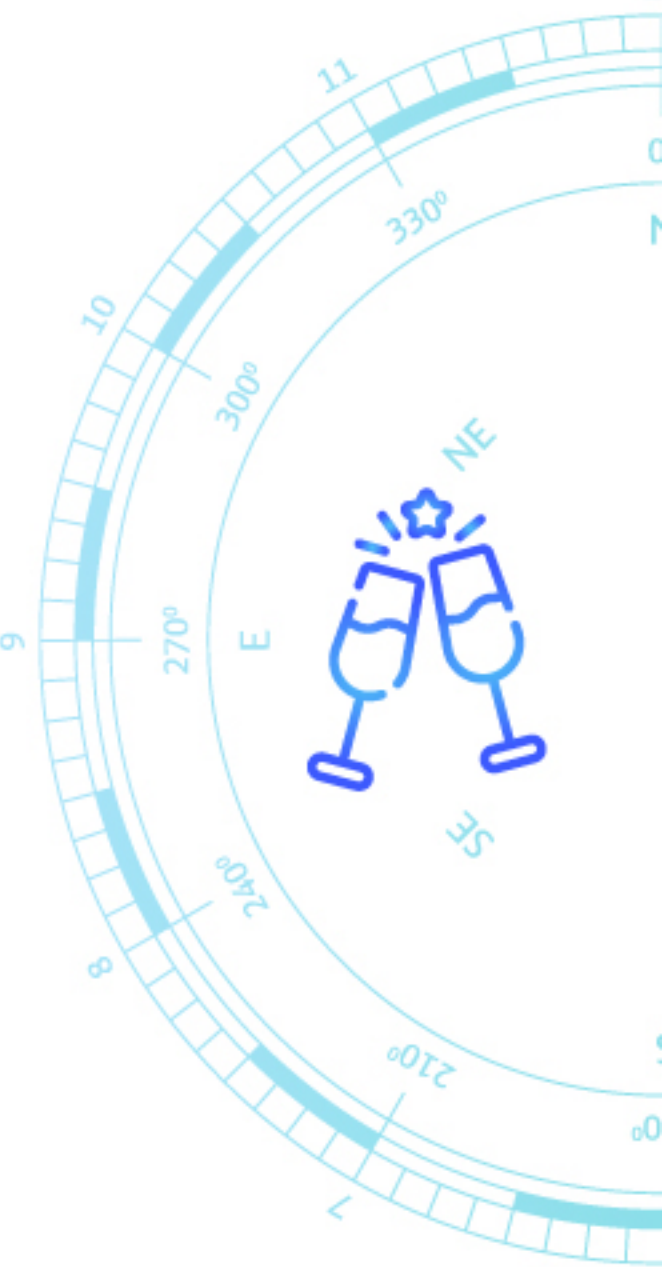


## ENGAGING THE MARITIME ECOSYSTEM

# SCMA ARBITRATORS' FORMAL DINNER

The Dinner is an event to bring together our SCMA arbitrators and serve as a networking platform. Justice Philip Jeyaretnam graced the event and addressed our arbitrators from Singapore and overseas.

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## MEMBERS' APPRECIATION NIGHT 2024

Members' Appreciation Night 2024 is an event dedicated to celebrating and recognizing the invaluable contributions of members.

Pacific International Lines is our venue and beer sponsor this year. We had over 170 members and guests attending this reception.

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# LOOKING AHEAD

## SCMA Conference 2025

To be held on 25 March 2025 as an event of the Maritime and Port Authority's Singapore Maritime Week 2025, the SCMA Conference will focus on the theme "Charting the Future of Maritime Arbitration in a Fast-Changing & Complex World – Geopolitics, Innovation & Sustainability". Our flagship event aims to bring together industry professionals, business leaders and legal practitioners to deliberate on current maritime issues and debate on how maritime dispute resolution services will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the global maritime community.

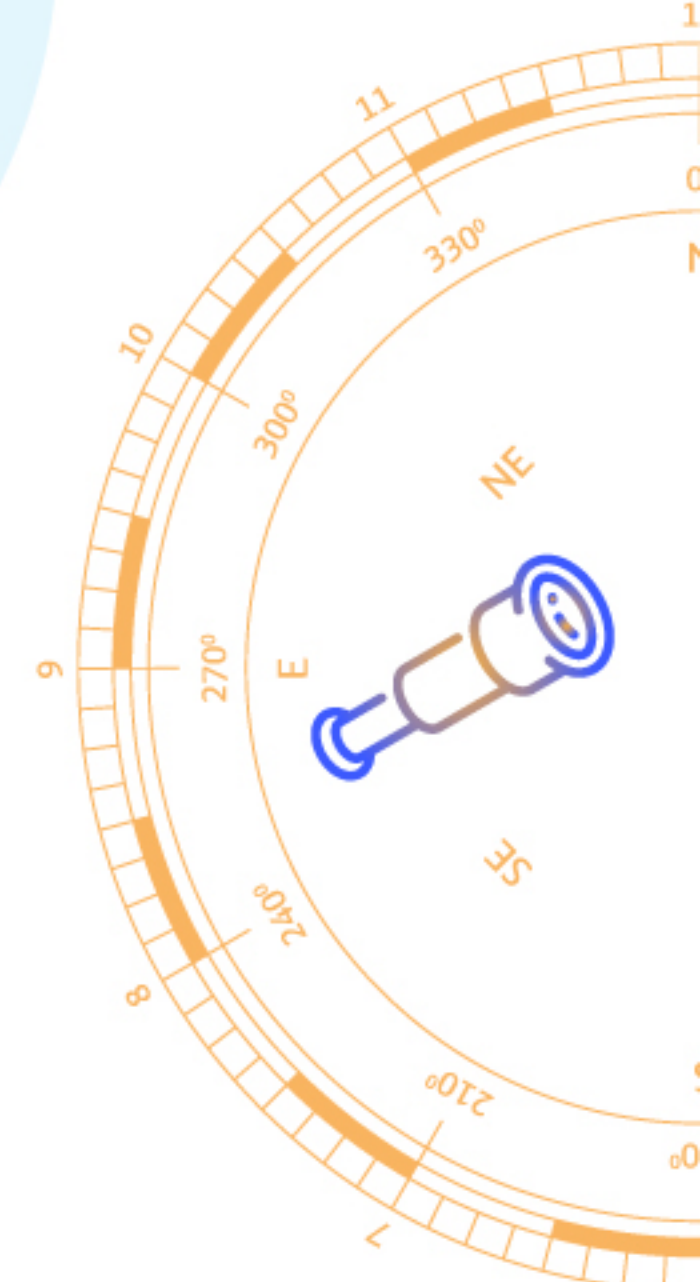
25 MAR <sup>20</sup>/<sub>25</sub>



## International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators (ICMA) XXIII

ICMA is a prestigious event that assembles maritime arbitrators, maritime and shipping counsel, lawyers, and other maritime professionals to engage in discourse and exchange views on the latest advancements in maritime dispute resolution and arbitration and other pertinent issues. During the ICMA XXIII week, we expect to welcome participants from all over the world to convene in Singapore.

22-27 MAR <sup>20</sup>/<sub>26</sub>







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