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## VIEWPOINT

### THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As the newly elected President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, I am pleased to introduce the following as Council Members for the year 2003/2004:

Mr Raymond Chan	President
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Over the next 12 months, the Institute will implement a series of programmes and activities to fulfill the Institute's vision statement "to train arbitrators and promote the use of arbitration" in Singapore. These programmes and activities will no doubt serve to raise the profile of the Institute. The more immediate objectives are:

- Publication of a Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics
- Publication of a Members' Directory with both a printed copy version as well as an online version
- Establishing a Panel of Arbitrators
- Production of an Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") Journal with the SIAC

### Planned Activities:

There are various activities currently planned including the following:

- International Entry Course on Arbitration Law and Practice in February 2004.
- A Fellowship Course in January 2004 entitled the "Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration" jointly organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, from 5- 13 January 2004.
- A Fast Track Fellowship Course for lawyers with more than 10 years' experience in March 2004.
- Two luncheon talks organised by the Institute on 10 November 2003 and 27 November 2003 respectively.
- An International Symposium on Arbitration to be held in September 2004 with distinguished international arbitrators and speakers
- Courses on Arbitration to be organised with Professional Institutes and Trade Bodies.

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### **ACE Programme**

It was announced at the recent Annual General Meeting that the Institute would embark on the Arbitration Capability Enhancement (ACE) Programme. Under this Programme, the Institute will carry out, among other activities, the following:

- Conduct programmes to enhance arbitration capability among specific industries
- Provide Continual Professional Development to members
- Conduct Professional Training Programmes
- Host international and local conferences / symposia
- Forge Strategic Alliances with international arbitration bodies
- Provide the use of arbitration services by SI Arb's Panel of Arbitrators

This ACE Programme is aimed at raising the professional standing of arbitrators in Singapore, create international linkages with international arbitration organizations and help raise the profile of Singapore as an international hub for ADR services.

For more details of the ACE Programme, please refer to pages 3 and 4 of this Newsletter.

### **Appointment of Executive Director:**

I am pleased also to welcome Dr Alvin Oh who has joined the Institute as its Executive Director from 1 October 2003. This is a new post and one of Alvin's main duties is to assist in the implementation of the ACE Programme.

### **Member's Night/New Premises:**

On 9 October 2003, the Institute held its Members' Night at the Nobel House Millennium. The venue for the event was specially chosen as it is located within the same building as the Institute's new premises. This enabled members attending the event to visit the premises as well.

For members who have yet to visit the Institute's premises at B1-11, UIC Building, I encourage you to do so. You will then be aware of the facilities that the Institute now has to offer to conduct arbitration hearings and to provide ancillary support for members.

About 140 members and guests attended the event. Members were presented with their Membership and Fellowship certificates. Successful candidates of the International Entry Course on Arbitration Law and Practice were also presented with their certificates.

The speaker for the evening, Mr Michael Hwang, SC, gave a thought-provoking talk on the subject of "Mediation and Arbitration". The talk was well received by members and guests.

### **Official Launch of the Institute's Website**

The evening's programme ended with a PowerPoint presentation to officially launch of the Institute's Website. With the launch of our own Website, members can now be kept informed of Institute's planned activities, conferences, seminars, workshops and courses through the Web in addition to fax and post. The Website also serves to inform the public of the Institute's objectives, particulars of its members and the services that the Institute provides. Our Website address is: [www.siarb.org.sg](http://www.siarb.org.sg)

### **Memorandum of Understanding with NUS – CI Arb & Recognition of Joint KCL-NUS MSc. Programme**

The Institute recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore for the Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration Programme. Successful graduates of this Programme will be exempted from the Institute's Fellowship examinations for the purpose of joining the Institute as Fellows.

The Institute also recently granted formal recognition to the Joint Kings College London-National University of Singapore Master of Science in Construction Law and Arbitration Programme to enable graduates of this Programme who have successfully completed its Award Writing Course to be exempted from the Institute's Fellowship examinations. A graduate of this programme will be eligible to join the Institute as a Member.

The support given by the Institute to these Programmes is part of its efforts to promote arbitration in Singapore. The Institute will continue with its support whenever needed.

Finally, I wish to thank all members who have supported and contributed to the Institute in one way or another. I look forward to your continued participation and support.

**Raymond Chan**  
President



## THE ACE (ARBITRATION CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT) PROGRAMME

On 22 July 2003, the Institute was awarded a 2-year monetary grant by the Economic Development Board (EDB) under the EDB's LEAP programme, to develop an Arbitration Capability Enhancement programme (or ACE for short). At a ceremony held at the Raffles City Convention Centre attended by various guests, including the Managing Director of the EDB, Mr Ko Kheng Hwa, and members of the press, the Guest of Honour, Mr Raymond Lim, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs and Trade & Industry, presented a certificate to LEAP recipients. Mr Richard Tan, the then President of the Institute was presented with the EDB LEAP certificate on the Institute's behalf.

The ACE programme came about after several months of discussion with the EDB on the development and funding of the ACE programme. One of the main objectives of the ACE Programme is to further strengthen Singapore as a location of choice for arbitration and dispute resolution. The Institute is confident that through this programme, the Institute will be able to play a leading role in deepening and broadening arbitration capabilities in Singapore, raising the professional standing of Singapore-based arbitrators and forging strategic international alliances, all of which will help raise the profile of Singapore as a location of choice for arbitration. These initiatives will also help support Singapore's premier position as a business infrastructure and legal services hub in the Asia Pacific region, bearing in mind that there are more than 6000 MNCs based in Singapore and that Singapore aims to continue to attract new business and investments to set up here.

The increase in trade and investments in the region has led to an increase in disputes arising from the region. For example, the proportion of worldwide International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration cases coming from Asia has tripled from 2.4% of ICC cases in 1990 to 7.2% in 2001. As such, there is a growing demand for Singapore-based arbitration professionals and supporting services providers to provide services from Singapore to resolve these commercial disputes.

The funding will also enable the Institute to engage full-time professional staff, including an executive officer and administrative assistant, to run its various programmes and to maintain its current premises and arbitration hearing room. Reliance on membership subscriptions and entrance fees alone would not have been sufficient otherwise to carry out these plans and initiatives.

### **The 2-Year Work Plan**

The ACE Programme consists of an initial 2-year work plan, which will cover capability development and the promotion and development of arbitration activities.

### **Capability Development**

In terms of capability development, the work plan includes programmes for the training of at least 400 legal and

industry/technical professionals over the next 2 years. Of these, at least 50 should attain Fellowship status with the Institute and the UK-based Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). To build differentiated advantages, the Institute will look into developing capabilities in specialized fields such as intellectual property, ICT and biotechnology in addition to traditional strengths in construction and maritime arbitration. These are promising areas in view of the rapid growth potential of such industries in the Asia Pacific region. The Institute will therefore look towards collaboration with industry associations to develop awareness and training programmes amongst industry professionals.

The Institute will also implement continuing professional development (CPD) programmes for its own members to ensure that its members continually upgrade their skills and keep abreast with latest developments in international arbitration. Through its various programmes, the Institute hopes to elevate the standing of its members who practise as arbitrators to that of world class arbitrators who are able to effectively manage and adjudicate the most complex of international arbitrations.

The Institute will also collaborate with academic and professional institutions both local and foreign to conduct courses in arbitration whose certificates will have international recognition. For example, in 2004, the Institute will be holding jointly with the Chartered Institute a Diploma course in International Commercial Arbitration. The Institute is also supporting a course to be held by the National University of Singapore Law Faculty leading up to a Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration.

The Institute is also developing a code of ethics for its members to emphasize the importance of independence, neutrality, integrity and efficiency in administering the arbitral process.

The Institute also hopes to publish an arbitration journal jointly with the SIAC to highlight developments in arbitration in Singapore and the region.

### **Promotion of Arbitration Activities**

As it is also critical for Singapore to raise the profile of its arbitration services and infrastructure, as part of its work plan, the Institute aims to build global alliances and linkages by organizing international arbitration conferences and inviting leading arbitration professionals around the world to Singapore to exchange and share ideas and knowledge. The Institute will also work as a multiplier and collaborate with various industry associations and professional bodies to promote the awareness and use of arbitration and the use of Singapore as the place for arbitrations. The Institute will also of course continue to work closely with the SIAC and support the centre.

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Through the grant, the SI Arb will now be financially well placed to hire a full time executive director and staff to manage its secretariat and administer the work plan under the ACE programme.

In a press release issued in connection with the EDB Leap award, Mr Teo Ming Kian, Chairman, Economic Development Board was quoted as saying: "Singapore is rapidly developing into a choice location for international conflict resolution (CR) in the Asia Pacific. With our strong legal framework, efficient business infrastructure and well established CR institutions, industry associations and professional bodies such as SI Arb, the SIAC, the International Chamber of Commerce Asia and the Law Society of Singapore, we are well poised to offer efficient and effective CR services not only for the Singapore business community but also the region. I am confident that SI Arb's initiatives will further enhance the attractiveness of Singapore as a leading venue for international conflict resolution."

Mr Richard Tan, the (then) President of the Institute,

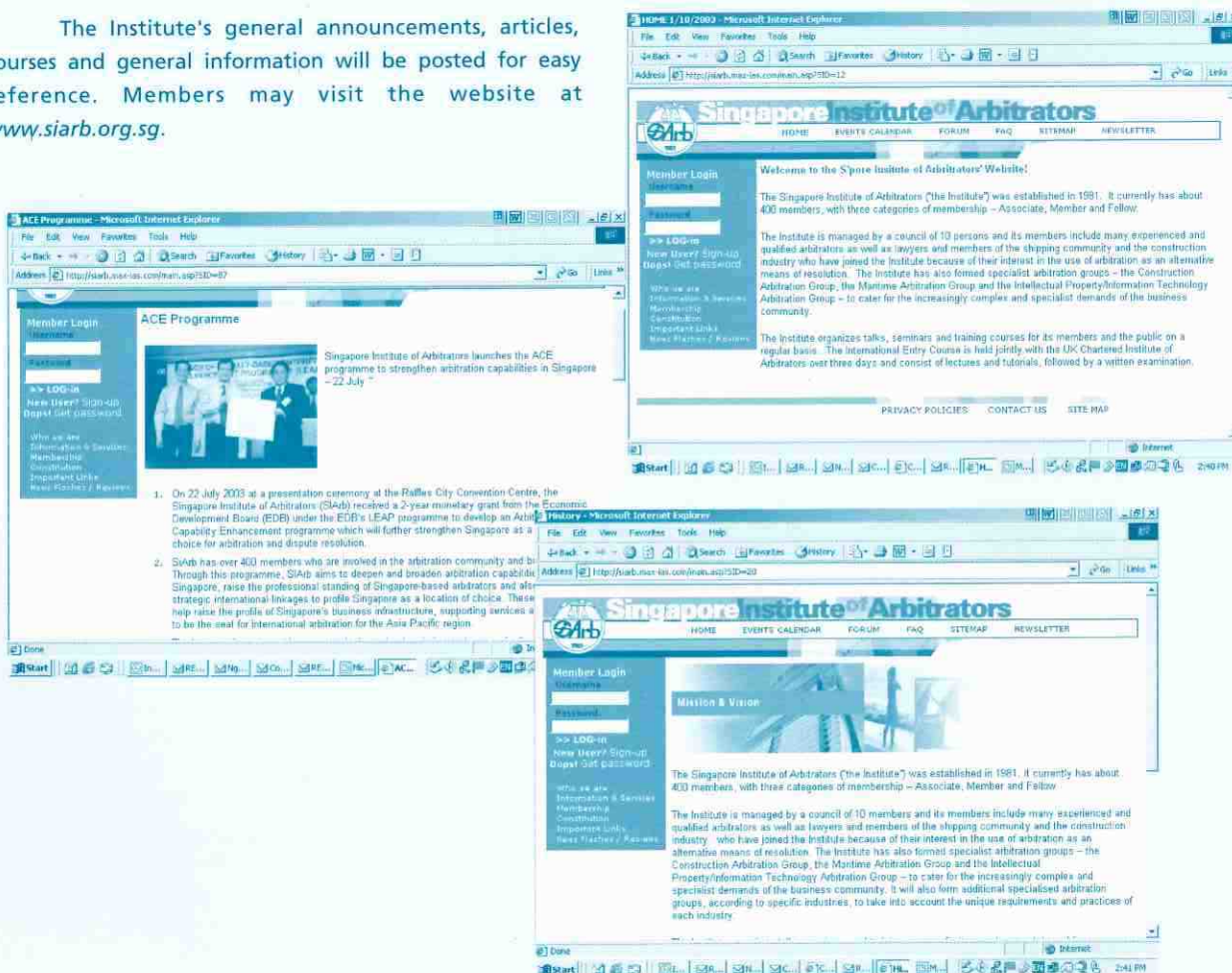
who received the LEAP award on behalf of the Institute at the launch on 22 July 2003 was also quoted as saying: "In determining the country in which to hold an international arbitration, lawyers will look at a number of factors - sound arbitration laws which provide good support for arbitral decisions and awards, modern and efficient facilities that will make arbitrations easier and quicker and therefore cheaper to conduct, and, of course, a core of well-trained arbitrators and arbitration lawyers who are experienced in handling the most complex and varied of international disputes and who are of the highest integrity. I firmly believe that the programme that SI Arb has developed with the EDB's assistance will help immensely to cement Singapore's status as a premier international arbitration centre."

The Institute firmly believes that its Arbitration Capability Enhancement programme will serve as a springboard to raise the profile of Singapore as a premier location to conduct international arbitrations and as a provider of arbitration services par excellence.

## WEBSITE

The SI Arb website was launched on 9 October by the President of the Institute, Mr Raymond Chan, at the Members' Night held at the Noble House Millenium, UIC Building. The objective of the website is to facilitate the dissemination of information through the Internet and keep our members informed of the activities of the Institute.

The Institute's general announcements, articles, courses and general information will be posted for easy reference. Members may visit the website at [www.siarb.org.sg](http://www.siarb.org.sg).





## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Institute's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 25 August 2003 at the White Azalea Room of the Shangri-La Hotel. Forty members attended the Meeting.

During the course of the formal proceedings, the outgoing President, Mr Richard Tan gave details of the Arbitration Capability Enhancement (ACE) Programme that was launched recently following several months of discussions with the Economic Development Board (EDB). With the support of the EDB under its Locally Based Enterprise Advancement Programme (LEAP), the EDB would provide funding over a 2-year period to the Institute to support a workplan under the ACE Programme. The funding would also enable the Institute to employ a full-time Executive Director and staff who would administer the Institute's activities on a day-to-day basis.

Due to the SARS outbreak, the Institute's planned arbitration conference and the annual dinner unfortunately had to be cancelled. These events and others under the ACE Programme would be held in the forthcoming term.



A Lively discussion during Q & A.



After the Office Bearers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Counsel answered questions from the floor, an election was conducted for the posts of 3 Council Members.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Members for the year 2003/2004 are:-

President	Mr Raymond Chan Lawyer
Vice President	Mr Goh Phai Cheng, SC Lawyer
Hon Secretary	Mr Yang Yung Chong Lawyer
Hon Treasurer	Mr Vassilios Vareldzis Engineer
Imm Past President	Mr Richard Tan Lawyer
Council Member	Mr Johnny Tan Cheng Hye Architect
Council Member	Mr Leslie Chew Kwee Hoe, SC Lawyer
Council Member	Capt Lee Fook Choon Master Mariner
Council Member	Dr Philip Chan Chuen Fye Assoc Professor
Council Member	Mr Eugene Seah Hsiu-Min Quantity Surveyor
Co-Opted Member	Mr C Arul Lawyer

The new President, Mr Raymond Chan stressed the importance of Committee Work and urged all members to join the various Committees. He told members that the Institute would be drawing up a Code of Ethics and also planned to organise more events in due course, including a dinner with a certificate presentation ceremony.

The evening's proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr Richard Tan for his contributions and leadership during his past 2 terms as President of the Institute.

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## 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

► Members casting their votes

▼ Council Members 2003/2004



► Outgoing President, Richard Tan, presenting the Annual Report at the 22nd AGM





## MEMBERS' NIGHT

- ▼ Imm. Past President, Richard Tan briefing Members on the ACE Programme



▲ President, Raymond Chan's welcome address

## LUNCHEON TALK BY MR NEIL KAPLAN, QC





## LEGAL DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING ARBITRATION

In this column, extracts of recent cases concerning arbitration are presented to alert members to the development in arbitration law. This is to encourage the reading of the full judgment. Extracts from five Singapore cases are set out below.

**Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co Ltd (Mitsui) v PSA Corp Ltd and another (Keppel Engineering Pte Ltd) (Keppel) [2003] 1 SLR 446 [Woo Bih Li JC (as he then was)]** This is a case where an application was taken by Keppel, a JV member, to stay the court proceedings so that disputes may be referred to arbitration as there was an arbitration clause in a contract between Mitsui and Keppel. Two points may be noted from the case.

- o As it was not expressly provided in the arbitration clause, the application taken by Keppel was based on the International Arbitration Act (IAA) and alternatively, the Arbitration Act (AA).
- o The court had to interpret the meaning of an international arbitration provided by s5 of the IAA. In particular, the court had to interpret the meaning of "any place where a substantial part of the obligations of the commercial relationship is to be performed" in order to ascertain which is the place of business of Mitsui since it had two places of business, that is, Japan and Singapore. As the design being the main scope of Mitsui's work was carried out in Japan, it was held that substantial performance was carried out in Japan, a State outside Singapore. Accordingly, the arbitration was an international one and the IAA governed and a stay of proceedings was mandatory.

**Anwar Siraj and another v Ting Kang Chung and another [2003] 2 SLR 287 [Tay Yong Kwang J]** This is a case where there is an application to remove an arbitrator. Extracts of the judgment are set out below.

- o "A subjective lack of confidence in the arbitrator by one party is not a sufficient ground to remove him. The test is an objective one and there must exist real grounds for which a reasonable person would think there is a real likelihood that the arbitrator could not or would not fairly determine the issue on the basis of the evidence and the arguments to be adduced before him (Hagop Ardahalian v Unifert International SA (The "Elissar") [1984] 2 Lloyd's Rep 84 at 89)."
- o "The fact that an arbitrator seems to be constantly ruling in favour of one party is equally consistent with the merits being on that party's side. The applicants must show that his decision was likely to have been coloured by something which should have no part at all in a fair decision-making process."
- o "While obvious incompetence may amount to misconduct justifying the removal of an arbitrator... Even if he could be said to be a little unsure about the applications for security for costs, that would not amount to incompetence. Indeed, an arbitrator who is

extremely confident and decisive may be accused unfairly by some of having made up his mind without considering the arguments of the parties."

- o "...an arbitrator who moves the proceedings along at a breakneck speed may well be accused of misconduct in subordinating fairness to speed."

**Myanma Yangon Chi Oo Co Ltd v Win Win Nu and another [2003] 2 SLR 547 [Kan Ting Chiu J]** This is a not a case about arbitration itself. However, the issues of whether reference should be made to an arbitration proceeding and whether documents in the proceeding should be exhibited in the case before the court was dealt with by the learned judge.

- o "The first issue that is to be resolved is whether there is an implied duty of confidentiality. I prefer the English position over the Australian position. Parties who opt for arbitration rather than litigation are likely to be aware of and be influenced by the fact that the former are private hearings while the latter are open hearings. Rather than to say that there is nothing inherently confidential in the arbitration process, it is more in keeping with the parties' expectations to take the position that the proceedings are confidential, and that disclosures can be made in the accepted circumstances."
- o "The next question is whether a party which contends that the disclosure of the arbitration is necessary, has to obtain the leave of court before making the disclosure. I do not think it is. The reasonable necessity exception is grounded on the implied agreement that when it is reasonably necessary to disclose, the duty of confidentiality is lifted. If the duty does apply, leave of court is not required for disclosure."

**Newspeed International Ltd v Citus Trading Pte Ltd [2003] 3 SLR 1 [Woo Bih Li JC (as he then was)]** This is a case where there is an application to set aside the order granting leave to enforce a foreign arbitral award given by CIETAC.

- o An award may be challenged in the country where it is made or in the country where it is enforced but the challenger must choose either option but not both. In the case, the award was unsuccessfully challenged in China and the Singapore court dismissed the challenge against enforcement.

**Kiyue Co Ltd v Aquagen International Pte Ltd [2003] 3 SLR 130 [Choo Han Teck J]** This is a not a case about arbitration itself. However, the issue is whether under section 216A of the Companies Act, a minority shareholder in a company can successfully apply for leave to intervene in an arbitration in the name and on behalf of the company. It was held that the said section limited the leave to be granted in respect of a court action only, as upon the reading of the statute as a whole the section does not include intervention in an arbitration.



# THE VIS ARBITRATION MOOT AND SINGAPORE

**By Gary F Bell, Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law**

The Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot has been held in Vienna yearly since 1993. The competition simulates an arbitral proceeding on a dispute governed by the *United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)*. Each year, the Moot uses different arbitration Rules and next year, for the first time, the SIAC rules will be used (a real coup for Singapore).

In 2003, 128 law schools from 40 countries participated in the competition. It is where the next generation of arbitration practitioners gets its first experience. The students are very privileged to be judged by the who's who of international arbitration. Many very top arbitrators are willing to spend many days in Vienna, at their own expense, to help train the next generation.

The Vis Moot has also become a good opportunity for arbitrators to "schmooze" at the numerous cocktails organised for them by firms in Vienna – it is a good opportunity for those specialising in arbitration to meet their colleagues from around the world. I would also think that it is the place to be if we want to promote Singapore as an arbitration venue. I therefore hope that many members of the Singapore arbitration community will be able to attend next year and help judge the competition.

In 2002, I brought our first NUS team to the Vis Moot. Notwithstanding the fact that this was our first participation, we emerged as champion of the competition. NUS law students (now graduates) — Samuel Ang, Jason Chan, Chia Voon Jiet, Jean Ho and Eugene Phua were up against teams from 107 universities from 35 countries, including top schools like Columbia University Law School and Harvard Law School.

The team this year also did extremely well and finished first in the preliminary rounds (but of course we cannot win the elimination rounds every year!). We are sending another team in 2004 and are confident that we will continue to uphold our quickly acquired reputation at the Vis.

The competition requires a lot of effort from our students. They must file a memorandum for the applicant in December and one for the respondent in February. They then plead in Vienna (alternatively for the applicant and the respondent) from the Saturday of the weekend before the Easter weekend until the Thursday before Easter (if they are lucky!).

We are very grateful to members of the Singapore arbitration community who have supported us in the past by judging our practices and hope to continue to enjoy your support.

Let us send a strong message that Singapore is the place to be for international arbitration in Asia by making our presence known next year at the Vis Moot. It would be a shame not to have many arbitrators from Singapore in Vienna when the rules of the SIAC are used for the very first time. See you in Vienna!

For information about the Vis Moot go to:

<http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/vis.html>

## **The NUS law team at the grand hall of Rathaus (Vienna City Hall) where the final round was held.**

First row: Samuel Ang Wee Beng, Professor Eric Bergsten (organiser of the Moot in Vienna), Jean Ho Qing Ying, Eugene Phua Weh Kwang, Chia Voon Jiet; second row: Associate Professor Gary F Bell (team coach) and Jason Chan Tai Hui. All students are Class of 2002 except for Jean who is Class of 2003.



## **NEXT QUARTER PROGRAMMES:**

### **1. The Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration**

(A programme jointly organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified lawyers, law graduates and other professionals who have experience in arbitration or other forms of dispute resolution. In order to be awarded the Diploma, successful candidates will be required to pass a three-hour examination based on the content of the course and a four-hour Award Writing examination. Both examinations will be available after the course and can be taken in a suitable venue local to the candidate's place of work/residence.

#### **Course Coverage:**

The course will cover subjects including the nature and limits of arbitration and its treatment by various legal systems, jurisdiction, powers and obligations of an Arbitrator. It will also include the laws applicable to international commercial arbitration, the arbitration agreement, appointment of arbitrators, procedure for arbitration, The Hearing, Awards and more.

#### **How to Register**

As there are limited vacancies for this course, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

The course fee is **GBP 2900.00** for each candidate and it includes 8 nights' full board accommodation, all tuition as well as examination fees and documentation.

This course will be conducted between 5 – 13 January 2004 at Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa. For more information and registration, please contact Ms Jenny Wee from the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators at 6323 1276 or email her at [singarb@cyberway.com.sg](mailto:singarb@cyberway.com.sg). Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ms Sue McLaughlin at Bloomsbury Square [[smclaughlin@arbitrators.org](mailto:smclaughlin@arbitrators.org)] who will be able to advise if places are still available for those who wish to apply after that date.

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**2. The International Entry Course (IEC) on Arbitration Law and Practice**

(A programme jointly organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and supported by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified professional persons for the International Entry Course. Candidates who pass the course may, subject to satisfying other relevant criteria, qualify for admission as a:

- Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and
- Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom

**Course Coverage:**

The course will cover subjects including Arbitration

Agreements, Appointment of Arbitrators, Preliminary Meetings, Pleadings, Powers and Jurisdiction of Arbitrators, Arbitration Procedure, Awards, Costs and International Arbitrations. It will conclude with a Written Examination.

Apart from the Written Examination, there will also be a Written Assignment that will carry 20% of the marks. The materials for the Assignment will be given upon acceptance of applications.

**How to Register**

As there are limited vacancies for this course, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

The course fee is **S\$1000.00** for each candidate and it includes course materials, examination fee, lunch and/or refreshments.

This course will be conducted in February 2004. Details on the course dates, venue and duration will be furnished in due course. For more information and registration, please contact Ms Jenny Wee from the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators at 6323 1276 or email her at [singarb@cyberway.com.sg](mailto:singarb@cyberway.com.sg)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • NEW MEMBERS •

The Institute extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

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Cheah Ming Yew, David  
Chia Peng Kiat, Kenneth  
Balachandran Ponnampalam  
James Patrick Corbett  
Muthu Arusu Murugayair  
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## SIARB MEMBERS' NIGHT



Members' Night held on 9 Oct 03

The first Members' Night for 2003/2004 was held on 9 October 2003 at the Noble House Millennium located directly above the Institute's new premises at #B1-11 in UIC Building. Ninety-four members and 43 invited guests attended the Event, including the Guest Speaker, Mr Michael Hwang, SC.

Noble House Millennium was specially selected as the venue to allow members and guests an opportunity to view the Institute's new premises and its facilities. The objectives of the first Members' Night were not only for viewing of Institute's new premises and its facilities, but most importantly for presentation of membership and IEC Certificates, launching of the Institute's website, interaction with the Institute's other members and meeting the Council Members.

The dinner commenced at 7.00pm with a line-up of programmes. The President, Mr Raymond Chan, gave a welcome speech and in his speech he talked about the mission, vision and the objectives of the Institute. At the end of his welcome address, the President introduced the new Council Members. An informative presentation on the ACE Programme (*For more details about ACE Programme refer to page 3-4*) was presented by the Immediate Past President, Mr Richard Tan. The highlight of the night was the short but interesting talk on arbitration by the Guest Speaker, Mr Michael Hwang, SC, a former Judicial Commissioner. Shortly after the talk, the Immediate Past President, Mr Richard Tan was called upon to present the awards (see Table 1) to the recipients. This was followed by the launch of the Institute's website (<http://www.siarb.org.sg>) with a PowerPoint presentation.

Table 1: Total Number of Certificates Presented

Type of Awards Presented	Number
Fellows	4
Members	6
Associate Members	2
Members & IEC	23
IEC	42

It was an interactive night that all enjoyed. Congratulations to all those who received the certificates and a warm welcome to all new members.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW HOME AND ARBITRATION ROOM

The Institute has moved to its new location at :  
5 Shenton Way, B1-11 UIC Building Singapore 068808  
Tel : 6323 1276 Fax : 6323 1477

The new premises has an arbitration hearing room for hire. The arbitration hearing room can accommodate up to 16 persons. Special rates are offered to members.

**\$250.00 per day** includes 2 refreshment breaks – for members. (9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)  
**\$300.00 per day** includes 2 refreshment breaks – for non-members. (9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)  
(A complete suite of transcription support and telecommunications services is also available upon request.)

The room is now available for bookings. Members are invited to visit the office and arbitration room. For more information and availability, members may contact Jenny at the Secretariat between 9.00am and 5.00pm from Mondays to Fridays



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