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“The Future for International Arbitration”



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Welcome

Messages



On behalf of Maxwell Chambers, Singapore's first dedicated and integrated centre for international dispute resolution, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to join us at the inaugural Singapore International Arbitration Forum (SIAF) 2010 to be held at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore on 21 and 22 January 2010.

As global markets struggle to find their footing in the midst of these tough economic times, what does the future hold for the international arbitration industry? How will the many complex transnational business and trade arrangements entered into during the boom years unravel in the rapid slowdown of the global economy? Do our existing mechanisms and ethos need a revamp to cope with the changed and changing landscape? These and other pertinent questions will be addressed at SIAF 2010.

Jointly organised by Maxwell Chambers and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), SIAF 2010 will bring together some of the world's most respected and influential figures in international arbitration for an open dialogue and exchange of information, best practices, views and insights on critical issues facing the industry around the central theme of "The Future for International Arbitration".

All delegates and guests will be invited on the first evening to the official opening of Maxwell Chambers' new custom built international dispute resolution centre. Followed by dinner at the premises, there will be ample opportunity for participants to network and catch up with old friends. The closing reception the following evening will be at the Singapore Marina Barrage where a panoramic view of the Singapore skyline can be enjoyed while savoring fine cuisine from Singapore and beyond.

We look forward to your active participation in SIAF 2010 and are happy to welcome you and your accompanying family members.

Mr Chelva R. Rajah SC
Chairman
Maxwell Chambers



The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) is pleased to partner Maxwell Chambers in co-organising the inaugural Singapore International Arbitration Forum (SIAF) 2010 to be held at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore from 21 to 22 January 2010.

SIAF 2010 promises to provide a vibrant, stimulating and interactive forum for all in the global arbitration community to exchange views and insights on critical issues and update on the latest developments affecting our industry. As the ramifications of the current global economic crisis unfold, SIAF 2010 is a timely herald for players in the international arbitration space to come together to consider the way forward in view of these trying times.

We are very fortunate indeed to have been able to assemble impressive panels of global arbitration experts who will lead discussion in four showcase plenary sessions on diverse topics such as -

- Jurisprudence versus privacy: has the time come for a body of international arbitration case law?
- Looking forward - are the New York Convention and the Model Law adequate for meeting the challenges of the future?
- The role of the courts in support of arbitration: finding the right balance
- Investment arbitration: perils and possibilities
- Innovative approaches to the conduct of arbitration

Apart from the formal conference programme, we are especially excited to welcome you to the launch of Maxwell Chambers' international dispute resolution facility which will also be home to SIAC. Needless to say, there will be many opportunities for making new friends and renewing old ties while enjoying the vibrancy and unique blend of cultures and cuisine that is Singapore.

We look forward to seeing you at the SIAF 2010.

Prof Michael Pryles
Chairman
Singapore International Arbitration Centre

“The Future for International Arbitration”

Conference Synopsis

International arbitration has developed into the dispute resolution mechanism of choice for transnational commercial matters. The depth and sophistication of arbitration knowledge and practices around the world has grown dramatically in recent times. The arbitration process itself is constantly evolving to match the changing global business landscape. In particular, the rise of Asia as a key pillar in the world economy has led to the rapid growth of the arbitration industry. Nonetheless, problems persist due to the difficulties in enforcing arbitration awards in some places, and other challenges will continue to occasionally arise as more and more businesses adopt the use of arbitration.

Maxwell Chambers, along with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre as co-host and various supporting organisations, is proud to present the inaugural Singapore International Arbitration Forum (SIAF) 2010, to be held in January 2010. The Forum will bring together distinguished arbitration practitioners and thinkers from around the world to share insights and provide thought leadership on the major issues facing the industry. It will be a platform for arbitral institutions, arbitrators, lawyers and other stakeholders to discuss and debate the way forward in these demanding times. The first evening of this inaugural Forum will also see the official launch and Grand Opening of the Maxwell Chambers international dispute resolution facility.

Who Should Attend

- Arbitrators
- Mediators
- Lawyers with an international client base
- In-house counsel
- Managers of dispute resolution bodies and academics





Programme Overview

21 January 2010 (Thursday)

8:00 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome Speech Mr Chelva Rajah SC <i>Chairman</i> <i>Maxwell Chambers</i> <i>Singapore</i> Opening Address Mr K Shanmugam <i>Minister for Law</i> <i>Singapore</i>
9:30 am	Session 1: <i>"Jurisprudence versus privacy: has the time come for a body of international arbitration case law?"</i> Chair: Prof Michael Pryles <i>Chairman</i> <i>Singapore International Arbitration Centre</i>
11:00 am	Tea Break
11:15 am	Session 2: <i>"Looking forward – are the New York Convention and the Model Law adequate for meeting the challenges of the future?"</i> Chair: Prof Lawrence Boo <i>International Arbitrator</i> <i>The Arbitration Chambers</i> <i>Singapore</i>
12:45 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Session 3: <i>"The role of the courts in support of arbitration: finding the right balance"</i> Chair: Mr Sundaresh Menon SC <i>Arbitrator & Counsel</i> <i>Rajah & Tann</i> <i>Singapore</i>
3:15 pm	Tea Break
3:30 pm	Session 4: <i>"Enforcement of awards in Asia: what more can be done?"</i> Chair: Mr Michael Moser <i>Chairman</i> <i>Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre</i>
4:45 pm	Speech Justice V K Rajah <i>Judge of Appeal</i> <i>Supreme Court of Singapore</i>
5:00 pm	End of Conference Day 1
7:00 pm	Official Opening of Maxwell Chambers Theme: <i>"Maxwell Heritage"</i> Venue: Maxwell Chambers

22 January 2010 (Friday)

9:00 am	Session 5: <i>"The case for arbitration in State-to-State disputes"</i> Chair: Sir Chris Greenwood <i>Judge</i> <i>International Court of Justice</i> <i>United Kingdom</i>
10:30 am	Tea break
10:45 am	Session 6: <i>"Investment arbitration: perils and possibilities"</i> Chair: Mr John Savage <i>Partner</i> <i>Sherman & Sterling</i> <i>Washington</i>
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm	Session 7: <i>"Innovative approaches to the conduct of arbitration"</i> Chair: Mr Vinayak Pradhan <i>Senior Partner</i> <i>Skrine</i> <i>Malaysia</i>
3:00 pm	Tea break
3:15 pm	Session 8: <i>"The use of technology in aid of arbitration proceedings"</i> Chair: Mr Kevin Kim <i>Head, International Arbitration & Litigation</i> <i>Practice Group</i> <i>Bae Kim & Lee</i> <i>Republic of Korea</i>
4:30 pm	Valedictory Chair: Mr Chelva Rajah SC <i>Chairman</i> <i>Maxwell Chambers</i> <i>Singapore</i>
5:00 pm	End of Conference Day 2
6:30 pm	SIAF 2010 Closing Dinner Theme: <i>"Heart of Asia"</i> Venue: Marina Barrage

The organiser reserves the right to amend or revise the programme content and timing without prior notice.



About Maxwell Chambers

Leveraging heritage and technology, Maxwell Chambers is the world's first integrated dispute resolution complex housing both best-of-class hearing facilities and top international arbitral institutions.

Centrally located in the heart of Singapore's business district, it is a refurbished four storey conservation building of architectural and historical significance with a stately neo-classical façade.

There are 14 custom-designed and fully equipped hearing rooms and 12 preparation rooms on the third and fourth levels available with a full suite of supporting services. The facilities can also be used for meetings, seminars and conferences.

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), is an independent, non-profit organisation established in 1991 to meet the demands of the international business community for a neutral, efficient and reliable dispute resolution institution in Asia.

Themed "The Maxwell Singapore Heritage", the heritage tour will introduce delegates to the rich cultural traditions of Singapore through entertainment and lively performances. Guests will be treated to a sensory experience as they partake in the vibrant array of activities celebrating the artistic traditions of Singapore's multi-faceted society. A fusion of traditional and modern delicacies will give guests a taste of Singapore's famed food heritage.

Showcasing Singapore as the "Heart of Asia", delegates can look forward to a spectacular line-up for the evening. By boarding a ferry that will cruise along the Singapore River, guests can revel at the unique city skyline en route to Marina Barrage. Traditional performances displaying the beauty of Asian art, and food stalls serving authentic cuisines that capture the essence of Asia infused with a Singaporean touch promises a cultural and gastronomic experience to remember.

The Singapore International Arbitration Forum is a high-profile event that will bring together top arbitration practitioners from around the world. Do not miss this opportunity to market your organisation to this exclusive group of industry players. Sign up today to be one of the sponsors of this inaugural event.

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Contact Ms Jaslyn Tan at Tel: 65 6297 2822 or email: secretariat@siaf.sg for more information.

Singapore is a well-connected city located at the heart of Southeast Asia. Its world-class efficient public transportation system and network make travelling around the island a smooth and seamless journey.

A thriving centre of commerce and industry, Singapore is an important financial centre in Asia. Business dealings are facilitated by Singapore's superb communications network which links the nation to the rest of the world via satellite, 24-hour telegraph and telephone systems.

Singapore's strategic location, excellent facilities, fascinating cultural contrasts and tourist attractions make it an ideal destination for both business and pleasure.

The Raffles City Convention Centre (RCCC) is an ideal location for mid-sized meetings and large conventions. It is strategically located in the heart of the city amidst world-class shopping, entertainment and the business district. The convention centre occupies the fourth floor of Raffles City Shopping Centre, which is easily reached by major expressways and enjoys a direct link to the City Hall Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) interchange station.

RCCC is connected to two of Singapore's luxury hotels, Swissôtel The Stamford and Fairmont Hotel, which offer excellent accommodation, business and leisure experiences. There are also many other reputable hotels in the vicinity for delegates to choose from.

About Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Grand Opening of Maxwell Chambers

SIAF 2010 Closing Dinner

Sponsorship Opportunities

About Singapore

Meeting Venue



Official Hotels

We are pleased to offer these special rates for the following hotels to SIAF 2010 participants.

No.	Hotel	Category	Room Type	Single/Twin Rate (nett)
1	Swissotel The Stamford	5-Star	Classic	S\$330.00
2	Fairmont Hotel	5-star	Fairmont	S\$354.00
			Deluxe	S\$401.00
			Raffles Inc Deluxe	S\$518.00
3	The Raffles Hotel	5-star	Courtyard Suite	S\$629.00
4	Rendezvous Hotel	4-star	Superior	S\$230.00
5	Grand Park City Hall Hotel	4-star	Superior	S\$220.00
6	Swissotel Merchant Court Hotel	4-star	Superior	S\$210.00

Note: * The above rates are specially negotiated and only valid for the period of 20-22 January 2010. Rooms and room rates are subject to availability.

* All hotels offer single or twin rooms including breakfast.

Travel & Accommodation

Please contact our official travel agent, Anglo-French Travel Pte Ltd early to assist you with all your travel and accommodation needs.

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Visa Requirements

Invitation letters for visa application will be issued upon request and at the discretion of the organisers. Visitors must have passports valid for at least six months from time of arrival. For enquiries regarding visa requirements, please check with your airline, travel agent or the nearest Singapore Embassy in your country.

For further information on visa requirements, please log on to http://app.ica.gov.sg/travellers/entry/visa_requirements.asp.

Registration Fees

Early Bird Fee (on or before 30 October 2009)*	S\$ 850
Regular Fee	S\$ 1,000

A 7% goods and services tax is applicable to Singapore registered companies and participants.

* Registrations received after 30 October 2009 will be charged at the regular rate

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