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## **Deciding International Disputes: Investment Arbitration, Commercial Arbitration, and the International Court of Justice**

**17 July 2012, 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Viewing Gallery, Supreme Court Building**

### **Abstract**

International courts and tribunals inevitably make policy choices when interpreting legal rules and informal norms. Recent international awards and judgments, such as the *Fraport v. Philippines* investor-state award and the *Malaysia-Singapore Pedra Branca* International Court of Justice judgment, reveal that policy is often embedded in the reasoning of international arbitrators and judges. This seminar draws on the speaker's recent book, *When International Law Works: Realistic Idealism after 9-11 and the Global Recession*, to offer practical guidance to practitioners, judges, and arbitrators about the proper roles of laws and policies in investor-state arbitration, international commercial arbitration, and state to state disputes.

### **Speaker**



**Professor Cheng Tai-Heng** is a partner of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP in New York, and tenured professor of law at New York Law School. A specialist in international law and international arbitration, Professor Cheng has wide experience in all aspects of international commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration in every continent, having served as lead counsel, tribunal chair, arbitrator, and expert in investor-state disputes and international commercial arbitrations, under ICDR, ICC, UNCITRAL, JAMS, SCC, HKIAC and ICSID rules. He is a member of the panels of neutrals of the AAA/ICDR, CPR and HKIAC. Additionally, Professor Cheng has counseled sovereign states on public international law disputes, including state succession. He has also represented clients in international parallel proceedings, as well as in U.S. federal and state court trials and appeals. Professor Cheng is the author of two books and dozens of articles on international law and international arbitration, which U.S. federal appellate and district courts have cited and relied on as authoritative, and which other scholars have reviewed in law journals worldwide, including the *Harvard Law Review*. Professor Cheng holds a Doctor of the Science of Law degree and a Master of Laws degree from Yale Law School, where he was Howard M. Holtzmann Fellow for International Law. He also holds a Master of Arts degree and a law degree with first class honors from Oxford University, where he was an Oxford University Scholar.

## Chairperson



**Justice Quentin Loh**  
Supreme Court of Singapore

Justice Quentin Loh was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore on 1 September 2009 and a Supreme Court Judge on 1 June 2010. Prior to his joining the Bench, he was the Deputy Managing Partner of Rajah & Tann LLP from December 2003 to 12 August 2009. He was a key member of its international arbitration group as well as head of the Construction & Projects and Insurance and Reinsurance practice groups. Prior to joining Rajah & Tann in 2001 as a member of its Executive Committee, he was Managing Partner of Cooma, Lau & Loh, a firm he co-founded in 1978. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 1999. Until his appointment as a Judicial Commissioner, he was also a director of Maxwell Chambers, a dedicated building for holding arbitrations.

## Programme

4:30pm  Registration and Tea

5:00pm  Deciding International Disputes:  
Investment Arbitration,  
Commercial Arbitration, and the  
International Court of Justice  
by Professor Cheng Tai-Heng

6:00pm - Q&A

6:30pm  End of Seminar

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