



**ANNOUNCEMENT
LAUNCH OF THE “SCMA-SIARB MARITIME ARBITRATOR’S FELLOWSHIP COURSE”**

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The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (**SI Arb**) is pleased to announce the launch of the “**SCMA-SI Arb MARITIME ARBITRATOR’S FELLOWSHIP COURSE**” (“**Course**”) which will be offered by SI Arb in conjunction with the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (**SCMA**).

The Course will comprise SI Arb’s Fellowship Assessment Course (“**FAC**”) and SCMA’s Maritime Arbitrator Accreditation Program (“**MAAP**”) and is suitable for aspiring maritime arbitrators who meet the criteria for admission to the FAC.

The inaugural run of the Course will commence with SI Arb’s Online FAC 2021 intake from 1 October – 8 November 2021 with the inaugural MAAP component being conducted on 29 October 2021.

SI Arb’s FAC focuses on teaching candidates the practical aspects of acting as an arbitrator including:

- acceptance of an arbitral appointment
- dealing with jurisdictional challenges
- emergency arbitrations
- case management in conducting an arbitration
- techniques for controlling time and costs in an arbitration
- drafting procedural orders
- dealing with interlocutory applications
- drafting discovery orders
- dealing with costs of interlocutory applications
- dealing with extension of time applications and guerilla tactics
- dealing with preliminary issues
- conduct of the evidentiary hearing
- the practical aspects of actually writing the Final Award.

SCMA’s MAAP will:

- cover an overview of maritime arbitration and include issues that are specific to maritime arbitration
- navigate the SCMA Rules and specific maritime arbitration procedures.

Candidates who successfully complete the Course will be awarded the “**Certificate of Fellowship in Maritime Arbitration**” jointly issued by SI Arb and SCMA. For more details on the Course, please visit [HERE](#).

Participants who have already taken and successfully completed the FAC may also apply to attend the MAAP component only. For Course enquiries, please contact the SI Arb Secretariat at secretariat@siarb.org.sg.

About SI Arb

The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators is an independent professional body established in 1981. We have nearly 1000 members, based in Singapore and abroad, from a diverse range of professional backgrounds. Many of them are active practitioners working in dispute resolution, including as arbitrator, mediator, counsel, expert witness or at arbitral institutions. We are a truly neutral professional body with no link or affiliation to any particular industry, but bonded together with a common interest in arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Our mission includes the education of arbitration practitioners, the promotion of arbitration and the development of the profession of arbitrator, as well as providing social and networking opportunities for all those involved in arbitration in Singapore. We have a particular focus on professional training and development, and organise talks, seminars and training courses for members and the public on a regular basis. We also act as an appointing authority for the appointment of arbitrators upon request.

We contribute to thought-leadership in the arbitral community, for example by publishing guidelines (for third party funders in 2017 and on party representative ethics in 2018), by responding to official consultations and by providing a forum for practitioners to discuss current issues. We publish a regular newsletter and in 2019 we have launched the SI Arb Arbitration Journal.

SI Arb is a founder member of RAIF, the Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum, which brings together seven professional institutes across the Asia-Pacific region.

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About SCMA

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration is a specialist arbitration institution which provides a neutral, cost-effective and flexible framework for maritime and international trade arbitrations that is responsive to the needs of industry users. Its global and regional members hail from all sectors of maritime, trade and arbitration communities. SCMA attracts disputants in the region by providing tailored solutions to suit the region’s interests.

The SCMA was originally established in November 2004 and was under management by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). Acting on industry feedback, the SCMA was reconstituted in May 2009 as a company limited by guarantee and started functioning independently.

Funding for establishment and continued operation of the SCMA comes from the Singapore Maritime Foundation. Management of SCMA is overseen by a board of directors which is led by our Chairman, Senior Judge Chao Hick Tin.

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