

3RD ICC MALAYSIA ARBITRATION DAY 2025

 **8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

 **5 JUNE 2025**

 **BANGUNAN SULAIMAN, KUALA LUMPUR**

PROGRAMME

0830	Registration
0900	Opening Remarks
0910	Keynote Address
0930	<p>Session 1: Third Party Funding – A Game Changer in International Arbitration</p> <p><i>The recent amendments to the Arbitration Act 2005 finally recognises third-party funding in arbitration and court proceedings in relation to arbitration in Malaysia. This panel discusses how third party funding may be effectively regulated and its potential risks managed.</i></p>
1100	Networking Break
1115	<p>Session 2: Artificial Intelligence – Re-shaping the Playing Field</p> <p><i>The ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR has released its Report on Leveraging Technology for Fair, Effective, and Efficient International Arbitration Proceedings (“Commission Report”) highlighting practical experiences and the foundation of technology in dispute resolution context.</i></p> <p><i>As technology makes its way to the centre stage of dispute resolution, this panel discusses the impact of artificial intelligence on arbitration – the changes, possibilities, challenges, and guardrails.</i></p>
1245	Lunch Break
1415	<p>Session 3: Conflict of Interest</p> <p><i>This panel discusses conflicts of interest concerns in increasingly complex relationships and considers best practices in the light of the Revised IBA Guidelines and the new UNCITRAL Code of Conduct</i></p>
1545	Networking Break
1600	<p>Session 4: Appointing a Tribunal – Diversity and other considerations?</p> <p><i>Is diversity important? Do cultural and geographical differences play a role in arbitral appointments?</i></p>
1730	Closing Remarks
1745	Cocktails



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Regional Head | Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Francis is recognised as a leading disputes lawyer by leading ranking publications - Best Lawyer in Singapore - Asia Law Profiles (2017-2022); Best Lawyer in Litigation Practice (2024), Best Lawyers International (2013-2024); Arbitration and Mediation (2022, 2024); Global Arbitration Review (2010). He is a past global President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2020) and also a Past President of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (2019). He is the General Editor of two major publications - "Civil Litigation in Singapore" (Sweet & Maxwell, 2017) and "Arbitration in Singapore: A Practical Guide" (2nd Edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2018).

Jasmine Begum

Head of Microsoft's Corporate External and Legal Affairs | ASEAN

With over 30 years of experience, Jasmine has held leadership positions at Dell, UNDP, and the UN Executive Office of the Secretary-General. Notably, Jasmine was the first Malaysian appointed to the UN's Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group. Her contributions have earned her accolades such as the WIM Tan Sri Napsiah Omar Women Leaders Award and the Global Leadership Award for ICT Excellence. In August 2024, she was appointed Non-Executive Chairperson of MIMOS. She also advises digital economy agencies and multilateral organizations across the region.



Janice Tay

Partner | Wong & Partners

Janice is the head of the International Arbitration and Construction and Engineering teams at Wong & Partners, Baker McKenzie. She is a qualified arbitrator, adjudicator, and mediator, empanelled with several institutions. Recognized in The Legal 500's Arbitration Powerlist - South East Asia 2022, Chambers, and various notable directories, she is praised for her meticulous and articulate approach. Janice was the president of the Society of Construction Law, and sits as a director in Ciarb Malaysia and as a committee member of Ciarb and the Bar Council's arbitration and construction committee, amongst others.



Kamilah Kassim

Partner | Rahmat Lim & Partners

Kamilah heads the Projects unit at Rahmat Lim & Partners and serves on the AIAC Protem Committee. Renowned for her expertise in both contentious and non-contentious infrastructure projects across Asia, she has a particular focus on complex engineering and energy ventures. Celebrated in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Hall of Fame, she is highly regarded for her commercial acumen and client-centric approach. Ranked Band 1 in Chambers Asia-Pacific for Projects, Infrastructure & Energy, Kamilah is also recognised for her deep technical knowledge and arbitration experience. Kamilah is concurrently a partner at Allen & Gledhill in Singapore.



Lilien Wong

Partner | Shearn Delamore & Co

Lilien is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is on the AIAC's Panel of Arbitrators & Mediators and has acted as an arbitrator. She has handled many complex landmark commercial disputes for clients both domestic and international in litigation and arbitration. She has been recognized in the Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist: Southeast Asia published by the Legal 500 (2022), Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2024) as 'Next Generation Partner' in Dispute Resolution and Antitrust & Competition



Lim Wei Lee

Partner | Wong Partnership

Wei Lee is the deputy head of the firm's banking and financial disputes practice and a partner in the international arbitration practice. Her main areas of practice involve litigation and arbitration across a wide range of matters, including commercial, corporate and banking disputes, fraud, trade and investment disputes, regulatory investigations, and judicial review. Wei Lee has acted as counsel and sits as arbitrator in arbitrations conducted under various leading arbitral rules (eg, SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL, AIAC, and LCIA). Wei Lee is a council member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



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May Tai

Consultant | Herbert Smith Freehills

May sits as an arbitrator in ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, UNCITRAL and CIETAC proceedings. She is also an experienced counsel and advocate for ICC, ICSID, HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL proceedings. May specialises in wide range of commercial and investment disputes, and cases in the energy (upstream and downstream), energy trading, private equity, hotel and leisure, telecoms and technology sectors. In 2024, May was appointed as a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration and a Council Member of the ICC Institute. May is also a Co-Chair of Equal Representation in Arbitration (ERA) Pledge APAC Steering Community.

Michelle Sunita Kummar

Head of Disputes and Litigation | CelcomDigi Berhad

Michelle is a qualified legal practitioner in three jurisdictions, having been admitted to the Bar of England and Wales (UK) by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and called to the High Court of Malaya (Malaysia) and the Supreme Court of Victoria (Australia). Michelle is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and is qualified to sit as an arbitrator. Prior to her work in the telco sector, she served as Head of Legal at the Asian International Arbitration Centre and was in legal practice immediately before that. Michelle also sits in the Results Management Committee of the Anti-Doping Agency of Malaysia (ADAMAS), tasked with results management of anti-doping violations in the sporting industry.



Mitchell Dearness

Investment Manager | Omni Bridgeway

Mitch is an Investment Manager and he works with other offices internationally to originate, assess and manage funded cases throughout Asia, including arbitration, litigation, enforcement and insolvency proceedings. Prior to this, Mitch was a Senior Associate in Herbert Smith Freehills' International Arbitration Group based in Singapore. He has extensive experience of cross-border disputes conducted under most major institutional rules and involving a wide variety of jurisdictions. With this diverse experience Mitch is well placed to assist organisations manage risks associated with disputes involving cross-border issues and emerging economies.

Mohanadass Kanagasabai

Managing Partner | Mohanadass Partnership

Mohan appears as counsel at the Malaysia Courts and in arbitration. He has been ranked Band 1 for his expertise in Dispute Resolution (Construction) by Chambers and Partners. Mohan is a former President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators and former Chair of the Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee of the Inter Pacific Bar Association. Mohan was also recognized by Asian Legal Business, a Thomson Reuters publication, in its inaugural list of Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers, recognizing the top 50 dispute lawyers based in Asia. Mohan is empaneled as an Arbitrator by several arbitral institutions including AIAC and SIAC.



Vatsala Ratnasabapathy

Senior Partner | Zain & Co

Vatsala leads the firm's Construction, Engineering and Arbitration practice, specialising in construction and infrastructure disputes. Recognised as an "energy and construction arbitration expert" with "excellent industry knowledge" by The Legal 500, she represents clients in both local and international arbitrations, and at various levels of the Malaysian courts. She was named "Lawyer of the Year: Malaysia" (joint win) at the Asialaw Awards 2021 for Client Service Excellence, due to being "best in class for their legal and industry expertise in terms of their innovative approaches, management of complex situations and the positive impact of their advice".

Yang Ing Loong

Independent Arbitrator | Ing Loong Yang

Ing Loong is a qualified Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institution of Arbitrators. Ing Loong's career spans 37 years in Singapore, Beijing and Hong Kong. In January 2024, Ing Loong established his own practice as a full-time independent arbitrator, focusing on disputes in international and cross-border commercial arbitrations.. He has served as Presiding Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Sole Arbitrator in over 150 arbitrations under the rules of HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, BIAC, SHIAC, KCAB, AIAC, SCC and UNCITRAL. Ing Loong consistently ranked in Band 1 for his Greater China expertise by leading journals such as Chambers, Who's Who International and Legal 500.



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Aniz Ahmad Amirudin

Partner | Cecil Abraham & Partner

Aniz specialises in Construction & Infrastructure as well as Arbitration and Adjudication. He has extensive experience in both advisory and advocacy aspects in these areas and has been involved in both international and domestic arbitrations held under the auspices of the AIAC, SIAC, ICC and LMAA rules. Aniz sits both as an Arbitrator and as an Adjudicator on various construction dispute being a panel member of AIAC. In amongst others, Aniz has been recognised as a Litigation Star in Construction by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific. Apart from construction disputes, Aniz is also an active litigator focusing on commercial disputes and has appeared as counsel in all levels of Malaysian Courts.

Leonard Yeoh

Senior Partner | Tay & Partners

Leonard is the Senior Partner leading Tay & Partners' Dispute Resolution and Employment & Industrial Relations practice groups. He primarily represents major Malaysian corporations and multinational companies across a range of complex disputes. From 2000 to 2002, he practised with one of Asia-Pacific's premier law firms based in Singapore. Highly regarded in the legal industry, Leonard is regularly ranked by Chambers Asia-Pacific, Legal 500, Asialaw and other global publications. A frequent speaker and writer on arbitration law, Leonard is recognised for his strategic litigation approach and has been involved in landmark cases in Malaysia. He also contributes regularly to regional legal journals and conferences.



Liza Khan

Founder | Liza Khan Chambers

Liza possesses 25 years experience, primarily in corporate and commercial dispute resolution with particular emphasis on capital markets, corporate governance, ESG and AI Governance. Recognised as a leading litigator in Asia by Asia Legal Business by Thompson Reuters. Liza is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, the Asian International Arbitration Centre, and the Asian International Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre and presides primarily in joint venture and shareholder disputes. She was a former deputy chair of the Arbitration Committee of the Malaysian Bar where she has contributed to the betterment of Arbitral practice in Malaysia.

Murelidaran M Navaratnam

Principal Partner | Mureli Navaratnam

Mureli is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), United Kingdom and Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR). He also holds a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration. Mureli has almost 35 years of experience, as a trial and appellate lawyer including arbitration/adjudication. He has appeared as solicitor and counsel in arbitration matters in a variety of disputes. Currently, he also sits regularly as an arbitrator and adjudicator. In arbitration, apart from construction/building law arbitration, Mureli has also been involved in a range of subject matters including joint-venture disputes, contractual disputes/interpretation, insurance disputes, shareholder disputes and VOP claims.



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