



# APRAG Conference 2020

**GRAND HYATT ERAWAN**

BANGKOK HOTEL, Thailand

**15 - 17 JANUARY 2020**

**GENERAL ADMISSION**

**15,900 THB / 530 USD**

\* which includes 2 days conference and materials kit, lunch and coffee breaks as well as Gala Dinner

Special Rate for THAC Listed Arbitrator and Mediator, Students and Academics.



## Innovations and Challenges Facing the Arbitration Industry

The Conference will discuss the growing importance of international arbitration in Asia and Australia and the significant developments in the domain of ADR and future trends in this domain.

The Conference aims to identify new opportunities for legal convergence to produce a more robust and predictable cross-order regime for arbitration, demonstrate good will of the member states, improve standards and knowledge of international arbitration in the region, attract international arbitrators and international arbitration counsel, legal practitioners, judges, in-house counsels, policymakers, academics and business persons for a fruitful discussion, and promote the use of arbitration and other forms of ADR.

### Sponsorships



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## DAY 1 :

14:00 - 16:00

18:00 - 20:00

## DAY 2 :

8:30 - 9:30

9:30 - 9:45

9:45 - 9:55

9:55 - 10:10

10:10 - 10:30

10:30 - 10:45

10:45 - 12:15

## Wednesday 15<sup>TH</sup> January 2020

Meeting of APRAG Representatives (for APRAG Representatives only)

Dinner (for APRAG Representatives only)

## Thursday 16<sup>TH</sup> January 2020

Registration

Opening Remarks: Somsak Thepsuthin, Minister of Justice (TBC)

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Remarks: Pak Husseyn Umar (President of APRAG)

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Michael Pryles (First President of APRAG)

Break

### Session 1 : Artificial Intelligence in International Arbitration

#### Speakers

- Ronald Sum
- Robert Pe
- Dr. Rouven Bodenheimer
- Shin Ichiro Abe

#### Moderator

- Lee Seung Min

**Synopsis:** In the last two decades, there have been noticeable advancements in information technology (IT), which have impacted products and services offered across various industries. Among others, International Arbitration has been affected by the introduction and implementation of new technology, namely video-conference, e-disclosure and e-submission. True AI has already been making an impact in arbitration and litigation in several countries. In addition to the use of AI to assist legal research; document verification; speech recognition and document management, we are now seeing advanced technologies that can handle big data management and even suggest strategies to lawyers. This panel will explore some of these ongoing advances in AI which can lead to a more efficient; fairer and faster speed in coming up with awards and also assistance to appointing authorities.

12:15 - 13:15

Networking Lunch

13:15 - 14:45

### Session 2 : Challenges to Arbitration from International Commercial Courts

#### Speakers

- Alvin Yeo
- Dr. Chen Fuyong
- Prof. Dr. Huala Adolf
- Peter Chow
- Dr. Thanet Sucharikul

#### Moderator

- Sarah Grimmer

**Synopsis:** International commercial and investment arbitration have been facing significant challenges. There is a perception that the arbitration process is too expensive, over-regulated by "soft law" and that it is a convoluted and lengthy process. Many arbitration centres have been making efforts to reduce costs especially in relation to administrative fees. The ICC has issued advanced case management techniques, including greater usage of technology. However, the industry is now faced with a serious rival in the form of the International Commercial Court, beginning with the advent of the SICC and leading up to the new Chinese International Commercial Courts that have been set up to deal with the Belt and Road projects. The question is how can Arbitration overcome this challenge?



14:45 - 16:15

### Session 3 : New Trends of Challenges Made Against Arbitrators

#### Speakers

- Francis Xavier
- Liu Jing
- Noppramart Thammateeradaycho
- Pui-Ki Emmanuelle Ta
- Supajee Rungroj

#### Moderator

- Prof. Colin Ong QC

**Synopsis:** Challenges to Arbitrators draw a substantial amount of effort, cost and attention. Impartial and independent arbitrators are of utmost importance to ensure a fair process and a robust award. The two grounds commonly raised are the lack of independence or impartiality of arbitrators and the misuse of tribunal secretaries. Some challenges are genuine while many are not genuine but have being brought by parties who want to delay the arbitration process for various reasons. While such challenges hardly ever succeed, lawyers are constantly coming up with new innovative challenges. The frequency of arbitrator challenges are also increasingly becoming more common and are no longer to just "justifiable doubts" as to the arbitrators impartiality or independence but also to other grounds including age and the general health of the arbitrator. This Tribunal shall discuss such new trends of challenges that are being employed against arbitrators.

16:15 - 16:30

Break

16:30 - 18:00

### Session 4 : The Impact of the Singapore Convention on International Arbitration

#### Speakers

- Prof. Dr. Francis Law
- Walter Chen
- Yu Jin Tay
- Kevin Kim
- Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul

#### Moderator

- Kim Jun Hee

**Synopsis:** The United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also referred to as the "Singapore Mediation Convention", has the possibility to reshape the ADR landscape by facilitating the enforcement of mediated settlements worldwide. It shares some commonality with the New York Convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards but has also incorporated a number of improvements. The Convention furnishes a new legal scheme for the recognition of international settlement agreements and will affect both arbitration and litigation in a new manner.

18:00 - 22:00

Gala Night

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## DAY 3 :

Friday 17<sup>TH</sup> January 2020

8:30 - 9:30

Registration

9:30 - 11:00

### Session 5 : How can Arbitration Centres Co-Exist with Local Registered Lawyers

#### Speakers

- Dr. Michael Pryles
- Robert Rhoda
- Tony Nguyen
- Professor Jayavadh Bunnag

#### Moderator

- Nicholas Lingard

**Synopsis:** There is often a common misunderstanding by local registered lawyers across the World that international arbitration would have a negative impact on their livelihoods because of the influx of foreign lawyers. Local registered lawyers can co-exist with arbitration centers, as there is an growing demand for arbitration lawyers across the World. In 2018, LCIA received over 317 arbitrations, representing the highest number of arbitrations referred to the institution in the last 11 years. This significant number of cases signifies that there are conspicuous opportunities for dispute resolution through local registered lawyers with high experience and expertise in arbitration process who can demonstrate an international perspective to their clients while retaining advantage of understanding local practices both in commerce as well as legally. This panel shall suggest ways to bridge the misunderstanding of local registered lawyers and how arbitration centres can work with them.

11:00 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:45

### Session 6 : Ancillary Legislation to Support International Arbitration

#### Speakers

- Koh Swee Yen
- Hefin Rees QC
- Lam Ko Luen
- Prashant Kumar
- Surasak Vajisit

#### Moderator

- Professor Philip Yang

**Synopsis:** Most countries have enacted arbitration legislation to deal with arbitration in their jurisdiction. Many jurisdictions have borrowed from the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. However, leading arbitration seats such as those from Hong Kong and Singapore have also implemented ancillary legislation to directly or indirectly support the attractiveness of their countries as good seats of arbitration. Such ancillary legislation can range from visa free entry for foreign arbitrators, counsel, parties and experts to tax-free incentives to those foreign end users of arbitration. Both seats do not have oppressive ancillary legislation that require foreign nationals, who have to enter the country for an arbitration, to have medical tests or work permits. Good seats of arbitration do not have legislation that prevent or limit the ability of foreign nationals to enter into the seat to conduct arbitration. This panel shall identify what are those ancillary legislation that need to be amended in order to create a good seat of arbitration.

12:45 - 13:45

Networking Lunch

13:45 - 15:15

**Session 7 : Perennial Problems Faced by Lawyers and End-users in Civil and Common Law Jurisdictions.**

**Speakers**

- Prof. Steve Ngo
- Victor Leginsky
- Vasanti Selvaratnam QC
- Prof. Suchart Thammapiatagkul
- Stephen Drymer
- Peangpanor Boonklum

**Moderator**

- Kim Sae-Youn

**Synopsis:** A number of corporations have learned to employ ADR effectively. Those companies, as a result, obtain ADR's predicted benefits, such as lower costs, faster dispute resolutions and outcomes that helps to maintain and improve relationships. However, to some corporations, arbitration can be more expensive and ineffective than it should be. Therefore, there is a need to streamline the proceedings, restrict the number of briefs, participation in prehearing exchanges, limit the damages, and utilize experts selectively

15:15 - 15:30

Break

15:30 - 17:20

**Session 8 : Latest Developments of APRAG Members**

**Speakers**

ACICA; AIAC; BAC; BANI; CIETAC; CAA; HKIAC; JCAA; KCAB; SARCO; SIAC; THAC

**Moderator**

- Pak Husseyn Umar

17:20 - 17:30

Closing Remarks : Dr.Pasit Asawawattanaporn

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# REGISTRATION FORM

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## Conference Registration

- ☐ Registration 530 USD (15,900 THB)
- ☐ For Supporting Organisation 450 USD (13,515 THB)
- ☐ For Arbitrator / Mediator 270 USD (7,900 THB)

## Registration Information

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SWIFT code: KRTHTHBK

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Branch name: Sukhumvit 33

Bank address: 591 UBC II G fl., Sukhumvit Road, Klongtan-nua, Wattana Bangkok 10110

- Admission fee: 15,900 THB/ 530 USD per person, which includes 2 days conference and materials kit, lunch and coffee breaks as well as Gala Dinner.
- Special Rate for THAC Listed Arbitrator and Mediator, Students and Academics.
- Kindly complete the above Registration Form and send it by fax : +66 (0) 2018 1632 or by e-mail : [panpradap.p@thac.or.th](mailto:panpradap.p@thac.or.th), or you can also register, booking the hotel and getting other information through the website of THAC at [www.thac.or.th](http://www.thac.or.th).

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### Venue and accommodation:

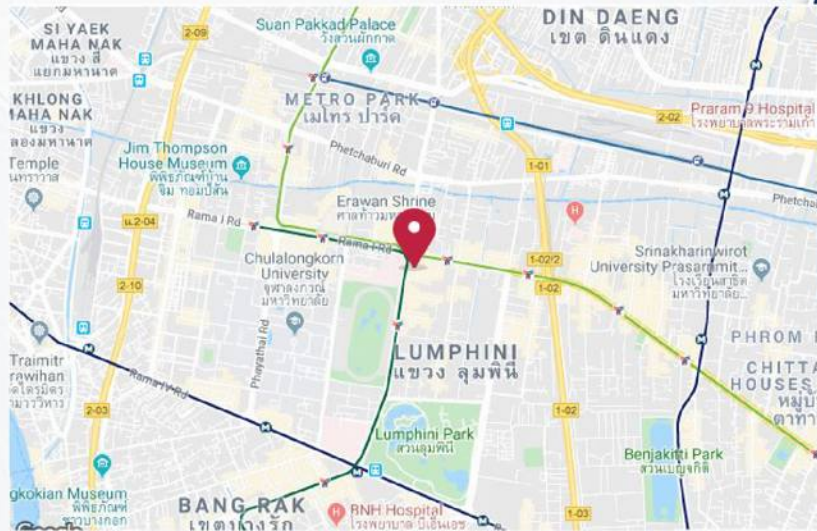
The APRAG Conference 2020 and Gala Dinner will be held in Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok. This hotel with an Iconic Sanctuary in the Heart of Central Bangkok.

### Direction:

Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok is a 45-minute drive from Suvarnabhumi Airport and only a few minutes' walk to both Ratchadamri and Chit Lom Skytrain stations, providing convenient access to Bangkok's entire mass transit system.

The following 5 star hotel options are all within a 10 -15 min to attractive places:

- Siam Center
- Siam Paragon Shopping Centre
- Terminal 21
- Central World
- Central Embassy



### Accommodation and Nearby Rate:

Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok (The conference venue)	5,500 THB/ Night
Holiday Inn Bangkok	4,500 THB/ Night
Centara Grand at CentralWorld	4,600 THB/ Night
Intercontinental Bangkok	7,000 THB/ Night



### In and around Bangkok

Bangkok is the capital city of Thailand. The City is very famous and appreciated by visitors for its versatility and multiple points of interests.

Some of the key sites you can visit within Bangkok are:

- The Grand Palace / Wat Phra Kaew (8:30 am. - 3:30 pm.)
- Asiatique the Riverfront (4:00 pm. - 12:00 am.)
- Chatuchak Weekend Market (9:00 am. - 6:00 pm.)
- Floating Market (Saturdays-Sundays from 8:00 am. - 5:00 pm.)
- Safari World Zoo and Park (9:00 am. - 5:00 pm.)



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