

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 24th day of September 2009 between:

- (1) **THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION (“JCAA”)** of 3rd Floor, Hirose Building, 3-17, Kanda Nishiki-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan; and
- (2) **THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE (“HKIAC”)** of 38th Floor, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place Central, Hong Kong.

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Arbitration Rules of JCAA envisage that JCAA may administer arbitrations whose seat is outside Japan;
- (B) HKIAC administers arbitrations in the Hong Kong SAR, many of which involve parties from Japan and China; and
- (C) JCAA and HKIAC desire to strengthen their existing close ties to promote the more effective resolution of international business disputes through arbitration in Greater China.

NOW THEREFORE, JCAA and HKIAC agree as follows:

1. HKIAC agrees that in arbitrations administered under its arbitration rules where a location in Japan is designated by the parties as the seat for arbitration or the venue for meetings or hearings, it shall encourage the parties to conduct those hearings at JCAA and to use the services provided or arranged by JCAA. This includes referring parties to the JCAA panel of arbitrators when selecting or appointing arbitrators.
2. JCAA agrees that in JCAA arbitrations where the parties have designated Hong Kong as the seat for arbitration or the venue for meetings or hearings, it shall encourage the parties to conduct those hearings at HKIAC in Hong Kong and to use the services provided or arranged by HKIAC. This includes referring parties to the HKIAC panel of arbitrators when selecting or appointing arbitrators.
3. JCAA and HKIAC will explore ways in which they might jointly administer arbitration proceedings in Hong Kong and in Japan.
4. JCAA and HKIAC agree that they shall separately agree on the handling of fees and costs arising as a consequence of the above.
5. This agreement is concluded only in English in two authentic copies.

(signed)

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SIGNED for and on behalf of
The Japan Commercial Arbitration
Association
Kosuke Yamamoto
President

SIGNED for and on behalf of
The Hong Kong International Arbitration
Association
Michael J. Moser
Chairman