

COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS LIMITED  
AND  
THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS LIMITED and THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION, jointly referred to hereinafter as "the parties", have agreed as follows:

1. The parties shall cooperate in the promotion of arbitration and other alternative means of dispute resolution in the Asia-Pacific and wider regions.
2. The parties shall endeavour to cooperate in the provision of the means of selection, education and training of potential and practicing arbitrators as well as those wishing to practice in other alternative means of dispute resolution.
3. The parties shall endeavor to cooperate in the setting up and running of conferences and seminars on arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution.
4. The parties shall endeavor to provide research trainees recommended by the other party with assistance and supervision in their studies of arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution.
5. The parties shall exchange information on arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution both electronically and in hard copy whichever is appropriate.
6. At the request of a party, the other party shall recommend persons suitable in its opinion to act as arbitrator, mediator or conciliator.
7. At the request of a party, the other party shall provide administrative services or any other service necessary for conducting arbitrations or other alternative dispute resolution proceedings; these services shall be rendered at a cost to be agreed before provision.
8. Subject to the above provision, or unless expressly otherwise agreed to by the parties, each party shall assume the costs of carrying out its objectives under this Agreement.
9. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of the last signature.
10. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time for whatever reasons.
11. The termination shall take effect six months from the receipt by a party of a written notice of termination from the other party.

Signed:

Daniel C. Lam, Chairman

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For and on behalf of

HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS LIMITED

Date: May 10, 1999

Norihiko Maeda, President

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

For and on behalf of

THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

Date: May 10, 1999