

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE ARBITRATION OFFICE, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, THAILAND  
AND  
THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION**

Being convinced that the use of arbitration and other alternative dispute resolutions (hereinafter "other ADR") through fair and expeditious procedures lends confidence and stability to international trade, the Arbitration Office, Ministry of Justice, Thailand (hereinafter the "Arbitration Office") and The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (hereinafter the "JCAA") agree as follows:

1. The Arbitration Office and the JCAA shall cooperate in popularizing arbitration and other ADR as a means of settling disputes arising out of international commercial transactions.
2. The Arbitration Office and the JCAA shall promote wider use of arbitration and other ADR under their auspices by lectures, conferences, seminars and other means.
3. The Arbitration Office and the JCAA shall provide each other, upon request, facilities or administrative services for taking any step in arbitration proceedings. Expenses incurred shall be reimbursed by either organization requesting such facilities or administrative services.
4. The Arbitration Office and the JCAA shall exchange information and, whenever possible, lectures and publications of mutual interest in the field of commercial arbitration and other ADR.
5. The Arbitration Office and the JCAA shall promote visits to the other's offices.
6. This agreement is concluded only in English in two authentic copies.

In witness thereof, the authorized representatives of the above organizations have appended their signatures to this agreement.

For:

The Arbitration Office,  
Ministry of Justice, Thailand

(signed)

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Voravuthi Dvadasin  
Executive Director

Date: December 12, 1997

For:

The Japan Commercial  
Arbitration Association

(signed)

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Norihiko Maeda  
President

Date: December 12, 1997