

COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER  
AND  
THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

The Parties to this Agreement are:

*The WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.* Established in 1994 and located in Geneva, Switzerland, the WIPO Center is an administrative unit of the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization which provides services for the resolution of international commercial disputes involving intellectual property. The Center administers dispute resolution procedures under the WIPO Rules for Mediation, Arbitration and Expedited Arbitration and has been designated for the administration of on-line procedures for the resolution of Internet domain name disputes. The Center is also involved in the organization of training programs for mediators and arbitrators, as well as conferences on alternative dispute resolution.

*and*

*The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA).* Established in 1953 with its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, JCAA is an arbitral institution whose aim is to serve as an organization to facilitate dispute resolution in the field of international and domestic trade. Believing in arbitration and other alternative dispute resolutions such as conciliation and mediation as effective means of dispute resolution, JCAA provides administrative services for the resolution of various kinds of commercial disputes mainly by administering arbitral proceedings under its Commercial Arbitration Rules or the UNCTIRAL Arbitration Rules. JCAA also provides a wide range of consultation and information services and regularly organizes seminars and forums to promote better understanding of alternative dispute resolution.

*Article*  
*Information and Assistance*

Wishing to further develop and to promote alternative dispute resolution procedures for the settlement of international commercial disputes and to disseminate information to contribute to a better understanding and accessibility of arbitration, conciliation and mediation, the Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Parties shall provide each other regularly with copies, free of charge, of:

- (i) their publications and other published materials on their respective activities;
- (ii) arbitral awards, where not confidential, as well as any other relevant information made available to them which may be of interest for the conduct of alternative dispute resolution procedures.

. ASSISTANCE IN THE CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

On request, the Parties shall give advice and shall use their best endeavors in rendering assistance to each other in:

- (i) providing, at the cost of a requesting Party, technical facilities and support such as hearing rooms, administrative services, interpretation, translation of documents, transcription and other related organizational arrangements. Prior written authorization of a Parity is required before any expenditure is incurred on its behalf by the other Party in connection with these arrangements;
- (ii) the selection and appointment of technical experts;
- (iii) the selection and appointment of qualified arbitrators, conciliators or mediators;
- (iv) expanding their respective lists of arbitrators, conciliators and mediators;
- (v) any other matters of mutual interest which are conducive to the goal of this Agreement.

*Article*  
*Joint Activities*

The Parties shall examine possibilities, whenever appropriate, of organizing jointly training programs, seminars, conferences and research studies.

*Article*  
*Duration*

This Agreement has been concluded for an indefinite period, and may be terminated by each Party at three months' notice in writing.

*Article*  
*Amendment*

This Agreement may be amended by agreement of the Parties.

This Agreement is done in two original copies in English and shall become effective on January 1, 1998.

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Francis Gurry, Director  
WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

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Norihiko Maeda, President  
The Japan Commercial Arbitration  
Association

Date: December 3, 1997

Date: December 8, 1997