



“Meeting with the Chair” and “Lessons from Successful Challenges to Arbitral Awards in Hong Kong” seminar

22 July 2022, Taipei



from left to right: Ms Alison Chang, Ms Monica Wang, Dr. David Fong, Prof Ful-Dien Li, Dr. Helena Chen

The Taiwan Chapter, along with the Chinese Arbitration Association (Taipei), ICCYAAF, Chen & Chang, Attorneys-at-Law, the Taiwan Bar Association Mediation and ADR Committee, and the Taipei Bar Association Cross-Border Transaction and Dispute Resolution Committee were honored to invite Dr. David Fong, Chair of the CI Arb EAB, to give a speech on the topic of “Lessons from Successful Challenges to Arbitral Awards in Hong Kong” on 22 July 2022.

More than one hundred participants joined the seminar online or in-person. During the special “Meeting with the Chair” session, Dr. Fong addressed many of the attendee’s questions regarding the CI Arb.

The event was hosted by Dr. Helena Chen (Convenor of the CI Arb Taiwan Chapter, Chair of the Taiwan Bar Association Mediation and ADR Committee). The opening speech was delivered by Prof Ful-Dien Li (Chair of the Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei) and Ms Monica Wang (Secretary-General of the CI Arb Taiwan Chapter, Chair of the Taipei Bar Association Cross-Border Transaction and Dispute Resolution Committee). The speakers also welcomed Dr. Fong for coming to Taipei for delivering this interesting seminar.

Dr. Fong’s speech can be divided into four parts. The first part introduced the Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance and its background; the second part focused on Article 34(2) of the UNCITRAL Model Law on international commercial arbitration

Welcome to the October edition of the CI Arb Newsletter.

This edition includes a special coverage for the events organised by the Taiwan Chapter in the last quarter, including the visit by the Branch Chair Dr. David Fong and the deliveries of several informative seminars virtually and in person.

Don’t miss out the opportunity to attend our Past Branch Chairs Nuts & Bolts Series. To date, our Past Chairs have conducted 9 webinars on various different topics. The Branch has organised 3 further webinars for the rest of this year!

Follow our latest programme on the CI Arb EAB website for the detail of future events.

The final article of the technical series on “Fast Dispute Resolution Methods” will be included in the January edition.

See you in the new year!

Gina Leung

cases as to the grounds for setting aside arbitral awards; the third part focuses on twenty three cases of revocation and non-enforcement of arbitral awards in Hong Kong, including the background information and the reasoning of the court decisions and finally, Dr. Fong concluded his speech with a further discussion on three significant cases in Hong Kong.

During the “Meeting with the Chair” session, Dr. Fong addressed the participants’ questions on the curriculum and explained the routes to membership of the CI Arb. Furthermore, Dr. Helena Chen shared her experience with the CI Arb and for those who are interested in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, Dr. Helena Chen encouraged them to undertake the CI Arb courses and participate the activities held by the CI Arb.

Teresa Wang

CIArb Taiwan YMG - Handover of Chairmanship and Knowledge Sharing Session on “Profile-Building”

13 August 2022, Taipei

The CIArb Taiwan YMG was pleased to welcome its new Chair and Secretary-General on 13 August 2022. A knowledge sharing session on the topic “How to Build Your Professional Profile” was also held on the same occasion.

The chairmanship-handover ceremony and the knowledge sharing session were moderated by the founding Chair of Taiwan YMG, Ms Alison Chang. Ms Chang first congratulated the outstanding achievements of the immediate past Chair, Ms Felice Fu-An Lu and the Secretary-General, Ms Szu-Yu Chen. In the speech by the immediate past Chair, Ms Lu recapped the growth of Taiwan YMG during the term of office and shared her reflections along the journey with Taiwan YMG members. This is followed by a speech from the new Taiwan YMG Chair, Ms Pei-Jung Li on the vision of the Taiwan YMG in the new term. As explained by Ms Li, the Taiwan YMG serves as a platform to accommodate the needs of young members from diverse backgrounds. It also helps the young members to gain more exposure to new opportunities in the wider region. To embark on this new journey, Ms Li delightfully welcomed the new Secretary-General, Mr Chia-Hsin Wu.

Following the ceremony, Ms Felice Fu-An Lu and Ms Alice Fu-Yi Lu delivered the first topic of the knowledge sharing session on “How to Plan Your Study Abroad Experience and What is the Perfect Timing?” The speakers shared their experiences in studying abroad and provided a comparison in the costs, opportunities and the challenges between different countries. The speakers also shared the important aspects that should be taken into consideration when deciding the best time for studying abroad, as well as the advantages and disadvantages in getting on board the journey early or later.

The second topic, “How to Build an Outstanding Personal Profile?”,



from left to right- Mr Chia-Hsin Wu, Mr Yu-Teng Lin, Ms Pei-Jung Li, Ms Alison Chang and Dr. Helena Chen

was covered by Ms Pei-Jung Li and Mr Yu-Teng Lin. In the beginning of their session, Ms Li and Mr Lin shared their experience on the essential elements for CVs for legal professionals, from both the applicant and reviewer perspectives. The speakers further highlighted the important features of CVs for academic purposes and work applications, and provided some useful tips for enhancement. As for the last topic, the speakers Ms Szu-Yu Chen and Mr Yi-Hsun Lin held a discussion on “Legal Internship Experience-Sharing”. The speakers generously shared their experiences at the time when they were working as legal interns in two leading law firms in Taiwan, and compared the routes of legal internship in both law firms and legal departments in corporate environment.

The event was joined remotely and in person by approximately 30 attendees, who are mostly law students and fresh graduates. In the Q&A Session, the participants raised questions on career development opportunities and how they can best prepare themselves before embarking on their career in dispute resolution. The event was concluded by the Taiwan Chapter Convenor, Dr. Helena Chen.

Pei-Jung Li

CIArb Introduction to International Arbitration Course in Taipei

23 July 2022, Taipei

On 23 July 2022, while both the pandemic and sweltering heat were impacting Taipei, the Taiwan Chapter of CIArb East Asia Branch remained undeterred and successfully ran the “Introduction to International Arbitration” course virtually in collaboration with National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) and Chen & Chang. Thirty-four enthusiastic candidates, mainly legal practitioners and law students in Taiwan, have demonstrated their interest and career ambitions in the field of international arbitration by actively participating in the course.

Mary Thomson, past Chairperson for EAB gave her full support and delivered her lectures to the candidates via video conference from Hong Kong. She was joined by Dr. David Fong (Chair of EAB), Dr. Helena Chen (Convenor of the Taiwan Chapter) and Ms Alison Chang (former Head of the Taiwan Chapter YMG) online from Taipei.

The Taiwan Chapter would like to thank the participants for attending the seminar. The Chapter strives to hold similar courses



from top left to bottom right: Alison Chang, Dr. Helena Chen, Dr. David Fong and Mary Thomson

in the future to assist the potential new comers to the international arbitration sector.

Ching-Yun Claire Liu

YMG seminar - “Different Paths to the Same Goal”

30 August 2022, Hong Kong



from left to right: Richard Poon, Jessica Chan, Mathew Briggs and Ronald Pang

On 30 August 2022, the YMG EAB hosted the third instalment of its Young Speaker’s Series – “How to Get into Arbitration”.

The topic for the evening was “Different Paths to the Same Goal” and featured a panel discussion with Ms Jessica Chan (Quantity Surveyor), Mr Mathew Briggs (in-house counsel) and Mr Richard

Poon (Solicitor and former Engineer). The panel was moderated by immediate past Chair of the YMG EAB, Mr Ronald Pang.

The event marked a return to in-person events for the YMG, with the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre hosting attendees on the night. The panel covered a wide range of topics, from the benefits of having diverse experience, challenges faced by those starting out in arbitration to the role of mentors in helping young professionals in arbitration.

With the panel format, the members were each able to each share their own experiences starting in arbitration, their motivations to work in arbitration, the challenges they faced and their insights for those looking to start themselves.

The YMG looks forward to continuing its Young Speaker Series as part of its upcoming calendar of events.

Matthew Briggs

Past Branch Chairs Nuts & Bolts Series No. 8

“Award Writing”

Webinar by Mr John Cock

21 July 2022, Hong Kong



The Branch continued to launch the ‘Past Branch Chairs Nuts & Bolts’ series.

The eighth topic is ‘Award Writing’. Past Branch Chair Mr John Cock was invited to give a talk on this topic.

The following issues were discussed:

- Why the awards could be challenged

- The reasoning process
- Communicating the decision
- Delivery of the award
- Award framework
- Section-by-section review

The presentation was very well-received and the event was attended by over 60 members.

Stay tuned for the rest of the series.

David Luk

Past Branch Chairs Nuts & Bolts Series No. 9

“Setting Aside and Enforcement of Arbitral Award before HK Courts”

Webinar by Mr Richard Leung

1 September 2022, Hong Kong

The ninth topic of the ‘Past Branch Chairs Nuts & Bolts’ series is “Setting Aside and Enforcement of Arbitral Award before HK Courts”. Past Branch Chair Mr Richard Leung was invited to give a talk on this topic.

The following issues were discussed:

- Requirements for the formation of an award and its contents
- Legal framework of the Arbitration Ordinance
- General approach of the HK Courts
- Procedure for Enforcement of an Arbitral Award in HK
- Grounds for setting aside or refusal of enforcement of an arbitral award



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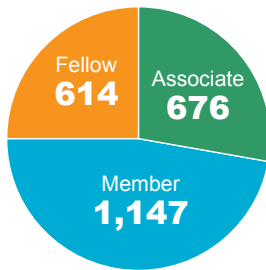
David Luk

Current East Asia Branch Membership

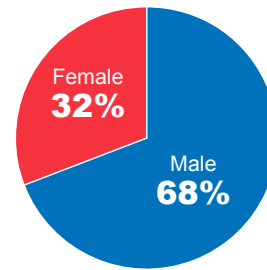
The Branch currently has 3,030 members in the region. Find out the composition of the Branch membership in the diagrams below.

Distribution by Membership Grade

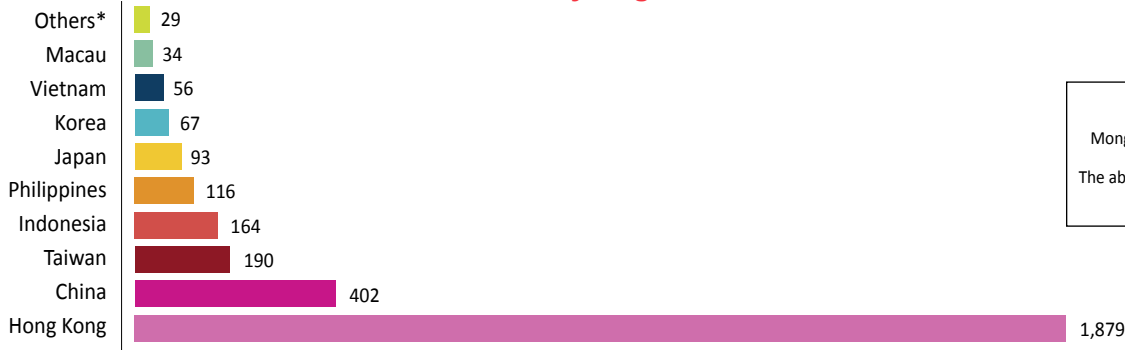
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Distribution by Gender of Members

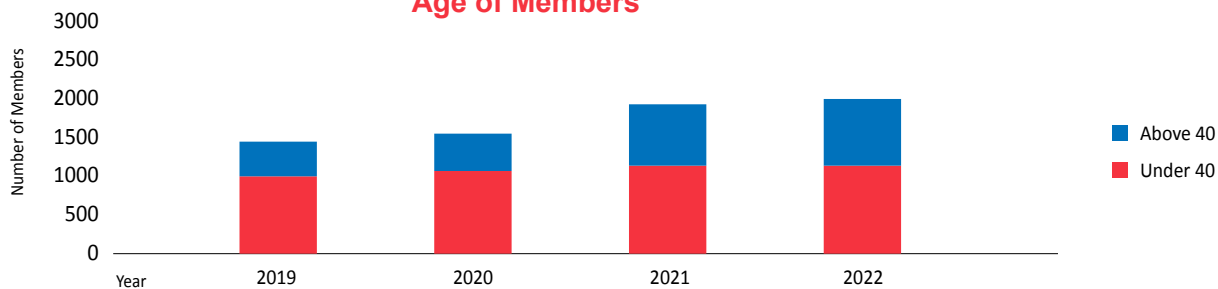


Distribution by Region



*Includes Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar and others.
The above statistics are current as of August 2022.

Age of Members



CIArb East Asia Branch

The East Asia Branch provides a regional organisation for members of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators who are residents in the geographical area of Hong Kong, mainland China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Mongolia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. Thailand and Singapore, formerly part of the Branch, were constituted as separate branches in 2003 and February 2010 respectively.

The objectives of the Branch are to promote, encourage and facilitate the practice of settlement of disputes by arbitration, mediation and other means of dispute resolution, and generally to support and promote the status and interests of the Institute.

CIArb East Asia Branch Committee 2022/23

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