UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day 2020 Report

Introduction

1. The inaugural report on the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day (“AP Day”) series highlights the objectives of this flagship activity series, the deliverables produced, and the outcomes achieved. An introduction with a background of the AP Day and an illustrated summary of the salient features of the 2020 series are first provided with Chinese translation at the end of the section, followed by highlights from each activity and concluding remarks. A list of participating universities and institutions arranged by jurisdiction appears at Annex I and testimonials from partnering institutions appear at Annex II in the final pages of the report.

Background

2. The AP Day is a flagship academic series launched in 2014 by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (“UNCITRAL RCAP”) to celebrate the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 establishing UNCITRAL. AP Day activities aim to raise awareness of UNCITRAL instruments and the importance of legal harmonization amongst law students – the next generation of legal thinkers and policy makers – and are thus academic in nature and free of admission charges.

3. The substance and format of AP Day activities are designed to provide maximum flexibility to support partnering institutions. On substantive programming, each year’s AP Day series usually have an overarching theme suggested and coordinated by UNCITRAL RCAP.
Partner institutions may organize activities under the theme or other UNCITRAL-related topics in consultation with UNCITRAL RCAP.

Themes from past years are as follows:

- 2014: Rule of Law and Access to Justice in International Trade Law
- 2015: Trade Law Reforms & Official Development Assistance
- 2016: 50 Years Modernizing International Trade Law to Support Innovation and Sustainable Development
- 2017: Harmonizing Commercial Laws for Regional Integration
- 2018: International Commercial Law in the Digital Age
- 2019: [No theme]
- 2020: CISG@40
4. The format and composition of AP Day activities are flexible and vary according to the capacity and preference of partnering institutions, ranging from informal “meet RCAP” brown-bag lunches to multi-day international academic conferences. The composition of speakers is similarly dynamic, and comprises academics, practitioners, government officials, and members of the judiciary who have written on UNCITRAL instruments or participated in UNCITRAL activities such as working groups, colloquia, etc.

5. Since the first AP Day series held in 2014, the number of partner institutions, range of participating jurisdictions, and level of participation have all grown significantly. For example, in 2014 there were 3 activities organized in 3 jurisdictions, in 2017 there were 6 activities in 5 jurisdictions, and in 2019 a total of 17 universities and institutions co-hosted 13 activities in 9 jurisdictions. The number of participants has also grown exponentially in the past three years, illustrating an increasingly keen interest in the area of international trade law and the work of UNCITRAL by universities and students in the AP region.

6. Although the main focus of AP Day activities is to raise awareness and promote further understanding of UNCITRAL texts, some participants have noted that the presentations and expert discussions may serve to provide capacity building to public and private stakeholders and assist participating jurisdictions in their consideration of adopting UNCITRAL texts.

**AP Day 2020 series**

7. The AP Day 2020 series is the seventh edition of the UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day flagship and was held during the last quarter of 2020 with the exception of the final event which was completed in January 2021. Despite the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, a ground-breaking total of 35 universities and institutions in 10 jurisdictions across the Asia Pacific region, an increase of approximately 106% from the 2019 series in terms of participating institutions, joined the annual celebration by co-hosting 19 AP Day activities to promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL.

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3 A list of participating universities and institutions arranged by jurisdiction is provided in Annex I.
8. The AP Day 2020 series invited partner institutions to join the global celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (“CISG”) under the “CISG@40” theme. Consequently, 13 of the 19 AP Day 2020 activities identified the CISG and international sales as their key theme, with at least 6 events pairing the CISG with dispute resolution, although nearly all AP Day 2020 activities touched upon the CISG and international sales. Other UNCITRAL subject areas covered included electronic commerce, arbitration, mediation, investor-state dispute settlement (“ISDS”), insolvency, online dispute resolution, secured transactions, contract law, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (“MSMEs”), and transport law. Many events also included discussions on the role of UNCITRAL texts and their applications in COVID-19 times.

*More than one subject area may be covered in any given event.*

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*For more information on the CISG@40 global initiative, please visit: [uncitral.un.org/cisg40](http://uncitral.un.org/cisg40).*
Participating jurisdictions

9. Participating jurisdictions in the AP Day 2020 series consisted of: Australia (1 activity), China (5), including the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong (1) and Macao (1), India (2), Japan (1), Republic of Korea (4), Russian Federation (1), Thailand (1), and Viet Nam (2). Expert speakers providing a wide range of perspectives participated from a total of 24 civil and common law jurisdictions at different stages of economic development. More than half of the expert speakers were academics, followed by practitioners and government officials.

Participation, audience diversity and gender parity

10. Audience composition was also diverse, with approximately 60% of the AP Day 2020 participants female, based on statistics provided by co-organizers where gender breakdown was available. In addition, while most AP Day activities were geared towards law students, some were delivered to non-law students including business and engineering students, and some were open to online public audiences from across the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

*Based on statistics provided by co-organizers where gender breakdown was available.*
Regional accessibility, multilinguism, deliverables and virtual format

11. UNCITRAL RCAP officers supported all AP Day activities and were occasionally joined by colleagues from the UNCITRAL Secretariat in Vienna who delivered technical presentations on the CISG and insolvency. The majority of contributions took the form of live remote presentations on UNCITRAL instruments and current developments. Where live presentations were not possible, UNCITRAL RCAP provided tailor-made VDO remarks or institutional support for the activity. To enhance regional accessibility and promote multilinguism, UNCITRAL RCAP and participating experts delivered contributions in multiple United Nations official languages, particularly English, Chinese, and Russian, as well as regional languages including Cantonese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese.

12. In response to COVID-19, the AP Day 2020 series predominately adopted an online mode of delivery, with 6 activities adopting a hybrid format combining online and in-person attendance. Although participants were not able to meet face to face, the use of technology boosted participation by overcoming geographical limitations and bypassing resource limitations associated with the organization of traditional in-person activities. Format and size of events ranged from an in-class lecture of 30 law students to singular or multi-day international academic conferences with virtual live attendance of close to 5,000 global participants. Altogether, the AP Day 2020 series reached a global live audience of over 8,500 participants.
Partner institutions

13. Since 2019, UNCITRAL RCAP has partnered with the International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”), in particular the ICC Arbitration and ADR, North Asia and Shanghai Representative Office, to promote and expand the AP Day series to new collaborators across the region. The joint expertise of UNCITRAL and ICC was particularly synergistic under the CISG@40 theme as establishing a uniform legal regime for contracts for the cross-border sale of goods benefits all stakeholders. Consequently, in 2020 UNCITRAL RCAP and the ICC successfully co-organized a total of 7 hybrid and virtual events in 3 jurisdictions with a cumulative live audience of approximately 7,300 participants.

14. In addition to its fruitful collaboration with the ICC, UNCITRAL RCAP is grateful for the support it has received from all AP Day partner institutions, which apart from universities and higher education institutions include arbitral and mediation institutions, professional bodies, and UNCITRAL national coordination committees.5

Supporting progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals

15. Due to the comprehensive themes and topics discussed throughout the AP Day 2020 series on how to improve legal frameworks for the facilitation of international trade and investment, participation by diverse experts and audiences from a wide range of jurisdictions, the focus on educating the next generation, expanded modes of delivery, and deliverables in multiple United Nations and regional languages, the AP Day 2020 activities notably advance UNCITRAL’s contributions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals on several fronts which are relevant to international trade and sale of goods, including:

- Goal 8 - promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;
- Goal 12 - ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- Goal 16 - promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- Goal 17 - strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

In particular, with respect to Goal 8, UNCITRAL has contributed to target 8.3 - promoting development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of MSMEs, including through access to financial services. Regarding Goal 16, UNCITRAL has supported target 16.3 - promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all. For more information on UNCITRAL’s contributions to

5 Please refer to Annex I for the full list of the AP Day 2020 series partnering institutions.
the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (generally and with reference to specific subject-areas), please visit the UNCITRAL website.  

6 UNCITRAL website, unctad.un.org/en/about/sdg.
引言

注: 统计图表及图像，请参照上述英文版本之相应段落)

1. 联合国国际贸易法委员会亚太日（“亚太日”）系列活动的首份报告回顾这旗舰系列活动的目标、活动成果和取得的成效。报告首先介绍亚太日系列活动的背景，并以图文并茂方式阐述2020年系列活动的显著特点、接着是每项活动的重点和总结。按司法管辖区排列的参与大学和机构名单及合作伙伴机构的感言分别载于报告最后的附件一及附件二。

背景

2. 亚太日是联合国国际贸易法委员会亚洲及太平洋区域中心（“UNCITRAL RCAP”）于2014年推出的旗舰学术系列活动，旨在庆祝贸易法委员会由联合国大会依据其1966年12月17日第2205（XXI）号决议设立。亚太日系列活动旨在提高法学学生——下一代法学家和政策制定者——对贸易法委员会法律文书和法律协调重要性的认识。因此，活动的本质是学术性的，并且不收取任何参加费用。

3. 为支持合作机构，亚太日系列活动的内容和形式旨在为合作机构提供最大的灵活性。活动内容的铺排方面，每年的亚太日系列活动通常会由UNCITRAL RCAP 建议核心主题及负责统筹工作。合作机构可与UNCITRAL RCAP 协商后，以该主题或其他与贸易法委员会有关的主题组织活动。

过去几年的主题如下:

- 2014年：国际贸易法中的法治和寻求公义
- 2015年：贸易法改革与官方发展援助
- 2016年：支持创新和可持续发展的国际贸易法现代化50年
- 2017年：协调商法促进区域一体化
- 2018年：数字时代的国际商法
- 2019年：[无主题]
- 2020年：CISG@40

4. 亚太日系列活动的形式和组成是灵活的，并根据合作机构的资源和取向作出调整，例如从非正式的RCAP 午餐见面会到为期数天的国际学术会议。发言者也是由不同背景的人士组成，当中包括学者、从业员、政府官员或曾参与撰写贸易法委员会法律文书或参加贸易法委员会工作组、研讨会等活动的司法机构成员等。
5. 自 2014 年举办首届亚太日系列活动以来，合作机构的数量、参与司法管辖区的范围和参与程度都有显著增长。例如，2014 年在 3 个司法管辖区举办了 3 项活动，2017 年在 5 个司法管辖区举办了 6 项活动，2019 年共有 17 所大学和机构在 9 个司法管辖区联合举办了 13 项活动。1 参与人数在过去三年中亦大幅增长，显示亚太地区的大学和学生对国际贸易法领域和贸易法委员会的工作的兴趣与日俱增。


6. 虽然亚太日系列活动的主要重点是提高和促进对贸易法委员会法规的进一步理解，但一些与会者指出，发言和专家讨论能有助于向公共和私人利益攸关方提供能力建设，并协助参与司法管辖区考虑采纳贸易法委员会法规。

2020 年亚太日系列活动

7. 2020 年亚太日系列活动是贸易法委员会亚太日旗舰活动的第七届，除最后一项活动于 2021 年 1 月完成外，所有活动均于 2020 年最后一个季度举行。2 尽管爆发新型冠状病毒疫情，亚太地区 10 个司法管辖区共有 35 所大学和机构参加了这一年度系列活动，并联合举办了 19 项亚太日活动，以提高公众对国际贸易标准和规范，特别是贸易法委员会认可的国际贸易标准和规范的认识。3 参与机构的数量比 2019 年系列活动增加了约 106%，为历年之最。


[脚注 3] 按司法管辖区排列的参与大学和机构名单见附件一。

主题

8. 2020 年亚太日系列活动邀请合作机构参与 “联合国国际货物销售合同公约”（“CISG”）40 周年全球庆祝活动，主题为 “CISG@40”。4 因此，在 19 项 2020 年亚太日活动中，几乎所有的活动都涉及到 “CISG”和国际销售，并有 13 项将 “CISG” 和国际销售定为其关键主题，以及至少有 6 项活动将 “CISG” 与争端解决相结合。其他涵盖的贸易法委员会工作的议题包括电子商务、仲裁、调解、投资者与国家之间的争端解决、破产、网上争议解决、担保交易、合同法、中小微型企业和运输法。许多活动的讨论还包括贸易法委员会法规在新型冠状病毒疫情下的作用及应用。

[脚注 4] 有关 “CISG@40” 全球倡议的更多信息，请访问：https://unctral.un.org/cisg40。
参与司法管辖区

9. 参加 2020 年亚太日系列活动的司法管辖区包括：澳大利亚（1 项）、中国（5 项）（包括香港特别行政区（1 项）和澳门特别行政区（1 项））、印度（2 项）、日本（1 项）、韩国（4 项）、俄罗斯联邦（1 项）、泰国（1 项）和越南（2 项）。来自 24 个处于不同经济发展阶段的大陆法系和普通法系司法管辖区的专家参与发言，并提供了广泛的观点。超过一半的发言专家是学者，紧随其后的是从业员和政府官员。

参与者、受众多元性和性别平衡

10. 参与者的组成也是多元化的，根据合作机构提供的统计数据，大约 60% 的 2020 年亚太日参与者是女性。此外，虽然大多数亚太日活动是针对法律系学生，但也有一些面向非法律系学生，包括商业和工程专业的学生，还有一些活动是向亚太地区和其他地区的在线公众开放的。

区域可及性、多种语言的使用、成果和虚拟形式

11. UNCITRAL RCAP 人员为所有亚太日活动提供支援，偶尔也有贸易法委员会秘书处（维也纳）的同事参与，他们就 CISG 和破产法问题作出技术方面的介绍。大部份的参与主要是以遥距在线形式介绍贸易法委员会法律文书及其工作展望。在无法现场参与的情况下，UNCITRAL RCAP 会为该系列活动提供量身定制的录影发言或为机构提供支援。为加强区域可及性，UNCITRAL RCAP 和与会专家以多种联合国官方语文，特别是英文、中文和俄文，以及包括粤语、韩文、泰文和越南文在内的区域语言发言。

12. 鉴于新型冠状病毒导致的疫情，2020 年亚太日系列活动主要采用了线上举办模式，还有 6 场活动采用了线上和现场相结合的混合模式。虽然与会者无法当面交流，但由于技术的使用突破了地域限制，避免了举办传统面对面活动时面临的资源限制，从而提高了参与度。活动的形式和规模各不相同，由面向 30 名法学专业学生的课堂讲座，到将近 5,000 名全球与会者在线参加的单日或多日的国际学术会议。2020 年亚太日系列活动所触及的全球各地现场受众总计已达 8,500 名以上。

合作伙伴机构

13. 自 2019 年以来，UNCITRAL RCAP 和国际商会一道，特别是国际商会仲裁和非诉讼纠纷解决（北亚地区）和国际商会上海代表处，共同向整个区域的新合作伙伴推广并扩大亚太日系列活动。贸易法委员和国际商会的联合专长在“CISG@40”这一主题下特别具有协同增效作用，这是因为，为跨境货物销售合同建立统一法律制度是有
利于所有利益攸关方的。于 2020 年，UNCITRAL RCAP 和国际商会在 3 个司法管辖区成功合办了 7 场混合模式和线上模式的活动，在场参与者累计约 7,300 人。

14. 除了与国际商会开展的卓有成效的合作之外，UNCITRAL RCAP 还由衷感谢所有亚太日合作伙伴机构的支持，不仅包括大学和高等教育机构，还包括仲裁和调解机构、专业机构和一众的贸易法委员会国家协调委员会。5

[脚注 5] 2020 年亚太日系列活动的合作伙伴机构名单详见附件一。

支持实现可持续发展目标的进展

15. 2020 年亚太日系列活动针对“如何改进法律框架、便利国际贸易和投资”的讨论涵盖了全面的主题和议题，参与者包括来自各个司法管辖区的广大专家和受众，以教育下一代为重点，扩展了举办模式，使用了多种联合国和区域语言，因此，2020 年亚太日活动显著地推动了贸易法委员会在与国际贸易和货物销售相关的若干方面为实现可持续发展目标所作的贡献，其中包括：

- 目标 8：促进持续、包容并且可持续的经济增长及充分的生产性就业和人人享有体面工作；
- 目标 12：确保可持续消费和生产模式；
- 目标 16：促进和平包容社会以实现可持续发展，保证人人享有寻求司法公正的渠道并建立有效、负责和包容的各级机构；和
- 目标 17：加强落实和振兴可持续发展全球伙伴关系的方法。

特别是在目标 8 方面，贸易法委员会为具体目标 8.3 做出了贡献，即：推行以发展为导向的政策，支持生产性活动、体面就业、创业精神、创造力和创新；鼓励微型和中小型企业通过获取金融服务等方式实现正规化并促进其发展。在目标 16 方面，贸易法委员会为具体目标 16.3 提供了支持，即：在国家和国际层面促进法治，确保所有人都有平等诉诸司法的机会。关于贸易法委员会为实现可持续发展目标所作的贡献的更多信息（总体情况和具体主题领域），请访问贸易法委员会网站。6

Highlights of the AP Day 2020 Series

16. The 2020 AP Day series was successfully organized with generous support and collaboration of institutional and academic partners throughout the region. Each AP Day activity had its own unique and diverse features in terms of deliverables, topics covered, audience reached, and mode of delivery. The following are special highlights of each AP Day activity listed in chronological order:

(1) Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University
(Seoul, 14 September 2020)

The AP Day 2020 series was officially launched with the Asia-Pacific Law Institute, Seoul National University, on 14 September 2020 via an online webinar. Around 36 students attended this event of which 24 were female and 12 were male. The event focused on the importance of UNCITRAL activities and the work of UNCITRAL working groups. UNCITRAL RCAP officers provided an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP including its activities and internship programme, and an overview of various UNCITRAL texts, namely the CISG and the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (“Singapore Convention on Mediation”). A Professor of Law at Seoul National University also shared his experience on his participation in a UNCITRAL working group. With the Arbitration Act, Electronic Signature Act, and the Debtor Rehabilitation Act greatly influenced by the various UNCITRAL Model Laws, UNCITRAL and its texts play a major role in the laws of the Republic of Korea. This event thus highlighted the importance of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP in facilitating the process of modernization and harmonization of national law in the area of cross-border trade, and in providing technical assistance to jurisdictions which have adopted UNCITRAL texts.
The AP Day co-organized with China University of Political Science and Law and ICC was held on 23 September 2020 in a hybrid format. Under the theme “CISG@40: Judicial and Arbitration Practices of CISG in China”, the event saw around 150 university students, researchers and legal practitioners attending from six cities in China. UNCITRAL RCAP provided an overview of the CISG, highlighting the Convention’s prevalence in China and uniform interpretation by the judiciary. In addition, eminent academics and practitioners from China and abroad examined how the CISG interacts with national laws of China as well as other international instruments.
The AP Day with Shanghai University of Political Science and Law and ICC consisted of a virtual forum and a virtual mediation moot. The virtual forum titled “The Fourth Sheshan International Law Virtual Forum” invited law professors from five Chinese universities to discuss the application of the CISG in China from private international law, domestic contract law, litigation and arbitration perspectives. Overall, the forum was well attended by around 200 students and academics. As part of a series of events in conjunction with the virtual forum, Moot Shanghai was organized in the form of a virtual mediation moot as a special edition in light of the cancellation of the traditional Moot Shanghai earlier this year. Though the virtual format was novel, the moot attracted 120 participants. UNCITRAL RCAP delivered remarks at the opening ceremony of the moot. With the combination of the forum and the moot competition, students not only were made aware of the most up-to-date academic discussions, but also gained first-hand experience through applying the law to a moot problem concerning an international trade law dispute.

A recording of the event is available at: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/9ZnraRni-Q9hkSumx9N9nQ.
Under the theme “CISG@40 — International Commercial Arbitration, ISDS and MPIA”, an AP Day event was co-hosted with Shanghai University of International Business and Economics and ICC on 10 October 2020. The event was organized in a hybrid format with a roundtable discussion held in a siheyuan (a traditional Beijing quadrangle) livestreamed online. UNCITRAL RCAP delivered recorded opening remarks at the discussion. The speakers, from universities, arbitral institutions and government agencies, discussed innovations related to international dispute resolution in the context of the CISG and investor-state dispute settlement (“ISDS”). Overall, the event was very well attended by approximately 2,000 participants, of which 1,200 were female and 800 were male.
An in-class interactive presentation was co-organized with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (‘‘RMIT’’) and the ICC. It was held on 13 October 2020 as an in-class online lecture for approximately 30 business students. Joined by speakers from academia, the theme of the lecture was the “Importance of CISG for Non-Lawyers”. UNCITRAL RCAP gave an overview of the CISG and its benefits to cross-border trade and commerce. A Senior Lecturer of RMIT shared insights on teaching the CISG to non-lawyers, noting that the CISG is accessible by businesspersons and laypersons due to its neutral and plain language.
The AP Day lecture with Jungseok Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade, Inha University was held on 27 October 2020 as an online in-class lecture. UNCITRAL RCAP presented an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, introduced the different UNCITRAL texts, including the Singapore Convention on Mediation and the Model Law on International Commercial Mediation, and discussed the current status and trend of UNCITRAL’s international trade and commerce standards. UNCITRAL RCAP also introduced its internship programme. A key speaker from Inha University, presented on “Amendments of the Three Data Law and the Digital Economy”. This event, delivered in Korean, was the second of four AP Day 2020 activities hosted in the Republic of Korea. A total of 33 participants, of which 24 were female and 9 were male, attended. With a focused discussion on data law of the Republic of Korea and implications for the digital economy, students were able to appreciate UNCITRAL texts in a country-specific context.
The AP Day presentation with the Department of Public Service, Kangnam University was held on 28 October 2020, the third of four AP Day activities hosted in the Republic of Korea. The in-lecture seminar totaled 175 students (86 male and 89 female) studying different areas of law such as insurance law, corporate law, and philosophy of law. The seminar commenced with a 2-hour lecture by UNCITRAL RCAP on the modernization and harmonization of international trade law, an overview of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP, the Singapore Convention on Mediation, and lessons learned from the UNCITRAL virtual panel series on UNCITRAL Texts and COVID-19 Response and Recovery held in July 2020. A Kangnam University professor also presented a synopsis of international trade law.
The AP day activity co-hosted with the International Law Faculty, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Viet Nam was held on 11 November 2020, in collaboration with the ICC. A total of 143 law students attended the event, of which 87 were female and 56 were male. The theme of the webinar was “CISG@40 – the Application of CISG in E-commerce Contracts, SMEs and Specific Objectives”. The webinar invited 2 featured speakers from the legal and arbitration fields to discuss the application of the CISG on the acquisition of software, and the conclusion of online contracts. UNCITRAL RCAP delivered opening remarks on the benefits of the CISG, and discussed its application in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students were also introduced to the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (“CLOUT”) database as a resource to locate national court judgments in which UNCITRAL texts have been interpreted and applied by foreign judges and arbitrators.⁷

The AP Day lecture with the Department of Security Convergence, Graduate School at Chung-Ang University was held on 19 November 2020. This event was the fourth and final UNCITRAL AP Day event hosted in the Republic of Korea. The online workshop was delivered in Korean with 28 students in attendance. Under the theme of “Recent Trends and Issues of UNCITRAL’s Work”, UNCITRAL RCAP presented on the Singapore Convention on Mediation and introduced the work of UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP and the internship programme. A professor from the Department of Industrial Security at Chung-Ang University also shared insights.
The AP day in-class virtual presentation with the Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand was held on 26 November 2020. There were over 120 participants, most of whom were dispute resolution students. UNCITRAL RCAP officers introduced the work of UNCITRAL, its internship programme, and UNCITRAL instruments on arbitration, mediation, the CISG, and the CLOUT database. Students were also updated on UNCITRAL’s the ongoing reform efforts with regard to ISDS. UNCITRAL RCAP’s current interns, joined by a former intern from Thailand, shared exchanges about their experience.
The AP Day online conference with Wuhan University, ICC and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre was held on 28 November 2020 in a hybrid format. During the live broadcast, an on-site audience of 100 participants were joined by 4,500 online participants. Under the theme “The Application of Uniformed Substantive Rules, with a Particular Focus on Arbitration in Mainland China and HKSAR”, the AP Day event invited 6 female speakers and 17 male speakers, from the public sector, academia and arbitration to discuss the legal impact of the CISG in China, contemporary issues concerning COVID-19, the Belt and Road Initiative and international commercial arbitration. UNCITRAL RCAP presented an introduction to UNCITRAL, and an overview of the CISG and its application to China and the Asia Pacific region. A Legal Officer from the UNCITRAL Secretariat in Vienna delivered a technical presentation on uniform contract law and risk mitigation.
This regional academic conference with the Faculty of Law, University of Macau and World Trade Center Macau Arbitration Center titled “Embracing Legal Harmonization as a Panacea for the Challenges Facing International Trade at Times of Global Pandemic” was held on 4 December 2020. 20 speakers and 456 participants joined either in-person at the University of Macau, or online. The speakers represented diverse jurisdictions – namely, Australia, China (including Hong Kong, China and Macao, China), India, Japan, Malaysia, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Singapore and Sweden – and provided insights from their respective professional backgrounds on topics including cross-border dispute resolution, the CISG, and digital trade.
The AP day event with the Faculty of Law, Foreign Trade University Hanoi, Viet Nam was co-organized with the Vietnam Business Lawyers Club, Vietnam International Arbitration Center, and the Vietnam Society of International Law. Held on 10 December 2020, the seminar titled, “CISG and International Arbitration”, saw over 160 participants who joined either in-person at the Foreign Trade University in Vietnam, or online. The speakers, including government officials, academics, legal practitioners and arbitrators, have represented diverse professional backgrounds. They discussed practical aspects of the CISG, in particular, its implementation in Viet Nam as well as in international arbitration and practical tips on how contracts that apply the CISG should be drafted in Viet Nam. All presentations were conducted in Vietnamese.

A recording of the event is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otHixiTZzrc.
The AP Day event co-organized with the Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong (“HKU”), Hong Kong Mediation Centre, and International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute was held virtually on 10 December 2020. Under the theme “The Future Practice of Commercial Dispute Resolution after Extending the Application of CISG to Hong Kong SAR”, UNCITRAL RCAP officers presented in English and Cantonese an overview of the CISG and an introduction to the tools assisting the uniform interpretation of the CISG such as the CLOUT database and the Digest of Case Law on the CISG. Academics from HKU and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology also provided insightful presentations on the international regulation of commercial contracts, the complementary roles of UNCITRAL, the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (“UNIDROIT”) and Hague Conference on Private International Law (“HCCH”) relating to international sales instruments, and on the benefits and challenges of the extension of the application of the CISG to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The event was attended by 132 participants, of which 65 were female and 67 were male.
The AP Day event with Far Eastern Federal University (“FEFU”) in the Russian Federation was held on 16 December 2020 as part of an online in-class lecture. A total of 47 law students, of which one-third were male and two-thirds were female, took part in the event. UNCITRAL RCAP officers presented an introduction to UNCITRAL and UNCITRAL RCAP in English and partially in Russian to further engage students, and provided overviews of the CISG and the CLOUT database, the Singapore Convention on Mediation and the UNCITRAL internship programme. Current UNCITRAL RCAP interns shared their experiences with the students. Other expert speakers included academics at FEFU School of Law who delivered presentations on topics including “AI System as a Subject of International Commerce” and “Features of the Application of the Vienna Convention 1980 in the Russian Federation”.
The Gujarat National Law University Centre for Corporate and Insolvency Law together with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, and UNCITRAL National Co-ordination Committee India co-organized a virtual AP Day event, titled “International Conference on Insolvency Law and CISG@40”, covering a wide range of topics pertaining to insolvency and the CISG with speakers from India and abroad. The benefits of the CISG generally and in particular to India were discussed. Various topics pertaining to India’s domestic insolvency regime were also discussed with references made to other jurisdictions’ practices and experiences. A virtual roundtable discussion was also held whereby speakers spotlighted cross-border insolvency regimes of different jurisdictions (including the European Union, Jordan, Singapore) and the operation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross Border Insolvency (1997).

Recordings of the event are available at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf_LdisRrGM&t=4s and
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ltvfe-cAuZY&t=1448s respectively.
Co-organized with Southwest China University of Political Science and Law and ICC, the AP Day event titled “CISG@40: The Application in the Contracting States of CISG” was held in a hybrid format on 18 December 2020. The 4-hour event was delivered in Chinese and English. Subjects discussed ranged from general topics, including the development of international commercial law and uniform substantive law, to more specific issues such as the application and interpretation of particular provisions of the CISG. Overall, around 60 participants joined the webinar.
The AP Day event co-organized with Nagoya University Graduate School of Law was held on 22 December 2020 with the theme “When Disputes Go Online: Current Issues and Criticalities in Arbitration and ODR.” The two-hour webinar was attended by 42 participants, including participants from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Brazil. Of the 42 participants, 20 were female and 22 were male. With an increase in the use of technology worldwide and the involvement of individuals in cross-border transactions, the lively discussion on online dispute resolution (“ODR”) was of great interest and was most timely. Both academics and practitioners from different jurisdictions presented on diverse aspects of ODR, including a general overview of ODR in 2020 and its five basic assumptions, arbitration as a model for all future dispute resolution, and designing systems for ODR with a mention of UNCITRAL ODR Technical Notes and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation guidelines. Other points of discussion included concerns of ODR including security and due process concerns as well as advantages and disadvantages of ODR. This webinar was interactive on both ends with participants asking interesting questions and panellists providing insightful answers. Discussion on ODR as a means of accessing justice contributed to the furtherance of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goals 9 and 16 in supporting technology and access to information and communication technology and access to justice for all.

A recording of the event is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r40L2TZaOQI.
The final activity of the AP Day 2020 series was a 2-day virtual symposium held from 6 to 7 January 2021 themed “Transnational Commercial Law, Insolvency, Restructuring, Entrepreneurship: Promoting Trade and Development Post the Pandemic,” which preceded the 2020 Moot Competition on Insolvency and Bankruptcy held on 8-10 January 2021. The back-to-back events were co-organized with the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law, National Law University Delhi, India, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), INSOL India, UNCITRAL National Co-ordination Committee (UNCC) India, Nottingham Law School of Nottingham Trent University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law of Campbell University, Center on Transnational Business and the Law of Georgetown Law, International Law Institute, and Society of Insolvency Practitioners of India (SIPI).

The first day of the symposium commemorated the 40th anniversary of the CISG under the sub-theme “CISG@40: Role of UNCITRAL Instruments in Progressive Development of Cross Border Legal Regime and Trade”. UNCITRAL RCAP delivered opening remarks and provided an overview of UNCITRAL texts and their benefits. A Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat in Vienna also presented, an overview of the CISG and the “Tripartite Legal Guide to Uniform Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts, with a Focus on Sales” co-prepared by UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and HCCH. Special attention was also given to the Singapore Convention on Mediation and the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions (2016). The second day of the symposium focused exclusively on insolvency law under the sub-theme “Insolvency Resolutions, Promoting Entrepreneurship post the Pandemic”. In a session dedicated to cross-border insolvency, a Senior Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat in Vienna delivered a brief overview of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (1997). Along with other presentations on insolvency-related UNCITRAL instruments, the introduction generated in-depth discussion among speakers about India’s consideration of these texts. The speakers also exchanged views on other topics related to insolvency, including the measures adopted by the authorities in face with COVID-19 and an insolvency legal system tailored for MSMEs.
Concluding remarks

17. Notwithstanding the challenges in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AP Day 2020 series attracted one of the most dynamic and successful turnouts in its seven-year history. The use of technology encouraged more participants from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations to participate, and enhanced the accessibility of the deliverables. Through this series of events, it is hoped that students, academics, legal practitioners, policy makers and other stakeholders, particularly those in the Asia Pacific region, acquire deeper understanding of the benefits of UNCITRAL instruments and the importance of legal harmonization including uniform interpretation for the facilitation of international trade and investment.

18. UNCITRAL RCAP is grateful for the continuing enthusiasm for and generous support of the UNCITRAL AP Day academic series from partnering universities and institutions across the Asia Pacific. As the AP Day 2020 series has come to a conclusion, it is hoped that the 2021 series would be equally well received. For institutions interested in co-organizing an AP Day activity, please contact UNCITRAL RCAP to explore collaboration opportunities at:

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United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
International Trade Law Division, Office of Legal Affairs
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22004 Incheon, Republic of Korea

**Email:** uncitral.rcap@un.org

**Website:** uncitral.un.org/en/TA/regionalcentre_asia_pacific

For those interested in subscribing to UNCITRAL RCAP’s mailing list, please scan the following QR code:

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UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific

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# Annex I

## List of Participating Universities and Institutions in the UNCITRAL AP Day 2020 series

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Annex II

Acknowledgements from Participating Universities and Institutions

UNCITRAL RCAP gratefully acknowledges the generous support and contributions of Incheon Metropolitan City and the Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea, as well as the Department of Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China, which make it possible for UNCITRAL RCAP to deliver UNCITRAL’s mandate throughout the Asia-Pacific, including through the UNCITRAL AP Day series.

Below are some extracted testimonials from the UNCITRAL AP Day 2020 series partnering universities and institutions (organized in alphabetical order) discussing the benefits to students and stakeholders:

“2020년 11월 19일 UNCITRAL 아태사무소와 중앙대학교 간에 개최된 “UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day”에서는 국제상거래에서 발생되는 분쟁을 효율적으로 해결하기 위한 방법에 대하여 논의하였습니다. “UNCITRAL 싱가포르 조정협약” (남은영 위원)과 “콘텐츠 분쟁해결 기능 강화를 위한 제도방안” (손승우 교수)의 주제 발표를 통해 대학생과 대학원생이 최근의 분쟁해결 규범 논의를 이해할 수 있었고, 또한 비대면 환경 속에서 급증하고 있는 콘텐츠 이용과 관련된 분쟁의 특징과 해결 방안에 대해서 알 수 있는 매우 뜻 깊은 자리였습니다. 향후 디지털 환경 변화 속에서 발생하는 다양한 국제거래법적 이슈에 대해서도 UNCITRAL 과 지속적으로 연구를 같이하기를 바랍니다. 감사합니다.”

| Chung-Ang University (Republic of Korea) |

“Выражаем огромную благодарность UNCITRAL RCAP за насыщенную и плодотворную программу конференции 2020 Asia Pacific Day, её высокий профессиональный уровень и актуальность предложенных тем, за колоссальный труд и прекрасную организацию конференции с использованием передовых электронных технологий, которые позволили студентам Юридической школы ДВФУ и российским участникам более детально ознакомиться с деятельностью UNCITRAL и ее основными международно-правовыми документами в сфере прогрессивного согласования и унификации права международной торговли, в личном общении с представителями UNCITRAL RCAP. Конференция получила высокую оценку от студентов и участников, и мы надеемся, что подобные встречи станут традиционными, поскольку позволят более предметно и глубоко рассмотреть актуальные вопросы состояния и развития UNCITRAL, материалы...
могут быть использованы как в процессе обучения, так и в практической деятельности.”

| Far Eastern Federal University (Russian Federation) |

“我們很榮幸能與聯合國國際貿易法委員會亞洲及太平洋地區中心合辦網上研討會 (The Future Practice of Commercial Dispute Resolution after Extending the Application of CISG to Hong Kong)。在此次研討會中，我們觀察到法律學系的學生與法律界從業員對《聯合國國際貨物銷售合同公約》 (公約) 有了更深刻的認識。研討會亦討論到爭議解決服務如何協助處理商業糾紛，有助上述人士更好地裝備自己迎接公約在香港實施的可能，借此推動國際貿易及爭議解決的發展。

我們非常認同聯合國國際貿易法委員會亞洲及太平洋地區中心為舉辦這樣一個有意義的活動所作出的努力，也很願意為提高下一代法律學者及政策制定者對聯合國國際貿易法委員會工作的認識作出貢獻。我們相信，這類學術討論可以在將來提高他們從事相關事務時的專業水平。

我們期待將來能與聯合國國際貿易法委員會亞洲及太平洋地區中心在 UNCITRAL AP Day 及其它活動上再次合作。”

| Hong Kong Mediation Centre (Hong Kong, China) |

(co-organizer of the AP Day with the University of Hong Kong)

“ It has been a pleasure for ICC Shanghai Representative Office to continuously support UNCITRAL RCAP on AP Day in mainland China. In 2020, ICC Shanghai Representative Office assisted UNCITRAL RCAP to organize a series of events that have drawn the attention of universities and institutions to the latest development of UNCITRAL legal instruments.

We are glad that UNCITRAL RCAP has provided university students in the Asia Pacific jurisdictions with plenty of opportunities to find out the legislation trend of the United Nations and a real window to understand the mandates of UNCITRAL, one of the most important international organizations in the field of international law.

It would be a privilege for ICC Shanghai Representative Office to continue working with UNCITRAL RCAP in the years to come to achieve our common goal – a better understanding of international commercial law, a better international law community and better future for all in the region.”

| ICC Arbitration and ADR, North Asia and Shanghai Representative Office |

(co-organizer of 7 AP Day events in 3 jurisdictions)
“AP Day 행사를 통해 UNCITRAL 이 구체적으로 어떤 업무를 진행하는 국제기구인지 학생들이 자세히 알 수 있는 기회가 되었습니다. 더불어 UNCITRAL 인턴십 프로그램에 대한 상세한 안내는 UN 국제기구 취업을 희망하는 학생들의 진로설정에 큰 도움이 되었다고 생각합니다. 모조록 관련 행사가 확대되어 더욱 많은 한국 학생들이 참여할 수 있는 기회가 많아지기를 희망합니다. 감사합니다.”

| Inha University (Republic of Korea) |

“강남대학교 공공인재학과 학생들은 UNCITRAL AP Day 행사를 통해서 시야를 넓히고 국제적인 감각을 키울 수 있는 좋은 기회를 가졌습니다. 교재를 중심으로 이루어지는 막막한 수업이 아닌 살아 있는 내용의 특강을 해주신 덕분에 학생들이 진로를 탐색하는 데 큰 도움이 되었습니다. UNCITRAL RCAP에 깊이 감사드립니다.”

| Kangnam University (Republic of Korea) |

“As the organizers of the event at Nagoya University Graduate School of Law we would like to express our gratitude and satisfaction for allowing us to take part in the UNCITRAL AP Day 2020. Especially during such a complicated period of history such as the COVID-19 pandemics, it was really important to demonstrate that research networks are active and dynamic, and the UNCITRAL AP Day 2020 provided us with an excellent platform to this effect. The sponsorship of UNCITRAL RCAP immediately enhances the prestige and the visibility of any event: many participants actually decided to take part in our workshop because of the announcement on UNCITRAL RCAP social media.”

| Nagoya University (Japan) |

“학생들에게 국제적으로 보편적인 규범이 왜 필요한지, 보편적인 규범의 창설에 있어서

UNCITRAL 의 역할이 무엇인지지를 깨닫게 하는 의미있는 행사라고 생각합니다. AP Day 행사를 통해 법률가의 국제적 시각의 중요성을 학생들이 깨닫게 되었다고 사료됩니다.”

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佘山国际法律云裳视频论坛第四期——纪念《联合国国际货物销售合同公约》CISG通过四十周年主题论坛（2020年09月26日）

2020年是CISG通过四十周年，为纪念CISG通过四十周年，联合国贸易法委员会及各国学界纷纷推出系列学术活动，回溯历史，展望未来，以期深入解读CISG的条款内容以及发展，为各国师生、学者和实务人士提供学术研究和实务上的参考指引。联合国贸易法委员会对本次论坛给予了充分关注，尽管因受疫情影响，联合国贸易法委员会未直接派员参与本次论坛，但其对本次论坛的举办表示充分认可，对论坛就CISG相关问题积极展开学术交流分享以及值全球疫情特殊时刻对CISG进行实务解读深表赞誉。此次论坛集中国内知名专家学者的智慧，就CISG在中国的发展与适用等问题分享真知灼见，有利于加强我国知名专家学者的互动交流，推动CISG在我国涉外审判及仲裁实践的进一步完善与发展。

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作為2020年聯合國國際貿易法委員會亞太日的一部分，澳門大學在澳門特別行政區世界貿易中心澳門仲裁中心的支持下，很榮幸和貿易法委員會亞洲及太平洋區域中心舉辦了第八屆聯合會議，主題為"通過法律統一化來解決全球疫情期間全球貿易面臨的挑戰"。

是次會議以線上結合線下的形式，就疫情期間國際貿易面臨的挑戰進行探討，來自12個不同國家和地區的20位傑出專家共同探討了一系列區域性的當代法律統一化問題，參加者獲益良多。會議圓滿成功很大程度上歸功於貿易法委員會亞洲及太平洋區域中心多年來的大力支持和啟發。這次會議收到了非常積極的反饋，並在新聞界和媒體上引起了廣泛的報導。

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“很荣幸能够参与亚太日的系列活动。我们组织的国际研讨会有来自亚洲、美洲、欧洲、澳洲的嘉宾，如何在考虑时差的情况下尽可能让各位发言人和主持人在线实时参与，颇费思量。虽然最后还是有一位发言人采取了录制视频的方式，总体上还是达成了目标。另外一个问题是，对跨国的线上讨论，特别担心某位嘉宾会出现网络和接入问题，因此我们对每一位发言嘉宾进行了提前测试，并且设置了参会时间提醒。但其实整个过程还是有些忐忑，因为对国外的嘉宾，还是有可能无法及时联系上。感谢所有的致辞人、发言人和主持人，整个活动井然有序。”

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