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Venue: Suites 5708-5710 Two International Finance Centre
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Time (GMT+8)	
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Welcome Remarks Huen WONG Executive Chairman, SCIAHK Council Member, SCIA</p> <p>Opening Remarks Anna JOUBIN-BRET Secretary, UNCITRAL</p>
10:15 – 10:25	<p>Keynote Remarks Teresa CHENG SC Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law Adjunct Professor, Tsinghua University</p>
10:25 – 11:25	<p>Panel 1 Moderator Takashi TAKASHIMA Legal Officer, UNCITRAL</p> <p>Speakers Heidi CHUI Senior Partner, AllBright Law (Hong Kong) Offices LLP Topic: Electronic Communication in Arbitration: Serving Electronic Notice of Arbitration</p> <p>Yiming HUANG Deputy Director, Research Department, SCIA Topic: SCIA's Practice and Experience on Electronic Notices of Arbitration</p> <p>Zheng TANG Professor and Vice Dean, Wuhan University Academy of International Law and Global Governance Topic: Legal Issues and Prospects of Electronic Arbitral Awards</p>

Time (GMT+8)

11:30 – 12:30

Panel 2
Moderator

Takashi TAKASHIMA
Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Speakers

Yun ZHAO

Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong
Topic: Regulatory Framework on Online Dispute Resolution

Lixing ZHANG

Founder, Legal Lab
Chief Technology Advisor, SCIA
Topic: The Application of ChatGPT in the Field of International Arbitration

Shahla ALI

Professor and Associate Dean (International); The University of Hong Kong
Topic: Opportunities and Safeguards in the Use of Technology in Arbitration and UNCITRAL's DRDE Project

SPEAKERS (Listed in order of appearance)



Huen Wong SBS, BBS, JP
Executive Chairman, SCIAHK
Council Member, SCIA

Mr. Huen Wong is currently the Executive Chairman of South China International Arbitration Center (HK) and the Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He is also the Past President of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, the Law Society of Hong Kong as well as the Inter Pacific Bar Association. Mr. Wong is presently chairing the Arbitration Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance). He was also the Past Chairman of the Copyright Tribunal. Mr. Wong is the Honorary Adviser of Hong Kong Business Accountants Association.

Mr. Wong is an experienced arbitrator and mediator. He was admitted to practise as a solicitor in Hong Kong, Singapore and England & Wales. He was a Senior Crown Counsel at the Legal Department of the Hong Kong Government. He then became the managing partner of a leading London and New York law firms. He is currently the Principal of Huen Wong & Co.



Anna JOUBIN-BRET
Secretary, UNCITRAL

Anna Joubin-Bret is the Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the Director of the International Trade Law Division in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, which functions as the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. She is the ninth Secretary of the Commission. Prior to her appointment on 24 November 2017, Ms Joubin-Bret practiced law in Paris, specialising in International Investment Law and Investment Dispute Resolution. She focused on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator and conciliator in international investment disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, Ms Joubin-Bret was the Senior Legal Adviser for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Ms Joubin-Bret was formerly appointed judge at the Commercial Court in Grenoble (France) and was elected Regional Counsellor of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 1998.



Teresa CHENG SC

Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law
Adjunct Professor, Tsinghua University

Ms. Teresa Cheng, Senior Counsel, is an arbitrator, mediator and chartered civil engineer. She is currently the adjunct professor of Tsinghua university and course director of international arbitration and dispute settlement program. She is also a member of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Arbitrators. She was designated as an ICSID arbitrator by the Chairman of the ICSID Administrative Council in 2011 and by China in 2017.

She has acted as counsel and sat as arbitrator in investment disputes and also rendered decisions as member of ad hoc committees dealing with application for annulment of ICSID awards. She has also been involved in a variety of commercial disputes as counsel or as arbitrator in many jurisdictions and applied a number of foreign applicable substantive laws governing the disputes. She was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Branch (now known as East Asia Branch) and later, the Trustee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election of all branches as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Ms. Cheng was the former Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR from 2018 to 2022. Prior to that, Ms. Cheng was a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board and also arbitrator at the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport.

Further, she was one of the founders of the Asian Academy of International Law and in 2017, as the founding Chairman of AAIL, she signed the Memorandum of Understanding with CAERP (China-AALCO Exchange and Research Platform) to cooperate in the area of international law research and training and in particular to host part of the CAERP training for AALCO (Asian African Legal Consultative Organization) delegates in Hong Kong. She is currently a co-chairman of AAIL.

Ms. Cheng is also a Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), a Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and the former Chairperson of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). She also served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong SAR from 2011 to 2017.



Takashi TAKASHIMA

Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

Mr. Takashi Takashima is Legal Officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He manages UNCITRAL's project on the stocktaking of dispute resolution in the digital economy (DRDE) and assists in the servicing of UNCITRAL Working Group II on dispute settlement.

From April 2018 to September 2022, he was Senior Attorney with the Japanese Ministry of Justice. He started his career as Judge of the Tokyo District Court in 2003 and has experience serving as Judge of various courts in Japan for 12 years. From 2009 to 2011, he was second secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.



Heidi CHUI

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Heidi Chui is a Senior Partner of AllBright Law (Hong Kong) Offices LLP. She represented both domestic and international clients in arbitrations under the rules of the HKIAC, ICC, SIAC, SHIAC, SCIA, LCIA, AAA and UNCITRAL. Having served as in-house legal counsel in leading banks, she has extensive experience dealing with disputes covering M&A, joint ventures, funds, infrastructure, energy, biotech, insurance, technology transfer, e-commerce, telecommunications, commodities trading, banking and financial services. She is a Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong and member of the Arbitration Committee. She is currently a member of the Women in Arbitration Committee of the HKIAC. She served as a sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator of various arbitration institutions. She is also a frequent speaker promoting arbitration to the business community, leading universities and various arbitration institutions regionally.

Heidi has been recognized as the "Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year" at the 2023 ALB Hong Kong Law Awards. She also received various accolades and recognitions by "Asialaw Profiles", "Asian Legal Business" and "China Business Law Journal".



Yiming HUANG

Deputy Director, Research Department, SCIA

Mr. Yiming Huang is the Deputy Director of the Research Department of SCIA and the Deputy Secretary General of the Maritime Arbitration Centre of SCIA. He is admitted to practice in the PRC, specialising in maritime, outbound investment and international arbitration sectors. He worked as an in-house counsel for a Chinese SOE in a free trade zone Project in Djibouti, East Africa, including hosting local legal due diligence and negotiating the investment agreement. He also has an experience as the tribunal secretary in a certain number of cases of SCIA.



Zheng TANG

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Professor Zheng Tang is a Professor at the Wuhan University Institute of International Law and Associate Dean at the Academy of International Law and Global Governance; the joint editor-in-chief of the Chinese Journal of Transnational Law; barrister in England and Wales; arbitrator and mediator. She is the external expert of the European Commission DG Justice; expert of the Polish Academy of Science; visiting professor at the Newcastle University, LSE, Duke University and the Max Planck Institute of Comparative and Private International Law. She worked in the UK at the University of Aberdeen, the University of Leeds and finally a Chair at the Newcastle University before she joined Wuhan University in China. Professor Tang published four monographs and numerous articles in international journals. She is one of the authors of Cheshire, North and Fawcett: Private International Law. Her publications are cited in the judgments of the Canadian Supreme Court and receive a few top-level national awards. She is specialized in private international law, cross-border dispute resolution, law and technology, and Chinese law.



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Prof. Yun ZHAO is Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Prof. Zhao is currently Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH); Standing Council Member of Chinese Society of International Law, Chinese Society of Private International Law, and Council Member of Chinese Law Society. He is listed as arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He has published widely on various topics including particularly Space Law, Dispute Resolution, and E-commerce Law.



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Shahla Ali is Professor of Law and Associate Dean (International) at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law and Director of the LL.M. Program in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. Her work centers on questions of governance, sustainable development and cross-border dispute resolution in the Asia Pacific region. She serves as a bilingual arbitrator (English/Chinese) with HKIAC, THAC, CIETAC, KCAB and SIAC.

Shahla has been engaged in dispute resolution reform at the regional and global levels including with USAID, IFC/World Bank and the United Nations in relation to access to justice, peace process negotiation training, financial dispute resolution and land use conflict resolution. She has served on the UN Funds and Programs Ombuds roster, the IFC/CAO Asian community mediation team, the Academic Council of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, UNCITRAL Working Group II, the International Task Force on Mixed Mode Dispute Resolution and IBA's Investor-State Mediation Rules drafting committee.

Before joining HKU, Shahla worked as an attorney in the international trade group with Baker & McKenzie in its San Francisco office. She holds a BA from Stanford University in International Relations and Chinese language, and a JD and PhD in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.