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A Talk on the New SIAC Rules 2007 (“2007 Rules”) followed by a Panel Discussion

- Date** : **Tuesday, 31 July 2007**
Time : **6.00pm to 8.00pm**
Venue : **Marina Mandarin Singapore**
6 Raffles Boulevard
Marina Square
Singapore 039594
- Speaker** : **Prof. Lawrence Boo, Deputy Chairman, SIAC**
- Panelists** : **A/Assoc. Prof. Richard Tan (Chairman)**
Michael Hwang SC
Raymond Chan
- Charges** : **Members of SI Arb - \$80.00**
Students - \$60.00
Non-members - \$100.00

About this Talk

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre launched its new SIAC 2007 Rules (3rd Edition, 1 July 2007) on 1 July 2007 together with a new schedule of fees and supplementary practice notes. The previous version of these Rules was published in 1997. The introduction of the new Rules represents another landmark in the evolution of the SIAC as a leading arbitration centre. The new Rules seek to consolidate 10 years of experience in the administration of cases and bring improved efficiency and introduce best practices developed in institutional arbitration for the resolution of international commercial disputes.

The speaker, Prof. Lawrence Boo, the Deputy Chairman of the SIAC, will explain the rationale for the introduction of the new Rules and the corresponding changes to the old 1997 Rules and the repeal of the SIAC Domestic Arbitration Rules 2002, and discuss the key changes, which include changes to the role of the SIAC as appointing authority and as administrator of cases, including the scrutinization of draft awards, the requirement of a memorandum of issues, the use of Practice Notes and the new scale of fees based on the amount in dispute.

The talk will be followed by a panel discussion by leading arbitration practitioners, Michael Hwang SC, Raymond Chan, President of the SI Arb, and Richard Tan, chaired by the latter.

Programme Outline

- 5.30pm – 6.00pm Registration & Refreshments
6.00pm – 6.10pm Introduction
6.10pm – 7.00pm The New SIAC Rules – by Professor Lawrence Boo, Deputy
Chairman, SIAC
7.00pm – 7.30pm Panel Discussion – A/Assoc. Prof. Richard Tan (chairman)
- Prof. Lawrence Boo
- Michael Hwang, SC
- Raymond Chan, President SI Arb
7.30pm – 8.00pm Question & Answer Session

About the Speaker and Panelists

Professor Lawrence Boo

Professor Lawrence Boo was the first Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of SIAC. In 1996, he left to set up The Arbitration Chambers. Before his return to SIAC in May 2004, Professor Boo, a chartered arbitrator, sat as professional arbitrator in more than 150 cases and as mediator in more than 50 disputes.

Professor Boo is also active in the academic circle. He leads the teaching of international commercial arbitration at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore since 1994 and is the Course Director for the Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration. He also supervises postgraduate research candidates in the field of ADR. He is a Visiting Professor of Wuhan University School of Law, China and is also on the adjunct faculty of Bond University, Australia. He is the author of the "Arbitration" title of Halsbury's Laws of Singapore (1998 and 2003 re-issue) and the chapter on Singapore in the book International Handbook of Commercial Arbitration (1996 and 2002 Re-issue).

Professor Boo is a law reform consultant to the Attorney-General's Chambers and Singapore's Representative to UNCITRAL Working Group (Arbitration and Conciliation) and Singapore's National Correspondent to UNCITRAL's Case Law on UNCITRAL Text (CLOUT).

Professor Boo was appointed as a District Judge on 2 April 2007.

Mr. Michael Hwang SC

Michael Hwang is currently the Vice Chairman of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Vice President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) as well as a Court Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and a Council Member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sports. Michael is the holder of two law degrees from Oxford University, where he was a College Scholar, and is currently a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He also serves as the Deputy Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre. He is a panelist of 16 national arbitration centres as well as the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. He currently practises as an independent barrister and chartered arbitrator. He has served as a Vice Chairman of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association from 2001-2003, a United Nations Compensation Commissioner from 2000-2002, and a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore from 1991-1992. He is Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland.

Mr. Raymond Chan

Raymond Chan is a Senior Director of TSMP Law Corporation a firm of Advocates and Solicitors. He is the current President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and is a member of the Regional Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration and has recently been appointed on the list of Approved Adjudicators of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

He has been appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor to the Singapore Real Estate Developers Association (“REDAS”) since 1987 and as Honorary Legal Advisor to the Singapore Institute of Architects since 1992.

He is active as both counsel and arbitrator in domestic and international arbitrations and has been appointed by the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC as Sole Arbitrator in several international arbitrations.

He is an approved Tutor of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Fast Track Fellowship Course and has conducted several courses on arbitration in Singapore. He was an external lecturer at the National University of Singapore from 1991 till 1999 for their Legal Studies programme for the Masters Course in Architecture.

He co-authored the Textbook *Construction Law in Singapore and Malaysia (2nd Edition)* and *The Singapore Standard Form of Building Contract –An annotation* both published by Butterworths. He also drafted the Arbitration Rules of the Singapore Institute of Architects.

He is a frequent speaker in construction and arbitration in both local and International Conferences and is the author of many articles on these subjects. Raymond is also listed in the International Who’s Who of Construction Lawyers as a Leading Construction Lawyer in Singapore and by Euromoney Legal Media Group as one of the world’s leading experts in commercial arbitration.

About the Chairperson

A/Assoc. Prof. Richard Tan

Richard Tan is a senior partner in the Singapore law firm Lee & Lee and heads the firm’s arbitration, construction, projects and intellectual property practice area groups. He is also a director of the international joint venture law corporation, Lovells Lee & Lee. He is the Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He has acted as arbitrator and counsel in many domestic and international arbitrations, and has been appointed as arbitrator by institutions such as the SIAC, the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the London Court of International Arbitration and as a panel adjudicator by the World Intellectual Property Organization and under the SMC-SIAC Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. He is on several arbitration panels, including the SIAC, HKIAC, WIPO, SIAC SGX-DT Panel, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Singapore Institute of Architects. He is an Advisory Board member to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on a programme for dispute resolution. He is also an Adjunct Assoc. Professor at the National University of Singapore teaching in the King’s College/NUS MSc Programme on Construction Law and Arbitration. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is on the approved list of tutors of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and has been the course director on the International Entry Courses on arbitration and an assessor on the

Fellowship Assessment workshops. He has been named by the Euromoney Legal Media Group as one of the world's leading experts in commercial arbitration, by Asia Law as a leading lawyer in dispute resolution, and by the Legal 500 as a leading lawyer in dispute resolution and recommended by Global Counsel 3000 in the area of projects work.

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