



**Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb)
&
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Proudly Present:

“Ad Hoc Mediation In Maritime Disputes”

Date	Thursday, 26 February 2009
Time	6.30pm to 8.45pm
Venue	Marina Mandarin Singapore 6 Raffles Boulevard Singapore 039594
Charges	Students - \$65.00 SI Arb & SSA Members - \$80.00 Others - \$100.00

Programme

6.00pm – 6.30pm	Registration & Refreshments
6.30pm – 6.45pm	Opening Address by Chairperson Mr. Prem K Gurbani, Senior Partner, Gurbani & Co.
6.45pm – 8.15pm	“Ad Hoc Mediation In Maritime Disputes” Capt. Lee Fook Choon, Master Mariner, Chartered Arbitrator & Chartered Insurance Practitioner, Head, Integral Marine Consultants
8.15pm – 8.45pm	Question & Answer Session

About the Seminar:

Owing to the seismic destruction of wealth and businesses in the recent financial meltdown, there will be a sharp rise in maritime and international trade disputes in the coming years involving premature termination of time charters, demurrage and detention claims, non-acceptance of delivery of new constructions, issues involving damages, refusal to take delivery of goods by buyers, disputes over L/C terms, compliance of Sale & Purchase Contracts etc. In a difficult international trading environment as we are now confronted with, many parties who could not afford the high cost of litigation and arbitration, would be looking at alternative dispute resolution options. Mediation which was not a mainstream dispute resolution option in the past, may spring to prominence in the coming years because of its attractiveness in terms of its economical cost, simplicity and preservation of goodwill. It is particularly attractive to cash strapped disputants who prefer a common sense settlement to that of a long, drawn-out litigation or arbitration. The speaker who is a practising ad hoc mediator besides being an arbitrator, will use experience gained from his past cases to discuss the dynamics involved in maritime or trade dispute related mediation in a cross-cultural context.

About the Chairperson: Mr. Prem K Gurbani, FSI Arb, FCI Arb, Senior Partner of Gurbani & Co has been admitted to practice in Singapore since 1978. His areas of practice include the litigious and non-litigious aspects of maritime law and international trade including ship sale and purchase, ship financing, marine insurance, collisions at sea and carriage of goods by sea. As Arbitrator or as instructing Solicitor or as Counsel in arbitrations, Mr. Gurbani is familiar with the Rules of the LMAA (London Maritime Arbitrators Association), GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association, London), FOSFA (Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Association Ltd, London), ICC (International Chamber of Commerce), PORAM (Palm Oil Refiners Association of Malaysia) and SIAC (Singapore International Arbitration Centre). Mr. Gurbani is also involved in maritime disputes as a

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Mediator. He is also a panel arbitrator with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration.

About the Speaker: Capt. Lee Fook Choon, Master Mariner, LLM, FCI Arb, ACII, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Insurance Practitioner, a marine loss adjuster and insurance recovery consultant since 1978 and maritime arbitrator since 1994. To date, he has presided over more than 45 arbitration cases in Hong Kong and Singapore either as Sole Arbitrator or as member of a Tribunal. He is a panel arbitrator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Regional Arbitration Centre (KL) and the China Maritime Arbitration Commission. He is also a practising mediator in commercial and insurance disputes on an ad-hoc basis. He is a trained and accredited mediator with Hong Kong Mediation Council. He is presently the head of Integral Marine Consultants, Singapore and Director of Toplis & Harding (Marine & Recoveries) Ltd, Hong Kong.

REGISTRATION: "Ad Hoc Mediation In Maritime Disputes"

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