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08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:15	Opening Ceremony and Group Photo Welcome Remarks The Hon John KC Lee, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM The Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China H.E Dr Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol Secretary General, Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation Honorary Speech Mr Fang Jianming Deputy Commissioner, Office of The Commissioner of The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
09:15 – 09:30	MoU Signing Ceremony
09:30 – 09:45	Keynote Speech Hong Kong as the Regional and Belt and Road LegalHub for Facilitating Trade and Resolving Disputes with the help of AALCO, ODR and LawTech Mr Horace Cheung Kwok-kwan, SBS, JP Deputy Secretary for Justice, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
09:45 – 10:00	Refreshment Break

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10:00 – 11:15

Session 1:

New Developments of Arbitration Laws in Asia and Africa

This session aims at providing an update on arbitration laws, institutional rules, and other legal framework for arbitration in major jurisdictions, including Mainland China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Egypt, and other places in Asia and Africa.

AALCO, being the only intergovernmental organisation and legal consultative body in Asia and Africa, is in an excellent position to lead the development, standardisation, and harmonisation of arbitration laws in different jurisdictions in Asia and Africa.

Moderator:

Mr Nick Chan, MH, JP, Hon Fellowship (HKUST)

Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre

Speakers:

Hon Wilfred D. Ikatari

Director, Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration Lagos

Ms Lili Jiang

Secretary-General, Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Center

Ms Joy Maina

Manager, Case Management Department, Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration

Mr Datuk Sundra Rajoo

Director, Asian International Arbitration Centre

Dr Ismail Selim

Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration;
President, International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions;
Vice President, Governing Board of the African Arbitration Association

Dr Christopher To

Programme Director, City University of Hong Kong;
Former Secretary-General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre;
Barrister at Law, Gilt Chambers

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11:15 – 12:30	<p>Session 2: Judicial Assistance in Arbitration: New Developments in Asia and Africa</p> <p><i>Judicial assistance plays a vital role in enforcement of arbitration agreements, awards, and tribunal's orders. The session will showcase the practices and legal frameworks in this regard with landmark cases in the relevant jurisdictions.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Prof Teresa Cheng, GBM, GBS, SC, JP President, the 59th Annual Session of the AALCO; Co-Chair, Asian Academy of International Law; Former Secretary for Justice, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr Christopher Adebayo Ojo Expert Members, International Commercial Expert Committee, Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; Senior Advocate of Nigeria; Former Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Federal Republic of Nigeria</p> <p>Judge Mohamed Gomaa Judge, Court of Appeal, Egyptian Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni Magistrate; Director, Legislation at the Ministry of Justice in Cameroon; President, African Arbitration Association</p> <p>Ms Kathryn Sanger Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Networking Lunch with Keynote Speech The Work and Focus of AALCO</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Mr Yong Zhu Deputy Secretaries-General of AALCO</p> <p>Use of AALCO Dispute Resolution System in Belt & Road Initiative</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Mr Shuying Zhu Founding Partner, City Development Law Firm</p>

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Session 3:

Sector-focused Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges of International E-commerce, FinTech and IP Disputes in Asia and Africa

The rapid development of cross border e-commerce is raising the need for a speedy resolution for online B2B and B2C transactions. The session examines the feasibility of establishing an ODR or hybrid dispute resolution scheme for B2B and B2C online platforms. The speakers will also share their experience on the types of IP and Fintech disputes being encountered and the extent to which these disputes can appropriately be resolved through arbitration.

Moderator:

Mr Andrew Liao, SC

Senior Counsel, Andrew Liao SC's Chambers

Speakers:

Ms Cindy Hui

General Counsel, AliExpress, Tmall and Taobao World of Alibaba Group

Mr King Leung

Head of Financial Services and Fintech, InvestHK

Mr Chun Wai Ling

Barrister at Law, Dex Voeux Chambers

Mr Ernest Yang

Partner and Co Head of International Arbitration Asia-Pacific, DLA Piper Hong Kong

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15:15 – 16:30	<p>Session 4: Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) & Use of Technologies in a Post-Pandemic World</p> <p><i>The session will provide an overview of the use of technologies in dispute resolution sharing some facts on using ODR and new technologies in lowering the costs of arbitration, enhancing the efficiency in arbitration process, and other benefits. Speakers from different jurisdictions will try to answer whether ODR will continue to boom and how to promote wider adoption of ODR.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr Dennis Cai Deputy Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr Amirali B. Nasir, MH, JP Vice-President, The Law Society of Hong Kong; Co-convenor Technology and Law Committee, the Commonwealth Lawyers Association</p> <p>Dr Thomas So Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre</p> <p>Prof Yun Zhao Professor and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong; Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference</p>
16:30 – 16:50	Refreshment Break

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16:50 – 18:00	<p>Session 5: Sector-focused Discussion: Promoting and Resolving ESG Related Disputes</p> <p><i>Due to the increasing integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) ideals into business plans, commercial contracts, international trade and investment treaties, laws, and regulations, speakers will discuss what types of ESG disputes they anticipate may arise, and to what extent these disputes may be resolved through international arbitration.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr Michael Duignan Executive Director, Corporate Finance Division, Securities and Futures Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr Lijun Cao Equity Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm</p> <p>Mr Jeremy Bartlett SC Barrister and Arbitrator, Prince’s Chambers</p> <p>Dr George Lam, BBS, JP Chair, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Sustainable Business Network</p> <p>Mr David John Simmonds Chief Strategy, Sustainability and Governance Officer, CLP Holdings Limited</p>
18:30 – 20:30	<p>Networking Dinner and Presentation of the Law Society on Unique Advantages and Opportunities of Hong Kong as a Leading Centre for International Legal Hub</p>

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Session 6:

Sector-focused Discussion: Trends of Mega Infrastructure Project Disputes

Mega infrastructure projects often give rise to complicated disputes that involve technical and legal issues, which require speedy resolution by multi-tier dispute resolution processes. Parties in dispute are using mediation and adjudication in conjunction with arbitration.

The session will provide an overview of the trends of mega infrastructure project disputes in Asia and Africa and then recommend the best practice of dispute avoidance and resolution, leveraging the support of the AALCO dispute settlement mechanism.

Moderator:

Prof Teresa Cheng, GBM, GBS, SC, JP

President, the 59th Annual Session of the AALCO;

Co-Chair, Asian Academy of International Law;

Former Secretary for Justice, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Speakers:

Mr Gene Chen

Senior Partner, City Development Law Firm

Mr Libing Liu

General Legal Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, China Merchants Port Holdings Company

Ms Gill Meller

Legal & Governance Director, MTR Corporation Limited

10:20 – 10:40

Refreshment Break

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10:40 – 12:00	<p>Session 7: Understanding, Handling and Resolving Sanctions, Protectionism and Supply-Chain Disruptions</p> <p><i>In the fast-changing world, the impact of sanctions on trade, economic growth, arbitration, and ADR is more and more severe and profound.</i></p> <p><i>The session aims to provide insights on how to handle these changes.</i></p> <p><i>AALCO's regional arbitration centres, established by international law, are country-neutral international bodies that may serve as an ideal venue for resolving such disputes.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Anthony Neoh, QC, SC, JP Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law</p> <p>Speakers: Mr Ken Lo Chief Executive Officer, AMTD Digital Media & Entertainment Group, AMTD Digital (NYSE: HKD) Mr Robert Lui Divisional President, Greater China of CPA Australia Ms Minny Siu Partner, King & Wood Mallesons Hon Sunny Tan Member, Legislative Council (Textiles and Garment Functional Constituency); Chairman, Hong Kong Productivity Council</p>
12:00 – 14:00	<p>Networking Lunch with Keynote Speech Generative AI and Law</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Yike Guo Provost and Chair Professor, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</p> <p>Highlight by LSCM on Some Licensable Technology to help grow Economies and Trade Between and Within Asia and Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Frank Tong Director/Chief Scientist, Research & Technology Development, Logistics and Supply Chain Multi Tech R&D Centre Limited</p>

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14:00 – 15:20	<p>Session 8: Dispute Resolution in Asia and Africa: The Way Forward</p> <p><i>The session will provide an overview of the trends and new developments in arbitration, mediation, and adjudication in Asia and Africa and explore further what should be done by the international communities, local governments, arbitration institutions, and professional bodies to maintain the healthy and robust development of the ecosystem for dispute resolution in the Asia-Africa region.</i></p> <p><i>The session will also address the capacity-building of arbitration talents in Asia and Africa.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr Clifford Tavares Principal Government Counsel, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr C.M. Chan President, The Law Society of Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr Gaston Kenfack Douajni Magistrate and Director, Legislation at the Ministry of Justice in Cameroon; President, African Arbitration Association</p> <p>Mr José Antonio Maurellet, S.C. Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association</p> <p>Mr Huen Wong, SBS, BBS, JP Executive Chairman, South China International Arbitration Center (HK)</p>
15:20 – 15:40	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr Nick Chan, MH, JP, Hon Fellowship (HKUST) Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Visit to AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre</p>
17:00 – 20:00	<p>Cocktail and Gala Dinner (By Invitation Only)</p>



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Mr Fang Jianming

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Deputy Secretary for Justice, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Mr Nick Chan, MH, JP, Hon Fellowship (HKUST)

Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre



Nick Chan, the Director leading the operations of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre, is a Justice of the Peace, an inter-disciplinary lawyer with technology background who chaired the Knowledge Transfer Committee at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and serves as lawmaker and policy-setter as an elected member of the National People's Congress. Mr. Chan served as Chairman of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre where he spearheaded the ODR Platform development and LegalCloud development. Mr. Chan is a member of the HKSAR Government's Committee on Innovation, Technology and Industry, the Chairman of the HKSAR Government's \$2 billion Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee, and Council Member of Chinese University of Hong Kong, a Court Member of HKUST, the Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Honorary Legal Advisor of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries.

Hon Wilfred D. Ikatari

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Ms Lili Jiang

Secretary-General, Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Center



Jiang Lili, Committee Member and Secretary General of Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Center (BAC/BIAC), Doctor of Law, Expert member of the Ministry of Justice Working Group on Arbitration Law Reform. Mrs. Jiang has previously served as the Secretary General and Deputy Director of the China Arbitration Institute of China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), the Executive Director of the Commercial Arbitration and Judicial Research Base (CUPL) of the Supreme People's Court, as well as a specially invited consultant of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) regarding the Arbitration Law amendment, etc. Mrs. Jiang has served as arbitrator at a number of arbitration institutions, including the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC). She is also a founding member of the Women in Arbitration (WIA) at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). She has proactively participated in researches concerning the China's judicial reform for many years, and has monitored over ten research projects at the provincial and ministerial level or above, of which most have been efficiently produced into achievements. In 2015, she initiated and launched the very first research project assessing arbitration credibility in China, and produced the first large-scale documentary reporting China's arbitration industry titled "Arbitration in China". Mrs. Jiang is accredited as qualified international arbitrator coach and international mediator trainer, who has handled nearly a thousand domestic and international cases, and is highly professional in resolving disputes both theoretically and practically.



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Ms Joy Maina

Manager, Case Management Department, Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration



Joy is currently the Manager, Case Management department a role she has held since July 2022.

She has previously worked in the Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice of Kenya as a state counsel. She has experience in litigation and government transactions including advisory on procurement and commercial contracts as well as in negotiating financing agreements.

She holds a Bachelors degree in Law (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Post Graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law. She also hold a Masters degree in Energy Law (LLM) from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. She is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya with more than ten years post admission experience.

Mr Datuk Sundra Rajoo

Director, Asian International Arbitration Centre



Datuk Sundra Rajoo is the current Director of the AIAC and President of the AIADR. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Certified International ADR Practitioner. He was also previously served as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2016) and ADNDRC.

Datuk Sundra was an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, Registered Professional Architect, Registered Town Planner, and Fellow of the Royal Institution of Surveyors. He has been appointed in international and domestic arbitrations across numerous international arbitral institutions, including the SIAC, HKIAC, KIAC, CIETAC, PCA and AIAC.

Datuk Sundra has authored and co-authored several publications and written numerous articles published in various journals worldwide.



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Dr Ismail Selim

Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration;
President, International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions;
Vice President, Governing Board of the African Arbitration Association



Dr Selim started his career as a Public Prosecutor in the Office of the Prosecutor General of Egypt, then a civil Judge, until he joined Zulficar & Partners Law Firm in 2009, as a leading member of its Arbitration Group and where he was promoted to Partner in 2013.

Further, in May 2015, Dr Selim joined Nour and Selim in association with Al Tamimi and Company as Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution, Cairo. In parallel to his former judicial career, Dr Selim was seconded to the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration from 2003 until 2007 where he acted as Legal Advisor. Further, Dr Selim became a member of CRCICA Advisory Committee as of 1 May 2016.

Dr Selim reads Private International Law, Arbitration and ADR at the "Ecole de Droit de la Sorbonne au Caire" (Paris 1 University) since 2011. He also taught Comparative International Arbitration Law at the Paris 1 University Middle East Laws LLM in Paris since beginning of 2018 until 2021 and is a fully approved tutor in CIArb Approved Faculty List (AFL) since April 2018.

Dr Selim has been constantly appointed as Presiding arbitrator, Sole Arbitrator and Co-Arbitrator and has acted as a Counsel under various rules such as CRCICA, ICC, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ADCCAC, BCDR, UNCITRAL, CAS and Swiss Rules in diverse fields including telecommunications, electricity, oil and gas, hospitality, construction, banking, shareholders disputes, advertisement, international sale of goods, media and entertainment and sports. The applicable laws in these arbitrations were respectively, Egyptian, English, UAE, Qatari, Saudi, Bahraini, DIFC, Kuwaiti, Iraqi and Swiss Laws. Dr. Selim provides Expert opinions on Egyptian, Libyan and Kuwaiti Laws in arbitration and international proceedings.

Dr Selim received his LL.B. from Cairo University in 1997, he also obtained an LL.M in International Business Law from the Institut du Droit des Affaires Internationales (I.D.A.I) in 1999. He then moved to France and earned his Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the National School of Administration (E.N.A), in 2001. He also earned a Certificate in International Commercial Arbitration from the School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London in 2005. In 2009, Dr. Selim earned his PhD with highest honours (mention "Très Honorable avec les Félicitations du Jury à l'Unanimité.") from Burgundy University (Dijon - France). The title of the Thesis is "L'ordre public international in favorem arbitrandum" Etude de droit Comparé. The Thesis was published by Edition Universitaire Européenne.



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Programme Director, City University of Hong Kong;

Former Secretary-General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre;

Barrister at Law, Gilt Chambers



Dr. Christopher To is a chartered arbitrator, certified adjudicator and accredited mediator, chartered engineer, chartered information technology professional, barrister-at-law and a law professor (adjunct) who is on the panels of various leading global alternative dispute resolution bodies. He is currently a barrister at law at Gilt Chambers and the Programme Director of the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at the City University of Hong Kong and was the Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (1998 to 2008).



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Teresa Cheng is a Senior Counsel, Chartered Engineer, Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, with a distinguished record of public service in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR). From January 2018 to June 2022, Ms Cheng was the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR.

She is one of the founder members of the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL), Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). She served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017, and she was also a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board.

Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and she established the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China and was the Course Director.



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Mr Christopher Adebayo Ojo

**Expert Members, International Commercial Expert Committee, Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China; Senior Advocate of Nigeria;
 Former Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**



Bayo Ojo, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) is a former Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, past President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria Branch. Ojo was until recently a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) Geneva Switzerland, Council member of the Section on Energy and Natural Resources Law of the International Bar Association, a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators, Washington, DC, a member of the Panel of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague, Netherlands, Alternate Chairman of UNESCO Appeals Board in Paris, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London, President of the African Users' Council of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and President of the African Arbitration Association. He is an expert member of the Chinese International Commercial Court (CICC) and the Board of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA).

He has been in active Commercial law, International Law, Litigation, Mediation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution practice and has acted as sole Arbitrator, member of arbitration panels, and as Counsel in numerous domestic and international arbitrations both at the International Chamber of Commerce Paris (ICC), International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes Washington DC (ICSID), the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) over the last thirty five years involving complex oil and gas, investments, infrastructure, concessions, public private partnerships, power, mining and commercial ventures. He has also acted as expert witness in international arbitrations including ICSID. He has mediated on several disputes as well.

He is a patron of the Nigerian Society of International Law and the International Law Association, Nigerian Branch. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Nigerian Journal of Arbitration and Mediation (NJAM) and African Journal of Arbitration and Mediation (AJAM). He is the co-author of The Handbook of Arbitration and ADR Practice in Nigeria. He has over the years spoken at many workshops, seminars and delivered numerous public lectures both within and outside Nigeria.



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Judge Mohamed Gomaa

Judge, Court of Appeal, Egyptian Ministry of Justice



Judge, Author, Dr. Jur., Lecturer, Panelist, Exp, Former lawyer, Arbitrator
Mgr. Dipl. prof. hon.

Mohamed Gomaa is a Judge at the Court of Appeal, Egyptian Ministry of Justice, an expert at the European Legal Tech Association (ELTA), and a board member of the "CIArb (YMG) Global Steering Committee", ESIL Member, a Member of the Scientific Committee of International Journal of Legal Interpretative Judgement, published by the "Democratic Arab Center" Germany – Berlin and a former lawyer at the legal affairs department, EGPC.

Judge. Gomaa also has had the privilege to speak as a guest lecturer & panelist at prestigious law universities, conferences and events in different parts of the world. Further, a mentor and an author published different articles in Arabic, French and English.

Currently, he is a lecturer and a Ph.D. candidate at UHH. He has a triple L.L.M /Master's degree in Law & Economics.



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Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI is a Cameroonian Magistrate, currently the Director of Legislation at the Ministry of Justice in Cameroon; he has obtained a Doctorate of International Economic Law at the University of Paris I (Pantheon Sorbonne) in 2005, a Certificate on trade, negotiations and settlement of trade disputes at the Kennedy School of Government –Harvard University (USA) in 2004 and an Habilitation to Direct Researches at the University of Pau in France. He is the Editor of the “Revue Camerounaise de l’Arbitrage”, the President of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA), the President of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA).

He is registered on the list of arbitrators and conciliators at the ICSID, at the OHADA Commun Court of Justice and Arbitration and Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA).

Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI acts as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and President of arbitral tribunals in CRCICA, ICC, ICSID, CACI, CEPAM, OHADA arbitration and ad hoc arbitration. Member of the Board of Directors of the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and of the International Federation of Arbitration Centers and Associations (IFCAI), he is the former Chair of the Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF). President of the 49th Session of the United Nations Commission of the International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and Vice-President of the 60th Session of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), Gaston KENFACK DOUAJNI teaches business law at various universities (in Africa and Europe). He also has experience as mediator and conciliator both at the domestical and international level.



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Ms Kathryn Sanger Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills



Kathryn has over 20 years' experience advising clients on arbitration and litigation proceedings in Asia Pacific.

Between 2013 and 2018, Kathryn chaired the HKIAC appointments committee, and she has also served on HKIAC's rules, proceedings and finance committees.

Kathryn was co-chair of the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission sub-committee on outcome-related fees for arbitration. She is member of the related advisory board, as well as the third-party funding advisory board and worked on the recent legislation permitting success fees for arbitration in Hong Kong.

Kathryn sits as arbitrator and has higher rights of audience in Hong Kong.

Mr Yong Zhu Deputy Secretaries-General of AALCO



Mr. Zhu Yong, Deputy Secretary General of AALCO from October 2023, has been working in the different divisions of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China from 1995. He has engaged in legal affairs in the field of international environment law and climate change, Conventions on human rights, law enforcement cooperation, judicial assistance and extradition, foreign legal cooperation relating to Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR, Hague Conference on Private International Law, treaty affairs, etc. From May 2013 to August 2017, he was seconded to the Hague Conference on Private International Law Asia Pacific Regional Office as a legal Officer in Hong Kong. From November 2000 to October 2003, he worked in the Chinese Embassy in the Republic of Malta. Born in Anhui, China, he received a Master's degree in Common Law in 2008 from Hong Kong University and a Master's degree in Law in 1995 from Renmin University of China.



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Mr Shuying Zhu

Founding Partner, City Development Law Firm



Mr. ZHU Shuying, Founding Director of City Development Law Firm, Principal of City Development Law Firm Research Institute, Chairman of City Development Law Firm National Management Committee, Deputy Director of the Expert Committee & Executive Member of China Cost Engineering Association, Counsel to the Construction Market Regulation Department of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China (MOHURD), Head of the Research Group on "Improving the Organization and Implementation Mode of Engineering Projects" conducted by MOHURD, Member of the Construction Industry Transformation and Upgrading Committee of the Science and Technology Commission of MOHURD, Chairman of EPC Arbitration Center & Vice President of International Arbitration Court in Ganjiang New District, Head of the Drafting Groups for Regulations on General Contracting of Housing and Municipal Infrastructure Projects and Model Contract for General Contracting for Construction Projects (GF-2020-0216). He also acts a visiting professor at Tsinghua University, Peking University, Tongji University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. In addition, Mr. Zhu has served as a government procurement expert of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government, Executive Member of the Bidding and Tendering Branch of the China Civil Engineering Society, Vice President of the Belt and Road (China) Arbitration Institute, Arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) specializing in construction, and Arbitrator of the arbitration commissions of eight cities(including Shanghai, Beijing, Wuhan, Xiamen, Jinan, Taizhou, Suzhou, and Changzhou). And he has successively served as Member of the 10th and 11th Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Shanghai Committee.



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Mr Andrew Liao, SC

Senior Counsel, Andrew Liao SC's Chambers



Andrew carries on legal practice as a barrister in intellectual property and other civil and commercial matters. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989 and was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star for his contribution to the reform of intellectual property laws in Hong Kong.

Andrew has been actively promoting intellectual property, intellectual property trading, intellectual property arbitration and mediation, cultural and creative industries, innovation and technology in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Andrew was formally a Non-Official Member of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. For his exemplary contributions to the public service, he was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in 2022.

Ms Cindy Hui

General Counsel, AliExpress, Tmall and Taobao World of Alibaba Group



Cindy Hui joined Alibaba Group in 2015 and is responsible for the legal aspects of Alibaba's e-commerce global expansion. She is one of the first international commercial lawyers to join the Group after its listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Since then, Cindy manages legal and compliance aspects of various business units, including the world-leading B2B platform Alibaba.com and B2C platforms of AliExpress and Tmall & Taobao World. Cindy handles a wide range of legal and compliance issues including consumer protection, platform construction, data compliance, payments and finance, technology transformation and artificial intelligence, logistics and supply chain, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance. Currently, Cindy serves as the General Counsel of Alibaba Group's overseas e-commerce businesses, AliExpress, Tmall and Taobao World, overseeing operations in more than 200 countries worldwide.



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Mr King Leung

Head of Financial Services and Fintech, InvestHK



As the Head of Financial Services and Fintech at InvestHK, the department of the Hong Kong SAR Government responsible for attracting Foreign Direct Investment, King's mission is to enrich the ecosystem and contribute to raising the long-term competitiveness and innovation of the financial services sector in Hong Kong. King achieves this goal through collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders – regulators, financial institutions, investors, fintech companies, associations, etc. in Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area, and other major international fintech hubs.

Prior to joining the government, King had a diverse private sector background as a serial tech entrepreneur, angel investor, and fintech lecturer in Asia where his first data-related startup was established through seed investment from Credit Suisse. His startup served numerous world-renowned financial institutions in wealth management, insurance, personal finance, etc. King was a management consultant at Booz Allen & Hamilton and KPMG in the US, as well as a venture capitalist at Innovate@, a technology fund jointly run by Booz Allen & Hamilton and Lehman Brothers.

King received his MBA (honors) from the University of Chicago and BSc (honors) from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Mr Chun Wai Ling

Barrister at Law, Des Voeux Chambers



CW received his legal education in England, having obtained an LLM degree (First Class) from the University of Cambridge before joining the Bar in England and Hong Kong. Since 1999, he has been a member of Des Voeux Chambers, currently under the leadership of Winnie Tam SC.

As a barrister, CW's practice encompasses a broad range of civil and commercial matters but with a focus on IP and tech-related matters including arbitration, litigation and mediation. CW is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is registered on the list of arbitrators and the Panel of IP Arbitrators at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He is a former chairman of the Hong Kong Mediation Council and the current chairman of the Mediation Committee of the Hong Kong Bar Association.



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Mr Ernest Yang

Partner and Co Head of International Arbitration Asia-Pacific, DLA Piper Hong Kong



Ernest Yang is a partner at DLA Piper and co-head of the International Arbitration practice in Asia Pacific. Ernest is a qualified Solicitor Advocate in England and Wales. Ernest recently passed the examination for Hong Kong legal practitioners to practise law in the Greater Bay Area in the People's Republic of China.

Ernest's main area of practice is in commercial litigation and arbitration. He is experienced in handling international disputes covering areas such as sale of goods/trade and commodities, joint ventures, energy and offshore projects, international investment and technology. Ernest is experienced in handling arbitration disputes in a variety of venues including Australia, Beijing, Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland, London, and Stockholm before arbitral institutions such as the BIAC, CIETAC, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, SCMA, SHIAC and SIAC (in alphabetical order).

Ernest was appointed a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in Shanghai in 2013, with a mandate to help Shanghai develop into an international arbitration centre. Ernest was promoted to the Standing Committee of the CPPCC in Shanghai in January 2019. He was named by Chambers Asia Pacific since 2011 as a leading individual in the area of Dispute Resolution: Arbitration in China. Clients characterise him as "highly experienced", and also praise his "good legal insight". Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018 noted: "Ernest Yang has 'a good common law background and experience in dispute resolution - his strength is to tease the frame of the case and decide on a winning strategy.'"



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Mr Dennis Cai

Deputy Director, AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre



Dennis CAI is currently the Deputy Director of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre (AALCO-HKRC). He held positions of Deputy Chief Operation Officer of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre (eBRAM) from 2020 to 2021 and Assistant Secretary-General and other positions of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) from 2004 to 2016.

Dennis holds LLM in WTO Laws and MA in Arbitration, and he is an active advocator for arbitration and Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) since early 2000. He is listed as panel for domain name, e-Commerce and IP matters for ADNDRC, AIAC, HKIAC, and CIETAC.

Mr Amirali B Nasir, MH, JP

Vice-President, The Law Society of Hong Kong

Co-convenor Technology and Law Committee, the Commonwealth Lawyers Association



Mr. Amirali B. Nasir is the Vice President of the Law Society of Hong Kong and chairs, among others, the International Legal Affairs Committee, InnoTech Committee, Islamic Finance Working Party, Guide Working Party on Professional Conduct, HKSTP GAA Programme, and the Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited.

He also serves on the High Court Rules Committee, Court of Final Appeal Rules Committee, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects - Advisory Board, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, International Bar Association, Union Internationale des Advocats (UIA), the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) (Co-convenor Technology and Law Committee CLA) and member of the LAWASIA Communications, Technology & Data Protection Committee. Previously he served on the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre – Appointment Advisory Board and the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited – Consultative and Advisory Panel

Mr. Nasir spoke at the APEC 2018 (SOM1) conference in Papua New Guinea on technology when the vision of eBRAM was introduced. Outside the profession he enjoys neurogaming, neurolinguistic programming, hypnosis and promotes a blue green attitude towards the planet. In 2022 he also participated and completed the APEC Digital Credentials and Mutual Recognition of Professional Services Course and Workshop (Online).



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Dr Thomas So

Chairman, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre



Dr Thomas So is a partner of Grandall Zimmern Law Firm with experience in advising on shareholders and equity-related disputes, property-related, libel and media-related litigation work, as well as litigation and arbitration in the PRC.

Dr So was a founder member of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre (eBRAM) and has been appointed Chairman since 2020. Dr So is the past president of The Law Society of Hong Kong and a member of multiple arbitration and mediation committees in Asia, committed to promoting and improving the standard of legal and dispute resolution services in Hong Kong.

In January 2018, Dr So was appointed as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He was commissioned as a mediator of Guangdong Court for Cross-border Commercial Dispute Resolution in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by The High People's Court of Guangdong Province for 3 years. He obtained his Doctor of Laws from Tsing Hua University and has been frequently invited to be the lecturer by various universities in the Mainland.

Prof Yun Zhao

Professor and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong;

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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 Chinese Institute of Space Law; 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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Mr Michael Duignan

Executive Director, Corporate Finance Division, Securities and Futures Commission



Mr Michael Duignan has had a variety of roles within the financial regulatory spectrum. He advised Ministers on policy relating to exchanges and securities whilst at HM Treasury. At the UK Financial Services Authority he was responsible for Listing Rules policy and worked on various Directives in the European Council on behalf of the UK. After a stint as the Head of Market Supervision at the Irish Stock Exchange, he joined the Malta Financial Services Authority for two years. He moved to Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission in 2014 joining the Corporate Finance Division, responsible for initial public offering (IPO) prospectus vetting and corporate disclosure teams.

He moved into Enforcement Division, as head of the Market Misconduct Team responsible for identifying and investigating insider dealing and market manipulation cases. In November 2022 he was appointed Executive Director of Corporate Finance Division.

Mr Lijun Cao

Equity Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm



Lijun Cao is a co-head of Zhong Lun's Dispute Resolution Department. He is licensed to practice law in China and New York State. Lijun is a Member of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, a Member of the Advisory Committee of CRCICA, a Vice Chair of the Arbitration Committee of ICC China, and a Vice Chair of the Arbitration and Lawyer Mediation Committee of the All China Lawyers Association (ACLA). Lijun is also a panellist (arbitrator) of CIETAC, HKIAC, SIAC, ICC, AIAC, ICDR, WIPO, etc.

Lijun has represented clients in over 300 arbitration cases, and he is also experienced in handling ISDS cases. Lijun has received numerous awards and recognitions from legal media and directories. Since 2014, Chambers Global has continuously ranked Lijun as a "Band 1" international arbitration lawyer.



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Mr Jeremy Bartlett SC Barrister and Arbitrator, Prince's Chambers



Prior to joining the Hong Kong Bar in 1999 Jeremy was in private practice at Herbert Smith and from 1994 to 1999 was an international equity partner with Coudert Brothers where he was Head of the Litigation Department and Co-Head of the firm's Asia Region Arbitration Practice Group (9 regional offices).

Following upon his extensive experience as advocate/counsel in arbitrations, Jeremy acts as arbitrator (sole, co-arbitrator or presiding arbitrator) in international commercial arbitrations and has accepted appointments under the rules of various institutions and centres. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Vice-President of the International Dispute Resolution Academy and a member of the Hong Kong Bar Association Arbitration Committee.

Jeremy has experience in a broad range of commercial disputes, including company and shareholder, joint venture, insolvency, banking, insurance, trusts and estates, energy, international trade and shipping, conflict of laws, employment/restraint of trade, professional negligence and securities regulatory matters.

His practice as a barrister involved numerous appearances in the appellate Courts, including in the Court of Final Appeal. He has been a contributing editor to Hong Kong Civil Procedure, has served on the Bar Association Council and sits on the statutory board for the Hong Kong profession's Higher Rights of Audience assessments.

Jeremy has received rankings in successive editions of Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 (Commercial Disputes: Tier 1 leading silk; Family and Private Client: Tier 2 leading silk), Legal 500 Arbitration Power List and Who's Who Legal as well as in Euromoney's Guide to Experts in Commercial Arbitration.

Jeremy has regular speaking engagements at conferences, symposiums and webinars on arbitration issues, most recently:

- HKIAC: The Arbitrator's Duty of Impartiality and Disclosure
- The Application and Practice of Interim Measures and Emergency Arbitration Procedures in International Commercial Arbitration
- ALAM: Investor/State Arbitrations: ICSID v non-ICSID Pros and Cons
- HKU/IDRA: The Role of Peaceful Dispute Resolution in Achieving the Objectives of UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)



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Chair, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Sustainable Business Network



A champion for digital transformation, tech entrepreneurship, sustainable development, green transformation, responsible banking, responsible investing and international cooperation, Dr. Lam is Chair of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) Sustainable Business Network (ESBN). He has held a number of leadership positions in banking and finance, professional services and the innovation and technology sector in Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific region and is the immediate past Chairman of Cyberport, Hong Kong's digital technology flagship and FinTech hub, Chairman - Hong Kong and ASEAN Region and Senior

Adviser – Asia, of Macquarie Capital, Non-Executive Chairman – Greater China and ASEAN Region and Chief Adviser – Asia, of Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets, and Senior Adviser, Macquarie Group Asia. A former member of the Hong Kong Bar, Dr. Lam is a Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong, an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.



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Mr David John Simmonds

Chief Strategy, Sustainability and Governance Officer, CLP Power Hong Kong



Mr Simmonds is responsible for CLP Group strategic planning and the strategy agenda as well as driving the Group's sustainability agenda and ensuring that it is embedded into the business.

He is also responsible for managing the investments and ventures that help support CLP's growth strategy, the Group's investments in South East Asia and Taiwan and the Group's property development activities.

In addition, Mr Simmonds is the Group General Counsel & Company Secretary of CLP Holdings, responsible for the provision of legal, corporate secretarial and insurance services across the Group.

Mr Simmonds is a Vice-President of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI) and is a Fellow of both The Chartered Governance Institute and HKCGI. He is also a Board Director of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and Macau and a member of The Asia Society. Mr Simmonds is also a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform.

Mr Simmonds holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.

Mr Gene Chen

Senior Partner, City Development Law Firm



Mr. Gene CHEN is one member of the management board of SHANGHAI CITY DEVELOPMENT LAW FIRM and is in charge of the firm's International Practice. Mr. CHEN focuses on construction and real estate practices, and cross-border investment and financing. Mr. CHEN serves as an arbitrator for multiple arbitration institutions and as a World Bank China assessment expert, participating in the World Bank's doing business assessment for many consecutive years. Mr. CHEN, as the chief editor and author, is actively involved in the publication of the "Belt and Road" construction series of books and he has published more than 20 papers and journal articles.



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Mr Libing Liu

General Legal Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, China Merchants Port Holdings Company



Mr. Liu Libing holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wuhan University and a master's degree in law from Sun Yat-sen University. Currently, he is the General Legal Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of China Merchants Port Group Co. Ltd., and a Supervisor of Shanghai International Port (Group) Co. Ltd. He previously practiced law in the Shenzhen branch of City Development Law Firm and Guangdong Sun Law Firm, and served as the Manager of the Legal Affairs Department of China Merchants Property Development Co. Ltd, Manager of the Legal Affairs Department and Senior Manager of the Risk Management Department of China Merchants Group Limited, and Senior

Manager of the Group Office and head of the Board Secretariat of China Merchants Group Limited.

Ms Gill Meller

Legal & Governance Director, MTR Corporation Limited



Gill Meller is MTR Corporation Limited's Legal and Governance Director. She is responsible for overseeing the Company's legal, company secretarial, insurance and risk management functions and a central procurement and supply chain function. She is also responsible for leading the Company's assurance function with the aim of providing a strengthened second line of defence across key risk areas of the Company and for leading MTR's overall ESG strategy. Gill graduated from Hertford College, University of Oxford and obtained her postgraduate qualifications in law from The College of Law in the United Kingdom. Ms Meller is qualified to practise as a solicitor in Hong Kong and England and Wales.



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Dr Anthony Neoh, QC, SC, JP

Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law



Dr Anthony Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. In 1979, he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar after serving for 13 years in the Hong Kong Civil Service. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. He was the chief architect of the legal structure for the listing of Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong. He is former Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1995 to 1998; during this time, he was the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji. Dr Neoh was appointed as Chairman of the Hong Kong Independent Police Complaints Council from June 2018 to May 2021. He was the Convenor of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Expert Group on the Finance Academy and now serves as Member of the HKMA Preparatory Committee for the Finance Academy. He is also the Co-Chairman of 2018 B20 Financing Growth and Infrastructure Task Force, and Co-Chairman of The China Securitization Forum.



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Mr Ken Lo

Chief Executive Officer, AMTD Digital Media & Entertainment Group, AMTD Digital (NYSE: HKD)



Ken Lo is the Chief Executive Officer of AMTD Digital Media & Entertainment Group, under AMTD Digital (NYSE: HKD), headquartered in Hong Kong. He earlier was the Co-founder & Chief Strategy Officer of HKbitEX. HKbitEX is a virtual asset licensed institution including exchange, asset management and custodian businesses, operating under Hong Kong regulated, compliant framework.

Prior to joining HKbitEX, Ken was one of the early founding members of ZA International (subsidiary to Zhong An Insurance, 6060.HK) where he held the position of Head of Strategic Partnerships. ZA International recently obtained Virtual Banking and Virtual Insurance licenses – the only financial institution achieved such hallmark in Hong Kong.

Ken has diverse experience within the financial industry with expertise in digital transformation and Fintech strategies towards banking, insurance and consulting spaces, including working at HSBC, McKinsey, Ernst and Young Advisory.

Ken is an active participant in the Fintech community, and currently serving as an adjunct assistant professor for the Master of Fintech Programme at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a guest lecturer at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the University of Hong Kong. He is the Executive Council Representative of Hong Kong LPF Association & Convener of the Fintech Committee and Vice Chairman of Hong Kong Youth FinTech Association. He also serves as a mentor for the Cyberport Start-up Incubation Programme, HKUST BBA programme and HKU MBA programme.

He graduated at HKUST Bachelor of Business Administration and obtained a Master of Finance (Investment Management) at HKUST.



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Divisional President, Greater China of CPA Australia



Robert Lui is the Divisional President for Greater China of CPA Australia. He is also Capital Market Services Group Hong Kong Offering Services Leader, Hong Kong Digital Asset Leader, and Audit & Assurance partner of Deloitte China.

With over 20 years of professional experience, Robert has led over 50 engagements with listed companies, growth enterprises and overseas corporations in a broad range of industries from consumer to real estate to technology, covering audit & assurance, digitalization, and mergers & acquisition services. As an industry-leading expert in digital assets and Web3 development, he works closely with regulators, trading platforms, custodians, and asset managers on wide-ranging projects that include licensing, compliance review, and security token offering.

Robert contributes to the development of the accounting profession and our communities through his services to professional organizations, education institutions, hospitals, and government agencies, including his roles as Member of the HKSAR Government's Task Force on Promoting Web3 Development, Board Director of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute, and Council Member and Court Member of the City University of Hong Kong.

Ms Minny Siu

Partner, King & Wood Mallesons



Minnie Siu is a Partner at King & Wood Mallesons Hong Kong. Ms. Siu has been working closely with a new wave of FinTech innovators on the establishment of tech-driven product platforms and infrastructures, to drive traditional banking and financial services and products as part of Hong Kong's transformation into an e-Smart City under the new era of regulatory initiatives. She advises regularly on financial market infrastructure projects, including cross-border RMB settlements (including eCNY) and payment remittance projects. Ms. Siu is an active participant in industry working groups and committees, including Financial Services Development Council, ISDA and the Capital Markets

Committee of ASIFMA. Ms Siu is named as one of the Women Leaders in Hong Kong by IFLR1000 Women Leaders 2020.



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Hon Sunny Tan

**Member, Legislative Council (Textiles and Garment Functional Constituency);
 Chairman, Hong Kong Productivity Council**



Hon Sunny Tan assumed the chairmanship of the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) in August 2022.

As a seasoned industrialist, Mr. Tan is currently a Member of the Legislative Council representing the Textiles and Garment functional constituency and Senior Advisor to Luen Thai Holdings Limited, a leading fashion and lifestyle apparel and accessories manufacturer, for which he has served for more than two decades. He is also Executive Deputy Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and Executive Vice Chairman of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles. In 2013, he received the “Young Industrialist Awards of Hong Kong”.

Mr Tan has a strong record of public and community service. He is a member of the Committee on Innovation, Technology; and Industry Development; the Trade and Industry Advisory Board; the Vocational Training Council; and the Board of Director of the Hong Kong Design Centre. He is also a Standing Committee Member of the Hebei Province Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference.

Mr Tan obtained a Master of Science degree from Stanford University and Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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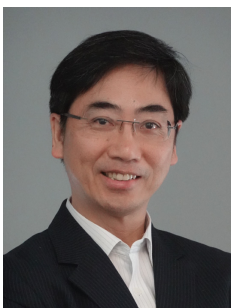


Prof. Yike Guo is the Provost of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Chair Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. He is a world-renowned computer scientist who has led several large-scale AI and data science research projects in Hong Kong, UK and other European countries. He was the Vice-President (Research and Development) of Hong Kong Baptist University and the founding Director of the Institute of Data Science at Imperial College London's six global institutes. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (FREng), a Fellow of the European Academy of Sciences (MAE), a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences (FHKEng), a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (FIEEE), a Fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS), and a Fellow of the Chinese Institute for Engineering Intelligence (FCAAI).

Professor Guo Yike won the 2022 Wu Wenjun Artificial Intelligence Science and Technology Award for Outstanding Contribution Award, which is considered to be the highest honor in the field of intelligent science and technology in China.

Mr Frank Tong

Director/Chief Scientist, Research & Technology Development, Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre Limited



Dr. Frank Tong holds a Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science. He is the R&D Director of the Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre (LSCM), which is established under the Government's support. At LSCM, Frank leads the Centre's roadmap in technology innovation. Started with LSCM in 2006, Frank contributes to the Centre's excellence in web technologies, Internet of Things, Robotics, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence. Frank is active in creating partnerships and technology transfer to the communities of trade and logistics, elderly and health care, smart city and e-government, and recently in legal and publishing sectors as well.



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Mr Clifford Tavares

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