



# SIAC and JAA Kansai Chapter Osaka Webinar Series: Part 1 The Advantages of Arbitration for Japanese SMEs

Wednesday, 25 August 2021 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm JST | 2.00pm – 3.30pm SGT (+8 GMT)

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International arbitration is the global business community's preferred method of cross-border dispute resolution. With the number of Japanese SMEs conducting business with international companies, Japanese business teams, in-house counsel and practitioners require practical knowledge and expertise in international arbitration to effectively achieve the most favourable outcomes for their companies and clients.

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the Japan Association of Arbitrators (JAA), Kansai Chapter, jointly present this two-part webinar series on international arbitration. In Part I, speakers experienced in cross-border dispute resolution and arbitration at SIAC will provide guidance and first-hand perspectives on international arbitration and its advantages for Japanese SMEs.

#### **MODERATOR**



Mr Ka uhiro Kobayashi Vice Chair, JAA Kansai Chapter; Partner, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners



Mr Masafumi Kodama Executive Director, Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (JIDRC); Partner, Kitahama Partners

Mr Haruo Okada Chief Director, Japan International Mediation Center (JIMC) K oto; Representative, H. Okada International Law Offices

#### **PANELLISTS**



Ms Ng Sook Zhen Partner, Head of Japan Desk, Dentons Rod k & Davidson LLP



Ms Michele Sonen Head, (North East Asia), SIAC

### Programme

3.00pm - 3.20pm

The SIAC Advantage: An Overview of SIAC and the Benefits of Choosing SIAC for Japanese Parties by Ms Michele Sonen, *Head (North East Asia), SIAC* 

3.20pm - 4.30pm

Panel Session: Ensuring Effective Dispute Resolution for Japanese SMEs (panel discussion to be conducted primarily in Japanese with English interpretation in summary form)

# Moderator: • Mr Kazu

Mr Kazuhiro Kobayashi, Vice Chair, JAA Kansai Chapter; Partner, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

### Panellists:

- Mr Masafumi Kodama, Executive Director, Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (JIDRC); Partner, Kitahama Partners
   Mr Harrio Okada, Chief Director, Japan International Mediation Center (JIMC) Kyoto:
- Mr Haruo Okada, Chief Director, Japan International Mediation Center (JIMC) Kyoto; Representative, H. Okada International Law Offices
- Ms Ng Sook Zhen, Partner, Head of Japan Desk, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP
- Ms Michele Sonen, Head (North East Asia), SIAC

### Interpreters:

- Ms Wakako Inaba, Associate, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners
- Mr Nicholas Robin Jesson, Foreign Attorney, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

Part II will be held at a later date. Details will be provided when available.

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