



2013 REGIONAL ARBITRAL INSTITUTES FORUM JUNE 22 . CEBU PHILIPPINES



Cebu City welcomes the 2013 RAIF Conference

On 22 June 2013, the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PIArb) will host the 2013 Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum (RAIF) Conference. The RAIF Conference is an annual conference held under the auspices of the member institutes of the RAIF, namely: BANI Arbitration Center, Arbitration Association Brunei Darussalam, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia, Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and Philippine Institute of Arbitrators. The PIArb has chosen Cebu City, the Philippines' oldest city and one of the country's richest in terms of cultural and religious history, as the venue of the conference. Consistent with RAIF tradition the conference will deal with the hottest topics in arbitration not only in the region, but globally as well.

The Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum (RAIF)

The RAIF is a regional arbitral organization formed in 2007 by the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, the BANI Arbitration Centre and the Arbitration Association of Brunei Darussalam. The RAIF was established to allow its members to collaborate on certain common objectives, including serving the educational and social needs of the members of the arbitral institutes, facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information on arbitration and promoting understanding and co-operation between their respective institutes. After its formation in 2007, the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators was admitted as the RAIF's 7th member institute.

The Philippine Institute of Arbitrators

The mission of PIArb is to be the voice for private dispute resolution in the Philippines. PIArb envisions the use of arbitration and other modes of dispute resolution other than resolution by a court as the primary means of resolving conflict in the Philippines. To pursue this vision, PIArb aims to:

- Be the private sector's leading advocate of private dispute resolution;
- Be the benchmark provider of awareness, education, and certification programs on private dispute resolution;
- Facilitate research in support of its role as advocate and educator; and
- Serve as the primary private sector forum on private dispute resolution policy and practice.

About Cebu, Philippines

Often called the "Queen City of the South" and the Seat of Christianity in the Philippines, Cebu is the country's oldest city. Exploring Cebu City, one encounters a rich historic past. Cebuanos are extremely proud of their cultural and historical heritage, a legacy which has endured through the centuries from the time the great explorer Ferdinand Magellan first planted the cross on Cebu's shore. Time has been kind to Cebu. From Zebu, the busy trading port in 1521, it has evolved into a highly urbanized metropolitan center which now serves as focal point of growth & development in Southern Philippines. (source: <http://www.cebucitytourism.com/aboutcebucity.html>)

Information about the RAIF

More information about the 2013 RAIF Conference will be released shortly. Additional information will be available at the website of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators, <http://philippinearbitrators.org/home>.



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