

Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Singapore International Arbitration Centre, an independent, not-for-profit organisation, was established in 1991 to meet the demands of the international business community for a neutral, efficient and reliable dispute resolution institution in a fast-developing Asia.

Funded by the Singapore government at its inception, SIAC is now entirely financially self-sufficient.

On 1 April 2003, SIAC ceased its corporate link with the Singapore Academy of Law. With contemporaneous effect, it forged an affiliation with the Singapore Business Federation, the apex organization of the business community in Singapore.

SIAC's operations are overseen by a broad-based Board of Directors, composed of representatives from the international and local business and professional communities in Singapore. This brings an outward-looking SIAC closer to the constituency it serves.

As an institution administering arbitration, SIAC is committed to complete impartiality and transparency in all that it does for parties. Broadly, it helps parties in:

- Appointment of arbitrators when they cannot agree on an appointment
- Management of the financial and other practical aspects of arbitration
- Facilitation of the smooth progress of arbitration

SIAC carries out these responsibilities according to its published guidelines in its Code of Practice. SIAC seeks to promote the highest standard of conduct and delivery in all arbitrations conducted under its auspices.

With a multinational and multi-cultural professional secretariat, SIAC is devoted to serving all its users with a complete understanding of their needs.

Profile

Professor Lawrence Boo Deputy Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre



As Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Professor Boo oversees the daily operations of SIAC.

He 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.

By way of relaxation, Professor Boo enjoys golf.

Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators is an independent professional body established in 1981. Presently, we have more than 600 members, with three major categories of membership – Associate, Member and Fellow. Many of our members are practising professionals from a wide spectrum of diversified backgrounds like, Architects, Certified Public Accountants, CEOs, Dispute Resolution Consultants, Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Lecturers, present & former High Court Judges, Marine Surveyors, Naval Architects, Project Managers, Property Managers, Shipbrokers, Queen Counsels, Senior Counsels, Senior Government Officials, Quantity Surveyors etc. Many of them are also directly and indirectly involved in the dispute resolution procedures as Arbitrators, Mediators, Expert Witnesses and Consultants. Our members are also geographically represented throughout the world.

We are a truly neutral professional body with no link or affiliation to any particular industry but bonded together with a common interest in arbitration & other alternative dispute resolution procedures. Our main focus is in the aspect of professional training & development. We organise talks, seminars and training courses for members and the public on a regular basis. Besides being a centre for promoting knowledge of arbitration & other ADRs, we also act as an appointing authority for the appointment of arbitrators upon requests. We maintain a database of members who practise as arbitrators. We also work closely with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Profile

**Mr Johnny Tan Cheng Hye,
President, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators**



Johnny Tan is a Colombo Plan Scholar. He has been on the SIA Panel of Arbitrators since 1993 and a Mediator from 1997. He has served on the Singapore Institute of Architects as Chairman of the Contracts Committee and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and has held various appointments in the Council as Honorary Secretary, 2nd Vice-President and 1st Vice-President. He has also held various positions in the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and is presently President of the Institute. He is also on the Panel of Arbitrators of the SIAC, HKIAC, DIAC and KLRCA. He has been engaged as arbitrator, mediator, neutral evaluator as well as expert witness on construction disputes. He is an Accredited Adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act [2004].

Singapore Mediation Centre

The Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) is a non-profit organisation established in 1997 to provide commercial mediation services. It is structured as a company limited by guarantee of the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL). SMC was launched by the Honourable Chief Justice Yong Pung How on 16 August 1997.

With the support of the Singapore Judiciary, the SAL, the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) and various professional and trade associations, SMC has successfully spearheaded the mediation movement in Singapore and continues to promote the use of mediation and other non-confrontational dispute resolution methods.

SMC's functions include:

- the provision of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services;
- the provision of training in negotiation, mediation and conflict management;
- the accreditation and maintenance of a panel of mediators and other neutrals;
- the provision of consultancy services for dispute avoidance and dispute management;
and
- the promotion of amicable means of dispute resolution in Singapore and the region.

Profile

Mr Loong Seng Onn Executive Director, Singapore Mediation Centre



Loong Seng Onn is the Executive Director of the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) and holds a concurrent appointment as a Director of the Singapore Academy of Law. He also sits on the Board of Commissioners for Oaths and Notaries Public and is the Chairman of the Singapore Tourism Board's Fair Trading Review Panel.

Seng Onn has mediated and resolved a great diversity of disputes. He is an Accredited Mediator of SMC and the Centre for Dispute Resolution in the United Kingdom. He has also been gazetted as a mediator for the Tribunal for the Maintenance of Parents.

Seng Onn is an experienced trainer and has been involved as the lead instructor for many conflict management workshops and has delivered talks and conducted workshops in Austria, Cambodia, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Malta, the Philippines and United Arab Emirates.

Seng Onn graduated from the National University of Singapore with a bachelor's degree in law in 1988. In 1989, he was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

Singapore National Olympic Council

The Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) is the national nonprofit organization that coordinates the selection of Singaporean athletes for competition at the major games such as the Olympics, the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games and the South East Asian Games. Singapore's involvement in the Games is resolutely anchored in the Olympic ideals that were first espoused by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic Games, in 1894. For more information, please visit www.snoc.org.sg.

Profile

Mr Chris Chan
Secretary General, Singapore National Olympic Council



Chris graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1973 and spent 28 years in the Singapore Armed Forces in various Command and Staff appointments rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before he left the SAF for the S.League.

His next appointment was as the CEO of the S.League in its early years from 1997 to 2002. Under his leadership, the S.League overcame its teething problems and soon established its brand. He also concurrently held the appointment of Director Competitions, Football Association of Singapore and Member Competitions Committee, Asean Football Federation.

In February 2002, he became Secretary General of the Singapore National Olympic Council and has held this appointment ever since. Currently, he sits on the Executive Committee and is Council member of the South East Asia Games Federation Council and represents the NOC in the Olympic Council of Asia and Commonwealth Games Federation General Assemblies.