

**Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators**  
**President Gary Soo's Report**  
**25th September 2012**

Dear Members,

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to you all, and take this opportunity to report our events in the past year.

**(1) Cooperation with Asia Arbitration Bodies**

On 15 & 16 September 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Greater China Arbitration Forum (GCAF) in Macau, our members attended as invited speaker in this event.

On 16 June 2012, I signed the “Framework Agreement for the Cooperation of Guangdong and Hong Kong for Training in International Arbitration” at Shenzhen.

On 4-5 May 2012, Mr. Robert Whitehead our past president attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum (RAIF) Conference in Bali, Indonesia on behalf of HKI Arb.

**(2) Events**

On 19 September 2011, we had a Seminar on “Behind-the-Scene Look at Arbitration in China” by Professor Fan Kun, CUHK.

On 17 October 2011, Seminar on “CIETAC Arbitration” by Ms. Dai Wen, CIETAC.

On 14 November 2011, we had a Seminar on “Med-Arb as a Popular Dispute Resolution Method?” by Professor Edwin Chan, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

On 1 December 2011, We had a Seminar on “Arbitration in Macau” by Ms. Kuok Weng Mui, Lawyer (Macau).

On 18 January 2012, Joint Seminar with Hong Kong Academy of Law on “Mediation Bill: A Legal Framework for Mediation in Hong Kong” by Ms. Sou Chiam, Deputy Principal, Department of Justice and Mt. John Lee, HKI Arb Council Member as moderator.

On 24 February 2012, the institute hosted its annual dinner at the China Club. We are honoured to have the Chief Justice, the Hon Mr. Justice Geoffrey Ma, as our guest of the honour, and the Chairperson of HKIAC, Mr. Huen Wong JP, as our guest speaker.

On 3 March 2012, I attended the Joint Mediation Helpline Office (JMHO) hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Shanghai – Hong Kong Commercial Mediation Conference on behalf of HKI Arb as moderator.

On 13 March 2012, we had a seminar on “An Update of Legal Cases Affecting the Construction Industry” by Mr. Paul Barrett.

On 26 April 2012, we had a seminar on “Using NEC to Manage Risk and Avoid Dispute” by Mr. Rachard Patterson.

On 29-30 May 2012, following the framework agreement signed, I attended the meeting with Guangzhou Arbitration Commission at Nansha, for the setting up of the Nansha International Arbitration Centre.

On 23 May 2012, I attended Business Forum on Implementation of CEPA 2012 on behalf of HKI Arb.

On 22 May 2012, we hosted Joint Conference on “International Arbitration: Issues and Recent Development with Hong Kong Academy of Law Conference”.

On 12 June 2012, we hosted a seminar by Mr. Justice John Saunders at HKIAC.

On 8-11 July 2012, I led the HKI Arb Delegation to Beijing and Tianjin; we met with various officials. These include The Supreme People’s Court, Department of Law, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs of the State Council, CIETA, Beijing Arbitration Commission and CIETAC Tianjin International Economics and Financial Arbitration Centre.

On 13 September 2012, I attended the Hong Kong Legal Service Forum 2012 in Guangzhou and gave a talk on “Interim Measures in International Arbitration”.

### **(3) Education/ Training**

On 1-4 February 2012, we held “HKI Arb Fellowship Assessment Course” by Louise Barrington.

On 22-23 June 2012, we held HKI Arb Entry Course by Ms. Louise Barrington.

### **(6) Membership**

There were 249 Fellows and 773 Associates as of September 2012.

### **(7) Finance**

I will leave this to the Treasurer.

I would like to express my thanks to all council members who have selflessly dedicated their time to serve the institute. Without their help and support, I am

sure that I will not be able to accomplish what we did during this term of my office.

Finally, the institute surely needs support and encouragement from all of you. And, once again, I welcome you all to this AGM and wish you all the best. Thank you.

Gary Soo  
President  
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