

**Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators**  
**President Sylvia Siu's Report**  
**26 September 2013**

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 21 & 22 June 2013, Past President Mr. Samuel Wong and I attended the 2013 RAIF CONFERENCE - CEBU, PHILIPPINES on behalf of HKI Arb. Mr. Samuel Wong talked on "Construction Arbitration".

On 28 – 29 June 2013, Members attended the APRAG Conference 2013.

On 30 July 2013, I attended the Inaugural SI Arb National Arbitration Conference 2013 in Singapore.

**(2) Events**

On 16 October 2012, Council members and members attended the Arbitration Charity Ball at the Conrad Hotel.

On 22 November 2012, Education Chair Mr. Peter Cheng treated members to Palm Island Resort, Huizhou. Members enjoyed meals and facilities at the Resort. Thanks to Mr. Peter Cheng for his generosity.

On 23 November 2012, Council members attended the Mediation Conference – "Mediation in Hong Kong – Your Options" at Renaissance Huizhou Hotel. Immediate Past President Mr. Gary Soo and I both talked at that conference.

On 13 December 2012, the Hon Mr. Justice Bokhary gave a talk on "The

Conflict of Laws in Arbitration” to our members.

On 23 January 2013, Dongguan No. 2 People’s Court’s Presiding, Judge Jiang Heping gave a talk on “從古至今調解在中國的發展” to our members.

On 22 February 2013, Council members had lunch with Secretary for Justice at the Hong Kong Club. Thanks to Mr. Thomas So for organizing the venue.

On 4 March 2013, our Spring Cocktail was held at HKIAC; we were honoured to have Chief Justice as our guest speaker.

On 7 March 2013, Mr. J Felix de Luis of Club Espanol del Arbitrage gave a talk on “Arbitration in Spain” to our members at the China Club. Thanks to Mr. Thomas So for organizing the venue.

On 18 April 2013, Council members hosted a Luncheon with Head representative of CCPIT and Representative of CIETAC (Hong Kong).

On 11 May 2013, members were invited to attend the Community Mediation Forum organized by Hong Kong Mediation Centre

On 21 May 2013, we organized a Mediation Forum and invited speakers from PRC Supreme Court, Department of Justice, Judiciary, Hong Kong Law Society, Hong Kong Bar Association, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Joint Mediation Helpline Office and Hong Kong Mediation Centre.

On 27 June 2013, Members paid an official visit to BJ; we attended the Supreme People’s Court and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office. Thanks to Mr. SK Lam for organizing the trip.

On 11 July 2013, the Director of the Guangzhou Arbitration Commission and Chairman of the Nansha International Arbitration Centre, Dr Chen

Zhongqian gave a talk on “南沙新區經濟發展規劃與南沙國際仲裁中心發展謀略” to our members.

On 22 July 2013, Professor Anselmo Reyes gave a talk on “The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)” to our members.

On 30 August 2013, Judge Kao Xiaoli (高曉力) of Supreme People’s Court, Beijing presented 2 talks to our members on “中国涉外民事关系法律适用法及其司法解释的理解与适用” and “国际商事仲裁裁决司法审查中公共政策条款的适用”. The event was supported by the Department of Justice, the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Hong Kong Federation of Women Lawyers, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission Hong Kong, the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong and Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd. Those who attend could obtain CPD points from Law Society of Hong Kong and Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd.

On 16 September 2013, Mr. Tsui Wai Tim gave a talk on “Construction Dispute Experience” to our members at Mr. Peter Cheng’s office. Thanks to Mr. Peter Cheng for organizing the event.

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

On 1-2 February 2013, we held our Entry Course, it was conducted by Ms. Louise Barrington.

On 21-23 February 2013, we held our Fellowship Assessment Course it was conducted by Ms. Louise Barrington.

On 6, 13 and 20 June 2013, we held “Commercial Arbitrator Workshop” conducted by Professor Anselmo Reyes.

#### **(4) Website**

Please visit our website next Friday. I trust that you will join me in thanking our Past President Mr. Samuel Wong for taking up much time and efforts in putting together materials for the website.

#### **(5) Membership**

There are 250 Fellows and 824 Associates as of today.

#### **(6) 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 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.

Sylvia Siu

President

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