The Second Annual ICC Asia Pacific Conference will provide a snapshot of the state of international arbitration in several countries around the Pacific Rim. Discussions will focus on comparing and contrasting recent attitudes and advancements in international arbitration and the issues and opportunities that have arisen as a result. Join scholars, practitioners and corporate counsel from both sides of the Pacific as they examine advances in international arbitration law and lacunae, choice international arbitration venues and challenges in arbitral award enforcement procedures.

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Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30  Welcome and Introduction

9:30 – 10:30  Australia: Advances in Arbitration Down-Under

Recent amendments to Australia’s longstanding International Arbitration Act are intended to elevate the land down-under within the world arbitration community and make it a more attractive international arbitration venue. The bill provides a more efficient and consistent framework for the international arbitration process in Australia, as well as greater clarity on several previously murky issues encountered by arbitration practitioners. The panelists will review and summarize the recent changes to the Act, as well as share their view on whether the revamped law will be an effective means to accomplish what the Australian legislature intended.

10:30 – 10:50  Discussion

10:50 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00  The Continuing Rise of Hong Kong and Singapore

Two major powerhouse venues for arbitration in Asia are undoubtedly Hong Kong and Singapore. On the heels of the revision of the UNCITRAL rules, both jurisdictions have enhanced their own arbitration codes in order to remain competitive among world-class arbitration venues. This panel will feature arbitration specialists from both jurisdictions who will compare and contrast their respective new laws, highlighting any unique advantages or disadvantages which may impact their competitive edge.

12:00 – 12:30  Discussion

12:30 – 2:00  Lunch

2:00 – 3:00  India’s Public Policy Hurdles

Not every jurisdiction in Asia is adapting quickly to the expanding role of arbitration within its legal traditions. In India, the challenges faced by arbitration practitioners are deeply rooted in a legal tradition that generally distrusts arbitration. The panelists will discuss the current state of arbitration in India and shed some light on why the most populated democratic country in the world is resisting pressure from abroad to open its borders to international arbitration.

3:00 – 3:30  Discussion

3:30 – 3:50  Coffee Break
The Realities of Enforcing an Arbitral Award in China

With the astronomic economic growth taking place within China, the volume of disputes arising from cross-border business transactions involving Chinese parties is rapidly increasing. Commercial parties are naturally drawn to international arbitration as the most advantageous method to resolve their disputes, but they face some difficult hurdles when seeking to enforce their awards in China. This panel of practitioners, seasoned in Chinese arbitration matters, will offer their insights on what parties can expect and what precautions they should take when seeking to enforce an award in China.

Ripple Effect: California’s Ban on Foreign Lawyers in International Arbitration Proceedings

There is growing condemnation in the international legal community over California’s restriction on foreign attorneys representing clients in international arbitrations seated there. With relatively close proximity to Asia, the Golden State would otherwise be an ideal venue to host international arbitration proceedings involving Asian parties. However, because of the State’s protectionist approach, California is being perceived as an inhospitable venue to parties represented by foreign counsel. This panel will discuss the prohibition, the reasoning behind it, and its rippling effect on the international arbitration community.
North Asia: A Mixed Reception to Arbitration

Some say that there is only one word to describe the general attitude towards arbitration in Japan: lackluster. Why have the Japanese not embraced arbitration in the same manner as much of the rest of Asia? By contrast, the Koreans have heartily adopted arbitration, particularly in their booming construction industry. This panel will attempt to reconcile these very different sentiments toward arbitration, focusing on the overarching economic and cultural factors that have had the largest impact on the adoption of arbitration practices in Northern Asia.

Arbitration in Asia from the Perspective of Corporate Counsel

With a continued focus toward improving time and cost efficiency in international arbitration worldwide, how does Asia measure up to the expectations and hopes of the parties themselves? A panel of corporate counsel will share their experiences arbitrating in Asia and offer their perspectives on how arbitration in the Asian region could best develop to suit their needs.
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