



Herbert Smith Freehills-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture

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We regret to inform that Dr Surin is now unable to speak at the lecture for personal reasons. We hope to reschedule the lecture, and will certainly keep you informed when a new date is available.

ASEAN'S ROLE AND OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

22 November 2017, Wednesday

5.00pm - 7.00pm

(Registration starts at 4.30pm)



Guest Speaker

Emeritus Professor Dr. Surin Pitsuwan

Venue

Singapore Management University

Mochtar Riady Auditorium

Administration Building, Level 5

81 Victoria Street

Singapore 188065

Dress Code

Business Attire

Admission is free

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Training Category	General

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Each year, a distinguished international arbitrator will be invited to present this lecture, which in turn will be published in a leading regional arbitration journal.

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Synopsis of Lecture & Download Paper

ASEAN'S ROLE AND OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As the Association of Southeast Asian Nations celebrates its 50th year, the Secretary-General has said that "ASEAN's effort in the next decade will be focused on realising a truly rules-based community" (Le Luong Minh, August 2017). Echoing this, one of his predecessors was reported as saying that "to aid this goal, ASEAN should streamline its large body of agreements by reviewing existing treaties and dispute settlement mechanisms, and prioritise and use them accordingly ...ASEAN needs to develop a more comprehensive way to resolve disputes" (Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General 2003-2008, May 2017).

As a topical and timely contribution, the 2017 Asian Arbitration lecture will focus on ASEAN's role and opportunities in the field of public and private dispute resolution. Historically, ASEAN has focussed on providing machinery for settlement of disputes between its member states, and between member states and private investors. Do these mechanisms work, what are the challenges and is there scope for improvement? Will the current climate of re-examination of multilateral trading agreements, and controversies over investor-state arbitration, influence ASEAN's approach? Should ASEAN enter new arenas, for example should it engage more actively with disputes between member and non-member states, or private sector disputes? Is there a case for a new regional court or a supra-national arbitration centre?

Former ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (2008-2013) will discuss the significance of these questions for the project to promote a rules-based community in an ever-more complex globalised environment.

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About the Speakers



Emeritus Professor Dr. Surin Pitsuwan
(Guest speaker and panellist)

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan is a native of Nakorn Sri Thammarat, Southern Thailand. He holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science and Middle Eastern studies from Harvard University.

After completing his education in the U.S., he returned to Thailand to assume a teaching position at Thammasat University. He successfully ran for Parliament two years later. As an MP, he was appointed Secretary to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Secretary to Deputy Minister of Interior, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Foreign Affairs. He served as Chair of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and the chair of the ASEAN Regional Forum. While the ASEAN chair, he led the efforts to get Southeast Asian governments to help restore law and order, and that joint undertaking--with the support of the United Nations and the international community--brought about peace and security in East Timor.

Upon leaving the foreign affairs portfolio in mid-2001, Dr. Surin was appointed a member of the Commission on Human Security of the United Nations. He also served as an advisor to the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty and on the ILO's World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization until 2004. He was appointed Member of the National Legislative Assembly (NLA) before assuming his post as the Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2012. During that period, he was tasked to implement the ASEAN Charter and prepare the region to enter into the ASEAN Community in 2015.

Dr. Surin is now engaged in the promotion of regional integration in East Asia, educational and political reform efforts in Thailand. He is also a frequent speaker at various international conferences.



Mr Alastair Henderson
(Moderator)

Alastair has more than 20 years' experience handling major disputes across many sectors and industries, concerning a wide variety of trade, commercial and financial activities, with particular experience of oil, gas and power, construction and engineering, infrastructure and projects, and major foreign investment. He is very familiar with disputes in or concerning the countries of Southeast Asia, as well as international cases outside the region. His clients include governments and public bodies, state-owned and independent companies, international banks, and other multinational and leading regional companies.

Alastair has served numerous times as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator and has handled many cases as counsel under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, KLRCA, SI Arb, CIETAC, Thai Arbitration Institute and Indonesian National Arbitration Institute (BANI) as well as UNCITRAL rules and pure ad hoc cases. He is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; a national committee member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; and a former member of ICC Thailand national arbitration commission.



Professor Locknie Hsu
(Panellist)

Locknie Hsu is a full Professor and former Associate Dean at the School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU). She was called to the Singapore Bar in 1986 and practised with a Singapore law firm, working on commercial contracts, general litigation and intellectual property matters. She went on to receive a LL.M. degree at Harvard University.

Locknie specializes in international trade and investment law, and international dispute settlement mechanisms. She has published widely on trade and investment law, treaty dispute settlement mechanisms, arbitration law and sovereign wealth funds in international journals, and has spoken at numerous international seminars and conferences. She has developed local, regional and international professional profiles through her cumulative work in private legal practice, government and academia.

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Singapore 188065

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502, 502A, 518, 518A, 551, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580,
581, 7, 700, 700A, 77, 857

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51, 61, 63, 7, 80

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