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JCAA Global Arbitration Forum 2026

The Forum aims to explore Japan's evolving role in international arbitration, with emphasis on the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) and Japan's position in the global arbitration landscape. The Forum brings together a diverse group of legal practitioners, business representatives, and ADR / arbitration institution experts from both Japan and abroad.

Schedule
12-13 November 2026

Day 1 Thursday, 12 November 10:00 - 17:30 *
(doors open at 9:30)

* Networking reception will follow at 18:00.

Day 2 Friday, 13 November 10:00 - 17:30
(doors open at 9:30)

Venue

Tsunamachi Mitsui Club, Annex Dining Hall
Minato-ku, Tokyo

Attendance

In-Person: 100 participants (Day 1 & Day 2)
Online : 500 participants (Day 1 only)

Language

English

Simultaneous interpretation into Japanese will be available on Day1.

Register here

JCAA 日本商事仲裁協会

Supporting Organizations

法務省
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

経済産業省
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

外務省
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

JFBA 日本弁護士連合会

日本商工会議所
The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

JETRO
Japan External Trade Organization

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Japan Association of Arbitrators

JILA
Japan In-House Lawyers Association

JICN
Japan In-house Counsel Network

EBC
EUROPEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL IN JAPAN

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Japan Chapter

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(Japan Chapter)

Program

Day 1
Thursday, 12 November

10:00-10:05 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**
Shinsuke Kitagawa, President, JCAA

10:05-11:15 **Panel Session 1**
"Partnering for Success: In-House Counsel and External Counsel in the Age of AI"

Takahide Kato, Director, Head of Japan Legal, Google Japan
Satoshi Kurata, Division Director, General Affairs Division (Legal and Governance), IMAGICA GROUP Inc
Louise Stoupe, Partner, Morrison Foerster
Shinsuke Yakura, Partner, White & Case
Moderator:
Anthony Luna, Partner, southgate

11:30-12:30 **Panel Session 2**
"Third-Party Funding in Japan: Ethics, Transparency and Practice"

Aiko Hosokawa, Partner, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners
Ryan Goldstein, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Mugi Sekido, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Edouard Fremault, Chief Strategy Officer & Managing Director APAC, Deminor Litigation Funding
Daryl Osuch, Investment Manager, Trailblaze Asset Management
Moderator:
Masafumi Kodama, Partner, Kitahama & Partners

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:00 **Panel Session 3**
"Should Arbitrators Facilitate Settlement?"

Prof. Anselmo Reyes, Independent Arbitrator, International Judge
Yoshihiro Takatori, Special Advisor, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu
Douglas Freeman, International Arbitrator & Managing Partner, Freeman & Partners
Moderator:
Miriam Rose Ivan L. Pereira, Counsel and Co-Head of the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

15:15-16:15 **Panel Session 4**
"War, Sanctions and Force Majeure: Navigating Risk in a Disrupted World"

Mitsuru Claire Chino, General Manager, Corporate Communications Division, Itochu
Maria Lyubimova, Partner, Chervets. Partners
Tomohiro Tateno, Senior Legal Counsel, INPEX
Kohei Murakawa, Senior Partner, Atsumi & Sakai
Moderator:
Helena Chen, Managing Partner, Chen & Chang

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16:30-17:30 **Panel Session 5**
"Using Artificial Intelligence Properly and Effectively: A Tribunal Perspective"

Prof. Hi-Taek Shin, Independent Arbitrator, Twenty Essex Chambers
Dr. Matthew Secomb, Independent Arbitrator, Secomb Arbitration
Delphine Ho, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers
Dr. Min Kyung Kim Independent Arbitrator, Des Voeux Chambers
Moderator:
Tomoki Yanagisawa, Partner, TMI Associates

17:30-17:35 **Closing Remarks**
Hiroyuki Tezuka, Chair, JCAA Advisory Board, Partner, Nishimura & Asahi

18:00-20:00 **Networking Reception (Tsunamachi Mitsui Club)**

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Day 2
Friday, 13 November

10:00-10:05 **Welcome Remarks**

10:05-11:05 **Panel Session 1**
"Institutional Session: Building Capacity and Expanding Arbitration Across Asia"

Enkhtsetseg Sukhbaatar, Chairwoman, Mongolian International Arbitration Center (MIAC)
Jacques Lynn, Assistant Corporate Secretary, Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (PICCR)
Zuraidah Sidek, Deputy Interim CEO, Brunei Darussalam Arbitration Center (BDAC)
Robert Wachter, Shin & Kim LLC, Seoul, representing KCAB International
Moderator:
Tony Andriotis, Partner, Novara Advisory Partners

11:20-12:20 **Panel Session 2**
"Is It Worth It? Japan's Quest to Become a Preferred Seat of Arbitration"

Hiroyuki Tezuka, Partner, Nishimura & Asahi
Lexi Takamatsu, Partner, Mori Hamada and Matsumoto
Harald Sippel, Independent Arbitrator, Sippel Arbitration
Benedikt Yuji Kaneko, Associate, Gleiss Lutz
Moderator:
Michael Mroczek, Partner, Nozomi Sogo

12:20-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:00 **Panel Session 3**
"When a Party Does Not Participate: Managing Defaults in Arbitration"

Inoue Aoi, Partner, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
Dominic Sharman, Partner, Baker & McKenzie
Carlotta Bruessel, Counsel, Nishimura & Asahi
John Rainbird, Partner, Bird & Bird
Moderator:
Peter Harris, Partner, Clifford Chance

15:15-16:15 **Panel Session 4**
"Leveling the Playing Field: Document Production, Privilege and Witness Evidence Across Legal Traditions"

Yoko Maeda, Partner, City-Yuwa Partners
David Macarthur, Partner, Yulchon
Kaori Sugimoto, Partner, Nagashima Ohno and Tsunematsu
Jess Webster, Senior Associate, Vinson & Elkins
Joel Halliday, Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
Moderator:
Lars Markert, Partner, Nishimura & Asahi

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16:30-17:30 **Panel Session 5**
"Investor-State Disputes in Practice: Recent Developments and Lessons Learned"

Carlos Molina Esteban, Legal Counsel, International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
Azusa Kikuma, Counsel for Treaties Negotiation, Economic Treaties Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)
Prof. Yoshihisa Hayakawa, Rikkyo University, Partner, Uryu & Itoga
Daniel Allen, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Prof. Yarik Kryvoi, Director of the Investment Treaty Forum at British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)
Moderator:
Rodolphe Ruffié-Farrugia, Partner, K&L Gates

17:30-17:35 **Closing Remarks**