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- > Opportunities & Challenges in Construction
Dispute Resolution: National and Global Perspectives



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INTRODUCTION

Against the backdrop of rapid infrastructure expansion and increasingly complex construction projects, Vietnam's construction industry is facing heightened dispute risks and growing demand for efficient, internationally aligned dispute resolution mechanisms. This calls for a dedicated forum to facilitate timely dialogue on emerging trends, practical approaches, and developments in construction arbitration, addressing key opportunities and challenges in both domestic and cross-border contexts.

Building on the success of HICAC in previous years, SCLVN and VIAC are pleased to co-organize the **Ho Chi Minh City International Construction Arbitration Conference – HICAC 2026**, bringing together construction businesses, arbitrators, counsel, experts, and practitioners to exchange insights and promote best practices in construction arbitration.



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20+

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Venue

REX HOTEL SAIGON,
141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

EVENT TIMELINE

Morning section

Afternoon section

Evening

06-07/04

Monday
& Tuesday

Workshop | FIDIC Claims And Disputes Course

08/04

Wednesday

Side Event – by SIAC | Workshop on "Climate change and construction arbitration"

Liberty Central Saigon Riverside Hotel (Apollo 1+2, Level 02, 17 Ton Duc Thang, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC)

Side Event – by ASA | Workshop on "Comparative Perspectives on Construction Disputes: International Practice and Vietnamese Law"

Caravelle 1, Level 3 – Caravelle Hotel (19-23 Lam Son Square, Saigon Ward, HCMC)

Side Event | Asian ADR & Construction Roundtable 2026

Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

WELCOME RECEPTION

Hoa Mai Restaurant (5th floor, Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC)

09/04

Thursday

GENERAL SESSION - Opportunities & Challenges in Construction Dispute Resolution: National and Global Perspectives

Lotus Ballroom (1st floor – Executive Wing), Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

SESSION A – International Construction Contracts

Lotus A (1st floor – Executive Wing), Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

SESSION B – Dispute Avoidance And Resolution Mechanisms For Construction Activities

Lotus B (1st floor – Executive Wing), Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

GALA DINNER

(for Speakers, Sponsors, Delegates and Paid Guests)

10/04

Friday

SESSION C – Topical Issues In Construction Arbitration

Lotus A (1st floor – Executive Wing), Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

SESSION D – Regional Construction Arbitration

Lotus B (1st floor – Executive Wing), Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

Side Event – by VIAC & SCLVN | Seminar on "Lessons from Metro and Railway Projects: Practical Challenges and Opportunities in Managing Contracts and Risk"

Lotus A (1st floor – Executive Wing), Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

11/04

Saturday

Networking event | VIAC – HCMC Branch Side visit and Ho Chi Minh City tour

(For Speakers, Sponsors, Delegates, and Full-package guests)

12/04

Sunday

Side Event – by SCLVN | Workshop on "Making and Writing of DAAB Decisions & Opinions"

Liberty Central Saigon Citypoint Hotel, Apollo 2 Room, 2nd Floor 59–61 Pasteur Street, Sai Gon Ward, HCMC

SPEAKERS

Mr. NGUYEN BAC THUY

Head of Economics and Construction Contracts – Department of Construction Economics – Ministry of Construction, VIAC Listed Arbitrator, Member of Executive Committee of Society of Construction Law – Viet Nam (SCLVN)



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Chair of Society of Construction Law – Vietnam (SCLVN), FIDIC Certified Contract Manager/Trainer/Adjudicator



Mr. LEE SWEE SENG

Federal Court Judge
Federal Court of Malaysia



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FIDIC Ambassador and FIDIC Accredited Trainer; Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Board



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Vice chair of Society of Construction Law – Vietnam (SCLVN)



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Lecturer at Ho Chi Minh City University of Law (Vietnam)



Ông ANEL IDRIZ

Giám đốc & Nhà sáng lập tại Alternative Logic



Assoc. Prof. NASEEM AMEER ALI

Associate Professor, Massey University (New Zealand)



SPEAKERS

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Accredited Specialist in Building & Construction Law, Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators



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FIDIC Certified Trainer/ Contract Manager, Chairman cum Managing Partner at VinaQS



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Dispute Board member/ Adjudicator, Arbitrator, Expert Witness



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Chair Society of Construction Law – SCL Pakistan



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Lecturer at International Law Faculty, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, VIAC's Listed Arbitrator



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SPEAKERS

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Board member as Director (Works) in IRCON International Ltd



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Ms. NAY YEE LYNN

Advocate and Executive Committee Member, International Relations Division, Myanmar International Arbitration Centre



Dr. LE NET

Partner in charge of Singapore office LNT & Partners, VIAC's Listed Arbitrator



MAIN EVENT

GENERAL SESSION

Opportunities & Challenges in Construction Dispute Resolution: Global and Viet Nam Perspectives

08:30 AM – 12:00 AM, Morning 9th April, 2026
Lotus Ballroom, Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue
Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward

TIME	CONTENT
Section P1 – Opportunities & Challenges in Construction Dispute Resolution: Viet Nam Perspectives	
	<p>Moderator Mr. Vu Anh Duong – <i>Permanent Vice President cum General Secretary, Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)</i></p>
08:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>New Provisions on Construction Contracts under the Construction Law and the Draft Decree Providing Detailed Regulations Mr. Nguyen Bac Thuy – <i>Head of Economics and Construction Contracts – Department of Construction Economics – Ministry of Construction, VIAC Listed Arbitrator, Member of Executive Committee of Society of Construction Law – Viet Nam (SCLVN)</i></p>
	<p>Speaker Vietnam's Major Projects Market: A Practitioner's Perspective on Opportunity, Legal Reform and Alignment with International Practice Mr. Do Khoi Nguyen - <i>Partner at YKVN (Singapore), Head of International Arbitration</i></p>
	<p>Vietnam's dispute resolution ecosystem to be ready for international & complex construction disputes- an observation of VIAC Ms. Vu Thi Hang – <i>Chief of Secretariat and Member of the Scientific Council at the Viet Nam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)</i></p>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Teabreak
Section P2 – Opportunities & Challenges in Construction Dispute Resolution: Global Perspectives	
	<p>Moderator Mr. Nguyen Nam Trung – <i>Chair of SCLVN, FIDIC Certified Contract Manager/Trainer/Adjudicator</i></p>
10:30 AM – 12:00 AM	<p>Resolving Construction Disputes: the Malaysian Experience of Specialist Construction Courts and Construction Adjudication Judge Lee Swee Seng – <i>Federal Court Judge.</i></p>
	<p>Speaker Opportunities and Challenges in the implementation of DAAB as of FIDIC Conditions of Contract Prof. Sarwono Hardjomuljadi - <i>President of Society of Construction Law Indonesia, FIDIC Ambassador and FIDIC Accredited Trainer</i></p>
	<p>Mr. Ratan K. Singh – <i>Chairman of Society of Construction Law India</i></p>
12:00 AM	End of the General Session

MAIN EVENT

SECTION A

International Construction Contracts

01:30 PM - 05:00 PM, Afternoon 9th April, 2026

Lotus A, Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard,
Sai Gon Ward

TIMELINE

CONTENT

Panel A1: Construction Contracts under Vietnam Construction Law 2025

Moderator

Ms. Nguyen Phuong Trinh – SCLVN Founding Partner of TNP Law/Vice chair of SCLVN

Consequential loss exclusion clauses and LD / penalty clauses in international construction contracts - are they valid in Vietnam, and relevant drafting tips

Mr. Mino Han – Partner at Peter & Kim

01:30 PM -
03:00 PM

Speaker

Internationalization of Vietnam's Construction Contracts under the New Construction Law Framework.

Mr. Vu Le Bang – Co-managing partner at Nishimura & Asahi (Vietnam) Law Firm in HCMC

Whether the liquidated damages mechanism according to international standard forms of contract has been really adopted in the new Construction Law of 2025 of Viet Nam?

Dr. Nguyen Thi Hoa – Lecturer at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Law in Viet Nam

03:00 PM -
03:30 PM

Tea Break

Panel A2: Alternatives for International Construction Contract

Moderator

Mr. Nguyen Thanh Long – FIDIC Certified Trainer / Contract Manager, Chairman cum Managing Director at VinaQS

Programming, Risk Allocation and Time Management under NEC: Adoption, Regional Practice, and Implications for Vietnam

Mr. Anel Idriz – Director & Founder at Alternative Logic

03:30 PM -
05:00 PM

Speaker

Modernising Construction Contracts: From Legalese to Plain Language [Global Lessons in Plain Language Drafting]

Prof. Naseem Ameer Ali – Associate Professor, Massey University, New Zealand

Ms. Joanna Seetoh – Accredited Specialist in Building & Construction Law, Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

17h00

End of Section A

MAIN EVENT

SECTION B

Dispute Avoidance And Resolution Mechanisms For Construction Activities

01:30 PM - 05:00 PM, Afternoon 9th April, 2026

Lotus B, Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Sai Gon Ward

TIMELINE

CONTENT

Panel B1: Dispute Avoidance during Construction

Moderator **Dr. Ediyanto Arief** - Founder of EA Law Firm

Dispute Avoidance and Resolution by ADR

Mr. Tilak Kolonne - Dispute Board member/Adjudicator, Arbitrator, Expert Witness

01:30 PM -
03:00 PM

Speaker

Whether the liquidated damages mechanism according to international standard forms of contract has been really adopted in the new Construction Law of 2025 of Viet Nam?

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Trang - Partner at Dzungst & Associates LLC

Avoiding Project Disputes - A guide to good practice

Mr. Kevin Attrill - Managing Director at Ankura

Dispute Boards in China Pakistan Economic Corridor: From Formation to Decision Enforcement

Mr. Mian Sheraz Javaid - Chair Society of Construction Law Pakistan

03:00 PM -
03:30 PM

Tea Break

Panel B2: Selecting of Rule/Avenue and Managing Construction Disputes

Moderator **Ms. Dinh Anh Tuyet** - Founding Lawyer and Managing Partner of IDVN Lawyers

Strategic Choices in Energy Transition Disputes

Ms. Asya Jamaludin - Partner at CMS

03:30 PM -
05:00 PM

Speaker

Construction or Commercial Arbitration Rules: Which is the Better Fit?

Dr. Nguyen Mai Linh - Acting Head of the Department of International Commercial Dispute Resolution, Faculty of International Law, Hanoi Law University

Arbitrating international construction disputes: choosing avenues for contractual claims and treaty claims

Dr. Trinh Hai Yen - Lecturer at International Law Faculty, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, VIAC's Listed Arbitrator

17h00

End of Section B

MAIN EVENT

SECTION C

Topical Issues In Construction Arbitration

09:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Morning 10th April, 2026

Lotus A, Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard,
Sai Gon Ward

TIME	CONTENT
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Panel C1: Expert Evidence in Construction Arbitration

Moderator	Mr. Tran The Nhan - <i>Quantum Expert at DLS Consultant</i>
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How to Manage Expert Evidence Effectively in Construction Arbitration

Mr. Frédéric Gillion - *Partner at Pinsent Masons MPillay LLP*

09:00 AM
- 10:30 AM

Speaker

Bridging the Gap: Understanding the SCL Singapore Protocol for Experts' Joint Statements

Ms. Lesley Tan - *Partner at Wong Partnership LLP*

Technology and Expert Evidence in Construction Disputes: Between Promise and Practicality

Ms. Tran Nguyen Thien Trang - *Manager, Delay Expert at Secretariat*

10:30 AM
- 11:00 AM

Teabreak

Section C2: Arbitration Topical Issues

Moderator	Ms. Nguyen Thi Thanh Minh - <i>Special Counsel and Head of Dispute Resolution Practice of ACSV Legal</i>
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Topical Issues in Construction Arbitration - A Regional Perspective

Mr. Ho Chien Mien - *Partner at Allen & Gledhill LLP*

11:00 AM
- 12:30 AM

Speaker

From Contractual and Party Fragmentation to Parallel Proceedings in Construction Arbitration

Mr. Le Minh Sang - *PhD candidate at Lumière University Lyon 2*

Award of Interest in Arbitration Awards - Adverse impact on Claimants when contract bars payment of Interest

Mr. Harjeet Kumar Jaggi - *Independent Consultant, Arbitrator and Dispute Resolution Expert*

12:00 AM

End of Section C

MAIN EVENT

SECTION D

Regional Construction Arbitration

09:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Morning 10th April, 2026

Lotus B, Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard,
Sai Gon Ward

TIME	CONTENT
Panel D1: Updates with recent development of construction arbitration in Asia	
	<p>Moderator Mr. Tran Pham Hoang Tung – Partner of CNC Counsel (Vietnam)</p>
09:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Beyond the Protocol: India's Divergent Approach to Delay and Disruption Analysis in Construction Arbitration Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra – Board member as Director (Works) in IRCON International Ltd</p>
	<p>The Impacts of the 2025 Amendments to China's Arbitration Law on Construction Dispute Arbitration and the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in China Assoc. Prof. Dai Qingkang - Associate professor of Southeast University Law School, Nanjing, China</p>
	<p>Drafting for Enforcement: Case Studies from Singapore, Hong Kong and Mainland China on Construction Arbitral Awards and Their Implications for Vietnam Ms. Hazel Tang – Managing Partner at Hui Zhong Law Firm (Singapore)</p>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Teabreak
Section D2: Construction dispute resolution in South East Asia	
	<p>Moderator Dr. Le Net – Partner at LNT & Partners</p>
11:00 AM – 12:30 AM	<p>Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)-Driven Construction Disputes at the Crossroads: Practical Dispute Avoidance and Restorative Resolution Mechanisms Mr. Anil Changaroth – Managing Director of ChangAroth Chambers LLC and ChangAroth InterNational Consultancy, Singapore</p>
	<p>Continuing development of construction arbitration in Southeast Asia Mr. Matthew Koh - Partner at Rajah & Tann (Singapore)</p>
	<p>From Critical Path to Tribunal Persuasion: Why Technically Sound Delay Analyses Often Fail in Regional Arbitration Mr. Billy Desmoulins – Director at Accuracy</p>
	<p>Construction Dispute Resolution in Myanmar: Institutional, Legal, and Regional Perspectives Ms. Nay Yee Lynn – Advocate and Executive Committee Member, International Relations Division, Myanmar International Arbitration Centre (MIAC)</p>
12:30 AM	End of Section D

REGISTRATION GUIDELINE

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STANDARD RATE

DISCOUNTED RATE⁽¹⁾

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200 USD

160 USD

Full Conference Ticket

(Including Welcome Reception, Conference, Gala Dinner, Networking Tour)

320 USD

256 USD

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(08th April 2026 Evening)

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(09th April 2026 Evening)

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(11th April 2026)

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(including Welcome Reception, Conference, Gala Dinner, Networking Tour)

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