

THE WAY FORWARD FOR PAM CONSTRUCTION ARBITRATION: RAISING THE BAR

Construction arbitration under the PAM Arbitration Rules has long been the default dispute resolution mechanism in the PAM Standard Form of Building Contract. As projects grow in complexity and parties demand greater efficiency and credibility, PAM must now evolve from being the default forum to becoming the preferred one.

This Forum brings together leading Malaysian arbitrators and practitioners to discuss practical reforms and case management innovations aimed at enhancing the speed, quality, and confidence of PAM-administered arbitrations — while preserving the integrity of the arbitral process.

Panelists:



**Dato' Mary Lim
Thiam Suan**

President,
AIAC Court of Arbitration
PAM Arbitrator

**Tan Sri Datuk Panglima
David Wong Dak Wah**

Chairman,
Borneo International Centre for
Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM)
PAM Arbitrator

Sitpah Selvaratnam

Independent Arbitrator
(FCIArb, FMIArb,
DiplCArb)

Chan Kheng Hoe

Advocate & Solicitor
PAM Arbitrator

Ar. Tiong Kian Boon

PAM Arbitrator

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Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan

*President, AIAC Court of Arbitration
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Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan holds an LLB (Hons) from the University of Leeds, an LLM from the University of Western Australia, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, where she is now an Honorary Bench.

Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan served in the Attorney General's Chambers as Senior Federal Counsel, Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman, State Legal Advisor (Negeri Sembilan), and Commissioner of Law Revision & Law Reform. She was the first Judge of the Construction Court in Kuala Lumpur and recently retired from the Federal Court. She was the Director of AIAC from August 2024 to December 2025. Dato' Mary is now the President of the AIAC Court of Arbitration.



Ar. Tiong Kian Boon

PAM Arbitrator

Ar. Tiong Kian Boon has served as arbitrator in more than 50 construction and professional practice disputes since 1985, and has delivered an equal number of awards, including Consent and Ex Parte Awards. Over four decades of practice, he has witnessed the evolution of Malaysian arbitration from a modest profession-driven process to a more sophisticated and structured regime. His appointments have been made by the President of PAM, by parties directly, and by the President of the Board of Architects Malaysia. A long-time member of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, Ar. Tiong continues to contribute to the field through his extensive experience as a PAM Arbitrator and practitioner committed to improving efficiency in arbitration proceedings.



Tan Sri Datuk Panglima David Wong Dak Wah

*Chairman, BICAM
PAM Arbitrator*

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima David Wong Dak Wah read law at University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. He also obtained a B.Com (majoring in accountancy) from the same University.

From 1978 to 1979, Tan Sri Datuk David was attached to a Public Accounting Firm in Sydney as a qualified auditor. In 1979 he was admitted as a Barrister of the New South Wales Supreme Court in Australia. Tan Sri David was in private practice from 1979 until 2005 in Sabah and Sydney, Australia. On 29 August 2005, Tan Sri David was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak in Kuching and elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak with effect from 11 April 2007. On 15 January 2009, Tan Sri David was transferred to the High Court of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, until his elevation to the Court of Appeal Malaysia on 8 January 2013, where he headed the Construction Court. He was appointed as Judge of the Federal Court on 27 April 2018 and Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak on 11 July 2018. Tan Sri David retired as the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak on 19 February 2020.

He is now attached to Chang and Wong Partners, Advocates and Solicitors as the Legal Consultant doing advisory works, especially on court-related matters. He also acts as an Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator. He is also the Chairman of Borneo International Centre of Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM).



Sitpah Selvaratnam

*Independent Arbitrator
(FCIArb, FMI Arb, DIPICarb)*

Sitpah Selvaratnam has extensive experience as Presiding Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Sole Arbitrator. She has been appointed in more than 50 disputes, by arbitral institutions, parties and co-arbitrators under the AIAC, SIAC, HKIAC, LMAA and DIAC Rules, and in ad hoc arbitrations seated in Delhi, London, Singapore and Malaysia.

Her appointments involve charterparties, shipping and maritime disputes; international trade and commodities disputes; and commercial and contractual disputes, including shareholder and construction disputes.

Ms. Selvaratnam was a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration as Court Member for Malaysia from July 2018 to June 2024; and was a Court Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration from July 2019 to May 2025.

Ms. Selvaratnam holds a LLB (University of Wales), a LLM (University of Cambridge), and a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators). She practiced as an Advocate & Solicitor in Malaysia for 33 years before becoming an Independent Arbitrator in 2024.

Chan Kheng Hoe

*Advocate & Solicitor
PAM Arbitrator*

Chan Kheng Hoe is a construction lawyer with over 20 years of experience in arbitration and litigation, focusing exclusively on construction and engineering disputes. He brings a practical understanding of legal, technical, and project management issues to every case.

He serves on the Contracts and Practices Committee of the Master Builders Association of Malaysia (MBAM) and contributed to the CIDB Standard Form of Contracts 2022, introducing early warning systems, compensation events, and dispute avoidance boards. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kheng Hoe also sits as an arbitrator, adjudicator, and mediator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), and as a mediator and assessor for the Malaysian International Mediation Centre (MIMC).



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PROGRAMME

08:30 AM - 09:00 AM

BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

09:00 AM - 09:10 AM

Opening remarks by the PAM President

9:10 AM - 09:40 AM

Keynote Address by Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan

"Delivering Justice Without Delay: Raising Standards in PAM Arbitration"

9:40 AM - 10:10 AM

Session 1 by Tan Sri David Wong Dak Wah

"Case Management for Expediency: Tools to Keep Arbitrations on Track"

10:10 AM - 10:40 AM

Session 2 by Sitpah Selvaratnam

"Awards that Speak Clearly: Practical Skills for Brevity"

10:40 AM - 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Session 3 by Ar. Tiong Kian Boon

"When the Train Derails: Responding to Scuttling Tactics"

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Panel Discussion with fellow Speakers

Moderator: Mr Chan Kheng Hoe

"Efficiency as the Way Forward"

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

Photo Taking Session and Token Presentation

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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