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INTRODUCTION



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ADR Vietnam Chambers is pleased to present its Quarter III/2026 Newsletter, covering key developments in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution from July to September 2026.

During the quarter, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung maintained an active caseload of 13 ongoing arbitrations, concluded two cases and received four new appointments. Beyond casework, he represented VIFCA in institutional engagements with VBLC and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and spoke at Singapore Convention Week 2026. ADR Vietnam Chambers also partnered with VIAC to launch the first two VAS Crossover 2026 webinars on construction arbitration and M&A and financial arbitration. This issue further introduces two new research publications and previews the forthcoming webinars on maritime arbitration and the CISG.

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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITIES



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Q3 2026 at a Glance: Sustained Activity Across Ongoing Proceedings

In the Q3 of 2026, Arbitrator Nguyen Manh Dzung concluded two arbitration cases within the applicable procedural time limits and received four new appointments by different Claimants in construction, M&A and sale of goods disputes. He currently serves in 13 arbitrations across various commercial sectors, five of which are proceeding under extended procedural timetables.

The quarter involved substantial work at different stages of proceedings, including written submissions, case management, evidentiary hearings, tribunal deliberations and the preparation of decisions and awards. The extended timetables in several cases reflect their factual and legal complexity, as well as the need for coordination among the parties and tribunal members.

Alongside his leadership responsibilities at VIFCA and other professional commitments, Mr Dzung serves as co-arbitrator rather than presiding arbitrator in most active cases. Their progress and the timing of awards therefore depend on the tribunal's collective work and the applicable procedural schedule. The number of cases concluded in any quarter represents only part of his continuing arbitration workload.



LAWYER, ARBITRATOR
NGUYEN MANH DZUNG

Lawyer, Arbitrator Nguyen Manh Dzung maintained a busy schedule in Q3/2026

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Represents VIFCA in Signing Cooperation Agreement with VBLC

From 7 to 9 August 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung attended the 2026 Annual Retreat of the Vietnam Business Lawyers Club (VBLC) in Hoi An together with more than 80 lawyers and representatives from law firms across Vietnam.

During the event, Mr Dzung participated in a panel discussion on the potential impact of the proposed amendments to the Law on Lawyers on Vietnam's legal services market. He also supported the establishment of a dedicated VBLC working group on law firm governance to provide practical assistance to its members.

Representing the Vietnam International Financial Centre (VIFC)'s International Arbitration Centre (VIFCA), Mr Dzung signed a Memorandum of Understanding with VBLC. The signing was witnessed by representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Da Nang International Financial Centre and the Bar Associations of Hanoi, Da Nang and Dong Nai. The agreement provides a framework for future cooperation between VIFCA and Vietnam's growing international business law community.



Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung, representing the VIFCA, signs the Memorandum of Understanding between VIFCA and VBLC at the VBLC 2026 Annual Meeting in Hoi An.

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Represents VIFCA at Working Meeting with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in Hanoi

On 10 August 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung represented the VIFC International Arbitration Centre (VIFCA) at a working meeting with representatives of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at its Hanoi Office.

Building on earlier exchanges between Former Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Hoa Binh and the PCA Secretary-General, as well as between Mr Dzung and the Secretary-General, the meeting sought to identify priority areas for institutional cooperation and explore the possible conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding between VIFCA and the PCA. The discussions covered potential PCA support for VIFCA's operational planning and budget development, training of Secretariat personnel in arbitral case management, recommendations of reputable international arbitrators and prospective Council members, and access to the PCA's hearing rooms and facilities in Hanoi. The parties also discussed possible cooperation in connection with VIFCA's forthcoming official launch.

The exchange was also meaningful given Mr. Dzung's longstanding engagement with international arbitration standards, including his contribution as co-author of Vietnam Chapter of ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration and translation of ICCA's Guide to the Interpretation of the 1958 New York Convention for judges. The documents may be accessed via the links at [here](#) and [here](#).



The meeting took place at PCA's Hanoi office

ADR Vietnam Chambers' Arbitral Secretaries Join the VIFCA Secretariat and Help Lay the Centre's Foundations

During the quarter, arbitral secretaries from ADR Vietnam Chambers continued to contribute to the establishment of VIFCA through their participation in the VIFCA Secretariat. Their work supports both the practical operation of the Secretariat and the development of the Centre's procedural framework.

Mr Pham Duong Hoang Phuc has focused on implementing the practical administrative and operational activities of the VIFCA Secretariat. His work contributes to developing the internal working arrangements, coordination mechanisms and administrative processes required for the Secretariat's day-to-day operation and future administration of arbitration cases.

Mr Doan Huu Kien, as a member of the Drafting Committee, has assisted in drafting the VIFCA Arbitration Rules and researching leading international arbitration standards, soft-law instruments and institutional practices for possible reference by VIFCA. This work supports the development of a modern procedural framework that reflects both Vietnam's legal requirements and internationally recognised arbitral practices.

Together, these contributions help lay the operational and procedural foundations for a professional, effective and internationally oriented arbitration centre.



*The SIHUB Building in Ho Chi Minh City,
which houses VIFCA's headquarters*

II.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Attends IBA Task Force Roundtable on Arbitrator Nationality in Singapore

In August 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung, a member of the IBA Task Force on “The Nationality of the Arbitrator as a Proxy for Independence and Impartiality”, attended the Task Force’s regional roundtable in Singapore.

Established in August 2025, the Task Force brings together more than 40 members from around the world to examine how arbitrator nationality is treated under national laws, institutional rules, appointment practices, and arbitral and court decisions. Its research is complemented by regional roundtables and surveys involving arbitral institutions and users of commercial, investment and sports arbitration.

The Singapore roundtable provided an opportunity for Task Force members and regional practitioners to discuss how nationality considerations operate in practice and whether nationality remains an appropriate means of safeguarding arbitrator independence and impartiality. The insights gathered will contribute to the Task Force’s research and eventual recommendations to the international arbitration community.



IBA Task Force
“The Nationality of the Arbitrator as a Proxy for Independence and Impartiality”

The Task Force’ logo

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Speaks on Arbitration Reform and VIFC at Singapore Convention Week 2026

On 27 August 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung, Director of ADR Vietnam Chambers LLC and Chairman of VIFCA, spoke at Panel 1, “Arbitration Reform & the VIFC”, during the event “Let’s Talk About Vietnam: Arbitration Reform, the VIFC and the Construction Law 2025” at Maxwell Chambers, Singapore.

Mr Dzung discussed the emerging dispute-resolution framework for the Vietnam IFC and VIFCA’s role in strengthening international investors’ confidence. He explained that the framework is founded on two complementary pillars: a specialised court and VIFCA, an international arbitration centre designed in accordance with international standards and practices.

Central to his remarks was the objective of building “trust” through “freedom of choice”: the freedom to select the governing law, legal counsel and arbitrators, as well as the appropriate dispute-resolution forum. Mr Dzung emphasised that, within this open and competitive framework, VIFCA must attract users through the quality, professionalism and reliability of its services.



Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung shares his perspectives on arbitration reform and VIFCA's role in the Vietnam International Financial Centre at Singapore Convention Week 2026

Mr Nguyen Manh Dung Moderates VAS Crossover 2026 Webinar on Construction Arbitration

On 11 September 2026, the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and ADR Vietnam Chambers, in collaboration with the Society of Construction Law – Viet Nam, hosted the inaugural webinar of VAS Crossover 2026, “Specialised Arbitration in Focus”, on construction arbitration.

Dr Christopher To Wing delivered a guest lecture on managing complex proceedings, documentary evidence and expert issues. Mr Nguyen Manh Dung moderated the panel discussion with leading construction law specialists, arbitrators and VIAC representatives.

The programme examined tribunal constitution, joinder and consolidation under the VIAC Rules 2026, document production, Redfern and Scott Schedules, expert reports, witness conferencing and hot-tubbing. It also considered dispute boards, multi-tiered clauses, liquidated damages under Vietnam’s Construction Law 2025, and the drafting of effective arbitration agreements in FIDIC and NEC contracts. The webinar combined international best practices with domestic experience to address the increasing complexity of construction disputes.



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WEBINAR

SPECIALISED ARBITRATION IN FOCUS #01: CONSTRUCTION ARBITRATION

11th September 2026 3.00 PM – 5.00 PM Virtual event Zoom Platform Language English

Session 01: GUEST LECTURE
Construction Arbitration in Practice: Managing Complex Proceedings, Evidence & Expert Issues

Session 02: PANEL DISCUSSION
Resolving Construction Disputes through Arbitration: Procedural Tools, Evidence Management & Vietnam Practice

MR. VU ANH DUONG
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MR. NGUYEN MANH DZUNG
Director of ADR Vietnam Chambers LLC

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Mr Nguyen Manh Dung Moderates VAS Crossover 2026 Webinar on M&A and Financial Arbitration

On 25 September 2026, VIAC and ADR Vietnam Chambers hosted the second webinar of VAS Crossover 2026 on M&A and financial arbitration.

Professor Georges Affaki delivered the guest lecture on contractual issues, procedural mechanisms and specialised dispute-resolution frameworks. Mr Nguyen Manh Dung moderated the panel discussion with Mr Phung Anh Tuan, Ms Nguyen Thi Thanh Minh and Ms Vu Thi Hang.

The programme examined disputes arising from representations and warranties, price adjustments, covenants and put options, as well as banking, securities, investment management, FinTech, insurance and capital-market transactions. The speakers also considered multi-party and multi-contract arbitration, interim measures, expedited procedures, preliminary determination, expert evidence and the ISDA Master Agreement. The discussion also revolved around 2016 ICC Commission Report on Financial Institutions and International Arbitration, which you can find [here](#).



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WEBINAR

SPECIALISED ARBITRATION IN FOCUS #02: M&A AND FINANCIAL ARBITRATION

3.00 PM – 5.00 PM
25th Sep 2026

LIVE Virtual event
Zoom Platform

Language
English

CONTENT

Session 01: GUEST LECTURE
M&A and Financial Arbitration: Contractual issues, Procedural Mechanisms and Specialised Dispute Resolution Frameworks

Session 02: PANEL DISCUSSION
M&A and Financial Arbitration in Practice: From Transaction Clauses to Procedural Strategy

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Chief of Secretariat/ Deputy Secretary General, Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)

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MS. NGUYEN THI THANH MINH
Partner, Head of Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice, APFL Partners

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Scan the QR Code or access <https://bit.ly/VAS2026topic02> for registration and further details about **the Webinar #02**

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Attends Training on Dispute Resolution in International Financial Centres

On 18 September 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung attended a training programme on dispute resolution in international financial centres, jointly organised by the Law Society of England and Wales and the Vietnam Bar Federation in Ho Chi Minh City.

The programme examined the legal and procedural framework for resolving international financial disputes, with particular attention to interim measures granted by international judges and arbitral tribunals to preserve assets, evidence and the effectiveness of financial transactions. It also considered relevant principles and precedents developed under English law.

Although attending as a participant rather than a speaker, Mr Dzung contributed several observations during the discussions on arbitration and the use of interim relief in financial disputes. The programme provided VIFCA members with a valuable opportunity to strengthen their understanding of the judicial and arbitral mechanisms required for an effective international financial centre.



Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung and VIFCA representatives attend the training programme on dispute resolution in international financial centres

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Attends VIFC Da Nang Conference on Policy Dialogue and the Development of Modern Financial Instruments

On 8 September 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung attended a conference on policy dialogue and the development of financial instruments for the Vietnam International Financial Centre in Da Nang.

The conference provided a forum for public authorities, financial-sector representatives and legal professionals to exchange views on the policies, regulatory conditions and financial instruments required for the effective operation of the financial centre. It also reflected the importance of developing supporting legal and institutional infrastructure alongside new financial products and services.

Mr Dzung's participation formed part of his continuing engagement with the development of the VIFC and its dispute-resolution framework, particularly the need for reliable mechanisms capable of supporting sophisticated domestic and cross-border financial transactions.



Image of the Conference held in Danang

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung Attends Ministry of Justice Consultation on Amendments to the Law on Lawyers

On 8 September 2026, Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung attended a consultation meeting convened by the Ministry of Justice concerning proposed amendments to Vietnam's Law on Lawyers.

The meeting formed part of the legislative consultation process and provided an opportunity for regulators, professional organisations and legal practitioners to discuss issues affecting the legal profession and Vietnam's legal-services market. The proposed reform is particularly relevant to the professional standards, organisation and international integration of legal practice in Vietnam.

Mr Dzung participated in the meeting as an experienced lawyer and arbitration practitioner, contributing practical perspectives developed through his work in domestic and international dispute resolution and his involvement in professional and institutional development.



Image of the online consultation meeting

III.



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



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Research on Challenges to Arbitrators in International Commercial Arbitration

Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung and Ms Dao Linh Chi published the study “Challenges to Arbitrators in International Commercial Arbitration: International and Vietnamese Practice”.

The study examines how challenge mechanisms protect independence and impartiality while preventing their use as delaying tactics. It analyses justifiable doubts, disclosure duties and the objective test for apparent bias, drawing on the UNCITRAL Model Law, leading institutional rules and the 2024 IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest.

Its comparative review covers 24 LCIA decisions, 19 SIAC decisions and the UK Supreme Court’s judgment in *Halliburton v Chubb*. The authors find that challenges rarely succeed when based only on dissatisfaction with procedural decisions. For Vietnam, they recommend a short challenge period, use of the IBA Guidelines in arbitrator declarations and decisions by an independent institutional body. The study also identifies broader lessons for judicial conduct within specialised courts serving international financial centres. The research can be found [here](#).

Phản đối trọng tài viên trong trọng tài thương mại quốc tế

Thực tiễn tố tụng trọng tài quốc tế và Việt Nam

Nguyễn Mạnh Dũng¹ và Đào Linh Chi²

Trong trọng tài thương mại quốc tế, niềm tin của các bên đối với trọng tài viên được thiết lập dựa trên cơ sở **tính độc lập** (*independence*) và **sự vô tư, khách quan** (*impartiality*) của trọng tài viên. Vì trọng tài là cơ chế xét xử “tư” với mức độ bảo mật nhất định, các bên đôi khi không thể tự mình biết được toàn bộ quan hệ nghề nghiệp/ quan hệ kinh tế và lợi ích của trọng tài viên với bên kia hoặc luật sư, chuyên gia có liên quan trong vụ tranh chấp. Do đó, hệ thống pháp luật và quy tắc tố tụng phải đồng thời giải hai bài toán: (i) bảo vệ tính liêm chính tố tụng (*integrity*) bằng cơ chế phản đối hiệu quả; (ii) tránh bị lạm dụng phản đối để trì hoãn hoặc “đánh sập” hội đồng trọng tài.

“Phản đối trọng tài viên” (challenge of arbitrators) là cơ chế tố tụng trung tâm nhằm bảo vệ tính độc lập và vô tư, khách quan của người ban hành phán quyết; nhưng đôi khi lại dễ bị lạm dụng như một chiến thuật trì hoãn hoặc thành lập lại Hội đồng trọng tài. Nghiên cứu này tiếp cận dưới

¹ Ông Nguyễn Mạnh Dũng là Luật sư sáng lập kiêm Giám đốc Công ty Luật TNHH Tư vấn Độc lập (Dzung&rt & Associates), một công ty luật được thành lập năm 2000 và được xếp hạng cao trên nhiều bảng xếp hạng quốc tế. Ông Dũng thuộc thế hệ luật sư thương mại đầu tiên của Việt Nam, với hơn 30 năm kinh nghiệm hành nghề tại các tổ chức hành nghề luật sư trong nước và quốc tế, cùng hơn 25 năm kinh nghiệm điều hành công ty luật. Ông Dũng cũng là chuyên gia tích cực tham gia vào hoạt động xây dựng pháp luật, là thành viên Tổ soạn thảo Luật Trọng tài thương mại 2010 và Nghị định 22/2017/NĐ-CP về hóa giải thương mại. Hiện nay, ông Dũng được Bộ Tư pháp bổ nhiệm làm Chủ tịch Trung tâm Trọng tài Quốc tế thuộc Trung tâm Tài chính Quốc tế tại Việt Nam (VIFCA).

² Bà Đào Linh Chi là Trợ lý Trọng tài tại ADR Vietnam Chambers, nơi bà đảm nhiệm vai trò Trợ lý hỗ trợ thực hiện các nghiên cứu trong lĩnh vực giải quyết tranh chấp và các lĩnh vực liên quan khác. Bà Chi có bằng Thạc sĩ Luật về Giải quyết Tranh chấp Quốc tế và So sánh tại Trường Trọng tài Quốc tế, Trường Luật Queen Mary, DHTH Luân đôn, Vương quốc Anh, nơi bà tập trung học tập và nghiên cứu về trọng tài quốc tế và phương thức giải quyết tranh chấp thay thế. Hiện nay, bà đảm nhiệm vai trò Thư ký Hội đồng Trọng tài trong các tranh chấp trong nước và quốc tế, đồng thời đã hỗ trợ gần 20 vụ việc trọng tài theo các quy tắc tố tụng trọng tài khác nhau, bao gồm SIAC, KCAB và VIAC. Kinh nghiệm của bà trải rộng trên nhiều lĩnh vực, bao gồm xây dựng, năng lượng, mua bán và sáp nhập, bảo hiểm và mua bán hàng hóa.

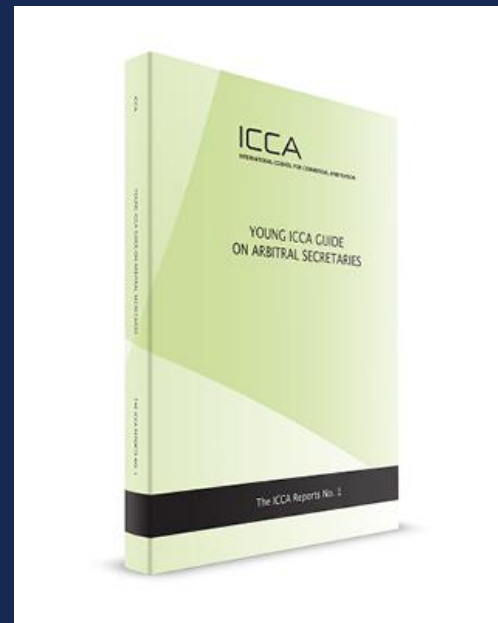
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Research on the Role of Tribunal Secretaries in Arbitration

ADR Vietnam Chambers published a study on the role of tribunal secretaries in arbitration practice. It distinguishes a tribunal secretary, appointed to assist an arbitral tribunal, from the secretariat of an arbitral institution.

The key principle is that a tribunal secretary must never become a “fourth arbitrator”: decision-making remains the tribunal’s non-delegable responsibility. Within that boundary, a secretary may assist with procedural administration, document management, hearing logistics, legal research, communications and drafting non-substantive sections of procedural orders and awards.

The study reviews guidance and rules from the ICC, LCIA, SCC, HKIAC, SIAC and Young ICCA. It considers safeguards such as party consent, disclosure of qualifications, independence and impartiality declarations, confidentiality, defined duties and transparent remuneration. It concludes that professionally trained tribunal secretaries can improve efficiency, reduce administrative errors and support complex cases, while reflecting the broader professionalisation of full-time arbitrators and independent ADR chambers in Vietnam. The publication can be found [here](#).



Cover of the Young ICCA Guide on Arbitral Secretaries, a guide on approach to tribunal secretary use and appointment.

IV.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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Upcoming VAS Crossover 2026 Webinar on Maritime Arbitration

On 2 October 2026, VIAC and ADR Vietnam Chambers will host the third webinar of VAS Crossover 2026, dedicated to maritime arbitration.

Mr Clive H. Aston, a Full Member and former President of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association, will deliver the keynote lecture on the arbitrator's role in drafting arbitral awards, drawing on maritime arbitration practice. Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung will moderate the panel discussion featuring Mr Ngo Khac Le and Mr Dang Viet Anh.

The programme will examine disputes arising from interconnected charterparties, bills of lading, contracts of carriage and logistics agreements. Discussions will address jurisdiction, limitation periods, carrier liability, proof of loss and delivery, applicable law and limitation of liability. The speakers will also consider sanctions, geopolitical disruption, war risks, demurrage, deviation claims, anti-suit injunctions, emergency and interim measures, and the role of P&I insurance in allocating maritime risk. Registration for the event is available at the following [link](#). Find out more about Maritime Law [here](#).


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WEBINAR

SPECIALISED ARBITRATION IN FOCUS #03: MARITIME ARBITRATION


 3.00 PM - 5.00 PM
2nd Oct 2026

 Virtual event
Zoom Platform

 Language
English

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Session 01: GUEST LECTURE
 The Role of an Arbitrator in
 writing arbitral Award - Insights
 from Maritime Arbitration

Session 02: PANEL DISCUSSION

 Maritime Arbitration in Practice:
 From Contractual Structures to
 Procedural Strategy

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 President of the LMAA
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 for registration and further details
 about **the Webinar #03**

Upcoming VAS Crossover 2026 Webinar on the CISG and International Trade Arbitration

On 9 October 2026, VIAC and ADR Vietnam Chambers, supported by CISG Vietnam, will host the fourth VAS Crossover 2026 webinar on the CISG and international trade arbitration.

Professor Dr Yeşim M. Atamer of the University of Zurich and CISG Advisory Council Member will deliver the keynote lecture on the CISG's scope of application and practical issues arising before arbitral tribunals. Mr Dzung will moderate the panel discussion, joined by trade-law practitioners.

The programme will examine matters governed by and excluded from the CISG, party autonomy and the interaction between the Convention and domestic law through Article 7 gap-filling. It will also compare contractual remedies and address force majeure, hardship and risk allocation in response to tariff changes, geopolitical conflict and supply-chain disruption. Combining theoretical analysis with practical experience, the discussion will offer guidance on drafting international sale contracts and presenting CISG-related claims in arbitration. Registration for the event is available at the following [link](#).



The banner features a dark red background with a large, stylized 'X' graphic on the right side. The text is white and yellow. At the top left, it says 'Co-organised by VIAC' with the VIAC logo. Below that is the 'VAS 2026 Crossover' logo. The main text reads 'VIAC'S ARBITRATION SERIES 2026 A series of Talk shows on Specialised Arbitration'. The title of the webinar is 'SPECIALISED ARBITRATION IN FOCUS #04: CISG & International Trade Arbitration'. It specifies the date and time as '3.00 PM - 5.00 PM 9th October 2026' and mentions it is a 'Virtual event Zoom Platform' in 'English'. Two QR codes are provided for registration, with links: 'https://bit.ly/VASCrossover2026' and 'https://bit.ly/VAS2026topic04'.

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SPECIALISED ARBITRATION IN FOCUS
#04: CISG & International Trade Arbitration

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9th October 2026

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for registration and further details
about the Webinar #04

Upcoming Hong Kong Arbitration Week 2026

Hong Kong Arbitration Week 2026 will take place from 19 to 23 October 2026. Marking its 15th edition, HKIAC's flagship annual event will bring together arbitration practitioners, users, academics and other stakeholders from around the world.

The programme will combine conferences, seminars, workshops and networking activities addressing current developments in international arbitration. Key events will include the 20th Kaplan Lecture, the ADR in Asia Conference and GAR Live: Women in Arbitration Asia. Under the theme "Arbitration: Recalibrating for the Future", the ADR in Asia Conference will consider the quality of arbitral decision-making, professional ethics, artificial intelligence and the continuing international character of arbitration. The week will provide a forum for substantive discussion and professional exchange while highlighting Hong Kong's role as a leading arbitral seat in Asia. More information available [here](#).

HONG KONG ARBITRATION WEEK 2026



Upcoming Seoul ADR Festival 2026

Seoul ADR Festival 2026 will take place from 26 to 30 October 2026 in Seoul. First launched in 2015 with the support of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, the festival has developed into an internationally recognised forum for arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

The programme will bring together practitioners, in-house counsel, academics and users through official sessions and partner events examining dispute-resolution practice from different perspectives. It will provide a platform to discuss current developments, exchange practical experience and strengthen professional connections across jurisdictions. The festival will also feature the Seoul Academy for International Arbitration, an intensive training programme offering interactive lectures and case-based workshops on cross-examination, oral advocacy, mediation and award writing, together with KCAB International's arbitrator training. The event reflects Seoul's growing role in the regional and international arbitration community. More information can be found [here](#).

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Mr Nguyen Manh Dzung continued to manage a substantial arbitration caseload during Quarter III/2026. He concluded two cases and received 4 new appointments, while 13 arbitrations remained active at different procedural stages. Much of the quarter's work involved written submissions, evidentiary hearings, tribunal deliberations and the preparation of decisions and awards.

VIFCA's institutional engagement advanced through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vietnam Business Lawyers Club and a working meeting with the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hanoi. At Singapore Convention Week 2026, Mr Dzung discussed VIFCA's role in building investor confidence through party choice, professional services and internationally aligned dispute-resolution mechanisms.

ADR Vietnam Chambers and VIAC launched VAS Crossover 2026 with specialised programmes on construction arbitration and M&A and financial arbitration. Leading international speakers and Vietnamese practitioners examined procedural tools and sector-specific issues arising in complex disputes. The series will continue in October with webinars on maritime arbitration and the CISG in international trade arbitration.

Research activities focused on challenges to arbitrators and the role of tribunal secretaries. Both studies addressed practical safeguards for fair and efficient proceedings and considered how international guidance could support the continuing professionalisation of arbitration practice in Vietnam.

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