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A Special Moment in SIAC's History

2020 was a special moment in SIAC's history, as we set a number of significant milestones. We achieved a new record of 1,080 new case filings, the first time that SIAC's caseload has crossed the symbolic 1,000-case threshold. We launched an office in New York, SIAC's first representative office outside of Asia. A record number of 545 US parties arbitrated their disputes at SIAC.

Of the 1,080 new cases, which included two sets of related cases, 1,063 cases (98%) were administered by SIAC, which is also a record. The remaining 17 cases (2%) were *ad hoc* appointments. 94% of the new cases filed with SIAC in 2020 were international in nature.

Parties from 60 jurisdictions chose to arbitrate at SIAC in 2020. India, US and China topped the foreign user rankings. Other top foreign users encompassed a broad spectrum of civil and common law jurisdictions, including Switzerland, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong SAR, Vietnam, Japan and Cayman Islands.

We reached new milestones in 2020 through careful planning and hard work. We greatly value and appreciate the trust of our users all around the world, which keeps us firmly motivated. On behalf of all of us at SIAC, I would like to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to members of the SIAC Board, the SIAC Court, the Users Council and the YSIAC Committee, as well as our partners and friends in the local and global legal and business communities, for their stellar contributions and continued support.

Lim Seok Hui
Chief Executive Officer



SIAC Year in Review 2020

The following are some highlights from 2020.

Launch of SIAC Americas Office in New York, USA and Announcement of New Record Caseload

In early December 2020, SIAC announced the opening of the SIAC Americas representative office in New York, USA.

This is SIAC's first representative office outside of Asia, and SIAC's fifth overseas representative office.

The official launch of the SIAC Americas office was commemorated by a virtual launch ceremony which featured a keynote speech by Minister K Shanmugam, SC, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore.



Minister K Shanmugam, SC

In his keynote speech at the launch ceremony, Minister Shanmugam announced that SIAC had set a new record in 2020, with 1005 new cases as of 30 October 2020, which included two sets of related cases. SIAC's full caseload for 2020 will be announced sometime in the first half of 2021.



Left to Right: Mr Davinder Singh, SC, and Mr Gary Born at the SIAC Americas virtual launch ceremony

As part of the official launch of the SIAC Americas office, three online panel sessions moderated by SIAC Court President, Mr Gary Born, were broadcasted, focusing on perspectives from the East Coast and West Coast of the USA, as well as Latin America.

The online panels featured arbitration luminaries, including SIAC Court Vice Presidents, Mr Cavinder Bull, SC, and Ms Lucy Reed, SIAC Court members, Ms Catherine Amirfar, Ms Julie Bédard, Mr Nigel Blackaby QC, and Ms Abby Cohen Smutny, as well as SIAC Deputy Chairman, Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, and SIAC Board member, Mr Chong Yee Leong.



Left to Right: Mr Cavinder Bull, SC, Ms Lucy Reed, Ms Catherine Amirfar, Ms Julie Bédard, Mr Nigel Blackaby QC, and Ms Abby Cohen Smutny at the SIAC Americas virtual launch

New SIAC Overseas Representatives for Americas and China

In 2020, SIAC welcomed new overseas representatives for its New York and Shanghai offices.

Mr Zhang Cunyuan was appointed Chief Representative for China and Deputy Head (China). He oversees SIAC’s activities in China with the assistance of Ms Sophia Liu Jianying, Deputy Head (China).

Ms Adriana Uson was appointed Head (Americas) for the newly launched SIAC Americas office.



Left to Right: Mr Zhang Cunyuan and Ms Adriana Uson

Promotions and New Hires in the SIAC Secretariat and Business Development Team

In 2020, SIAC strengthened its Secretariat workforce with two new Associate Counsel hires bringing the total number of lawyers in the Secretariat to fourteen. Our new colleagues are Ms Lynnette Lee and Mr Jayden Zhao, who are both qualified in Singapore.

SIAC Secretariat, Ms Lim Shi Jean, Ms Pauline Low, Mr Piyush Prasad, Mr Kendista Wantah, and Ms Angela Yap, were promoted to Counsel in the SIAC Secretariat in 2020, bringing the total number of Counsel in the Secretariat to seven.

Ms Mah Sue Ann and Ms Perry Wong, who are disputes lawyers qualified in Malaysia and Singapore respectively, joined the business development team at SIAC as Business Development Managers (Legal).

SIAC Virtual Congress 2020

In light of the pandemic, SIAC's flagship event, the SIAC Congress, was held virtually in September 2020 and brought together distinguished members of the judiciary, the SIAC Board of Directors, the SIAC Court of Arbitration, and other leading international arbitration experts.

The SIAC Virtual Congress attracted over 1000 participants from 6 continents.



The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon

Special highlights of the Congress programme included a keynote speech by the Honourable the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore, Mr Sundaresh Menon, on international arbitration and the rule of law, as well as a plenary session titled "International Arbitration: The Challenges and Changing Landscape".

The panellists for the plenary session were Chief Justice Menon, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Singapore, Mr Edwin Tong SC, the Honourable Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court, Justice Anselmo Reyes, SIAC Court President, Mr Gary Born, SIAC Court member, Prof Lawrence Boo, and

Deputy Senior State Counsel, Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore, Ms Natalie Y. Morris-Sharma. SIAC Court member, Mr Toby Landau QC, moderated the session.



Minister Edwin Tong SC



The Honourable Justice Anselmo Reyes



Left to Right: Prof Lawrence Boo, Mr Toby Landau QC, and Ms Natalie Y. Morris-Sharma at the SIAC Virtual Congress 2020

The plenary session was followed by a Lunchtime Chat, a Debate on whether virtual hearings are just as effective as in-person hearings, and a Virtual Hearing Demonstration.

SIAC Academy Goes Virtual

Both editions of the SIAC Academy were held virtually this year.

The first edition of the SIAC Academy, titled “Time and Cost Savers at SIAC: Emergency Arbitration, Expedited Procedure and Early Dismissal” was conducted for the SIAC Indochina Academy on 15-16 October 2020.

The teaching faculty was chaired by SIAC Court President, Mr Gary Born, and featured SIAC Court member, Ms K. Shanti Mogan, as well as leading arbitration practitioners and arbitrators from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.



Left to Right: Ms K. Shanti Mogan, Mr Edmund J. Kronenburg, Mr Pisut Attakamol, Dr Hop Dang, Mr Minn Naing Oo, Mr K. Luan Tran, Ms Delphine Ho, and Mr Kevin Nash at the SIAC Indochina Academy

The second edition of the SIAC Academy, titled “The Making of an Advocate and an Arbitrator”, was conducted for the SIAC China Academy on 20-21 August 2020, the SIAC North East Asia Academy on 10-11 September 2020 and the SIAC South Asia Academy on 6-7 November 2020.

The teaching faculties were chaired by SIAC Court President, Mr Gary Born, and featured SIAC Board and Court members, YSIAC Committee members, as well as leading arbitration practitioners and arbitrators from those regions.

The SIAC Board and Court members who participated in the SIAC China Academy were Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, Prof Lawrence Boo, Mr Cao Lijun, and Ms Jessica Fei.



Left to Right: Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, Mr Cao Lijun, Ms Jessica Fei, Dr Helena Chen, Dr Michael Hwang, SC, and Mr Thio Shen Yi, SC, at the SIAC China Academy

The SIAC Board and Court members who participated in the SIAC North East Asia Academy were Mr Chong Yee Leong, Mr John P. Bang, Dr Eun Young Park, Mr Toby Landau QC, Mr Hiroyuki Tezuka, and Mr Alan Thambiayah.



Left to Right: Mr John P. Bang, Dr Eun Young Park, Mr Hiroyuki Tezuka, Mr Alan Thambiayah, Mr Chong Yee Leong, and Ms Yoshimi Ohara at the SIAC North East Asia Academy

The SIAC Court members who participated in the SIAC South Asia Academy were Prof Bernard Hanotiau, Mr Tejas Karia, Mr Darius J. Khambata, SC, and Ms Shaneen Parikh.



Left to Right: The Honourable Justice A.K. Sikri (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court), Prof Bernard Hanotiau, Mr Darius J. Khambata, SC, Mr Tejas Karia, Ms Shaneen Parikh and Mr Ajmalul Hossain QC at the SIAC South Asia Academy

“SIAC and Institutional Arbitration” Module Goes Global

For the third year running, the “SIAC and Institutional Arbitration” module was conducted at the National University of Singapore (NUS) law faculty in September.

For the first time, a joint edition of the SIAC module was conducted in China in collaboration with Fudan University Law School (Fudan) and East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) in October.

The SIAC module was also conducted in India at the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law, Hyderabad in November.

Online editions of the modules were held in light of the pandemic and involved SIAC Board and Court members based in multiple time zones. The SIAC module introduced participants to the role and function of arbitral institutions in guiding and shaping the practice and development of international arbitration, and to the complex issues that arbitral institutions face in the administration of arbitrations, including, among others, the appointment of arbitrators and the issuance of arbitral rules and practice notes.

SIAC Court President, Mr Gary Born, was the course convenor for all three SIAC modules.

The lecturers for the module at NUS were SIAC Chairman, Mr Davinder Singh, SC, SIAC Deputy Chairman, Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, SIAC Board member, Mr Chong Yee Leong, SIAC Court Vice President, Ms Lucy Reed, SIAC Court members, Dr Claudia Annacker and Prof Lawrence Boo, as well as the SIAC Secretariat.

The lecturers for the SIAC module at Fudan and ECUPL included SIAC Deputy Chairman, Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, SIAC Board member, Mr David Liu Dali, SIAC Court members, Dr Claudia Annacker, Ms Julie Bédard, Prof Lawrence Boo and Mr Cao Lijun.

The lecturers for the SIAC module at NALSAR included SIAC Board member, Mr Chong Yee Leong, SIAC Court members, Dr Claudia Annacker, Prof Lawrence Boo, Mr Tejas Karia, Mr Darius J. Khambata, SC, and Ms Shaneen Parikh.

In addition to the SIAC module, guest lectures were also conducted remotely at ECUPL, Fudan, Gujarat National Law University, Keio University, Kyushu University, NALSAR, National Law School, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Thammasat University (TU), and Yonsei University.

SIAC International Arbitration Webinar Series and Partnerships

In April 2020, at the start of the circuit breaker in Singapore, SIAC launched the SIAC International Arbitration Webinar Series. A total of 66 webinars were held since 2020.

These webinars include webinars on virtual hearings and related issues, webinars with the SIAC Secretariat on SIAC case administration during COVID-19, as well as topical legal issues.

In addition to the above webinar series, a number of joint webinars were held with the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC), Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Centre (BAC/BIAC), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA), KCAB International, New York University School of Law, and New York International Arbitration Centre (NYIAC).



Left to Right: Justice Francesco Cortesi (Judge, Italian Supreme Court), Mr Alvin Yeo, SC, Prof Gary F. Bell, Prof Franco Ferrari, Dr Friedrich Rosenfeld, and Prof Marco Torsello at the joint SIAC-NYU School of Law webinar titled, "CISG in International Arbitration"



Left to Right: Mr Thomas R. Snider, Mr Reza Mohtashami QC, Prof Dr Nayla Comair-Obeid, Mr Adrian Tan, and Mr Ian de Vaz at the SIAC Middle East Webinar titled, "Post-COVID: The Future of International Arbitration"

SIAC also held a hybrid event with the Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (JIDRC) in December 2020 that offered participants the option to participate virtually or to attend physically at JIDRC's premises in Tokyo.

Prior to the pandemic, in February 2020, SIAC held the SIAC-ADGM Arbitration Conference in Abu Dhabi.

These events and webinars featured members of the SIAC Board and Court, SIAC Secretariat, as well as other eminent international arbitration experts.

In 2020, SIAC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC) and the Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC). MOUs were also signed with Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law, Fudan, Keio University Law School and TU Faculty of Law.



Left to Right: Mr Lin Ningbo, Mr Li Yongli, Mr Wang Xuelin, Mr Alex Fan, Dr Ellis See, and Ms Lim Seok Hui at the SIAC-HIAC Signing Ceremony

YSIAC Writing Competition, Workshops and Events

Instead of the annual essay competition, the inaugural YSIAC Writing Competition 2020 was held. This new format required participants to prepare written submissions for a mock arbitration. 84 entries from 25 jurisdictions were received.

The prize winners for Best Claimant, Mr Alvin Tan, and Best Respondent, Mr Choo Hao Ren, Lyndon, were given the opportunity to role play as mock counsel, and presented their winning submissions at a YSIAC webinar before a mock Tribunal, comprising SIAC Deputy Chairman, Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, SIAC Court member, Ms Julie Bédard, and Mr Joaquin P. Terceño, Counsel, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Tokyo).

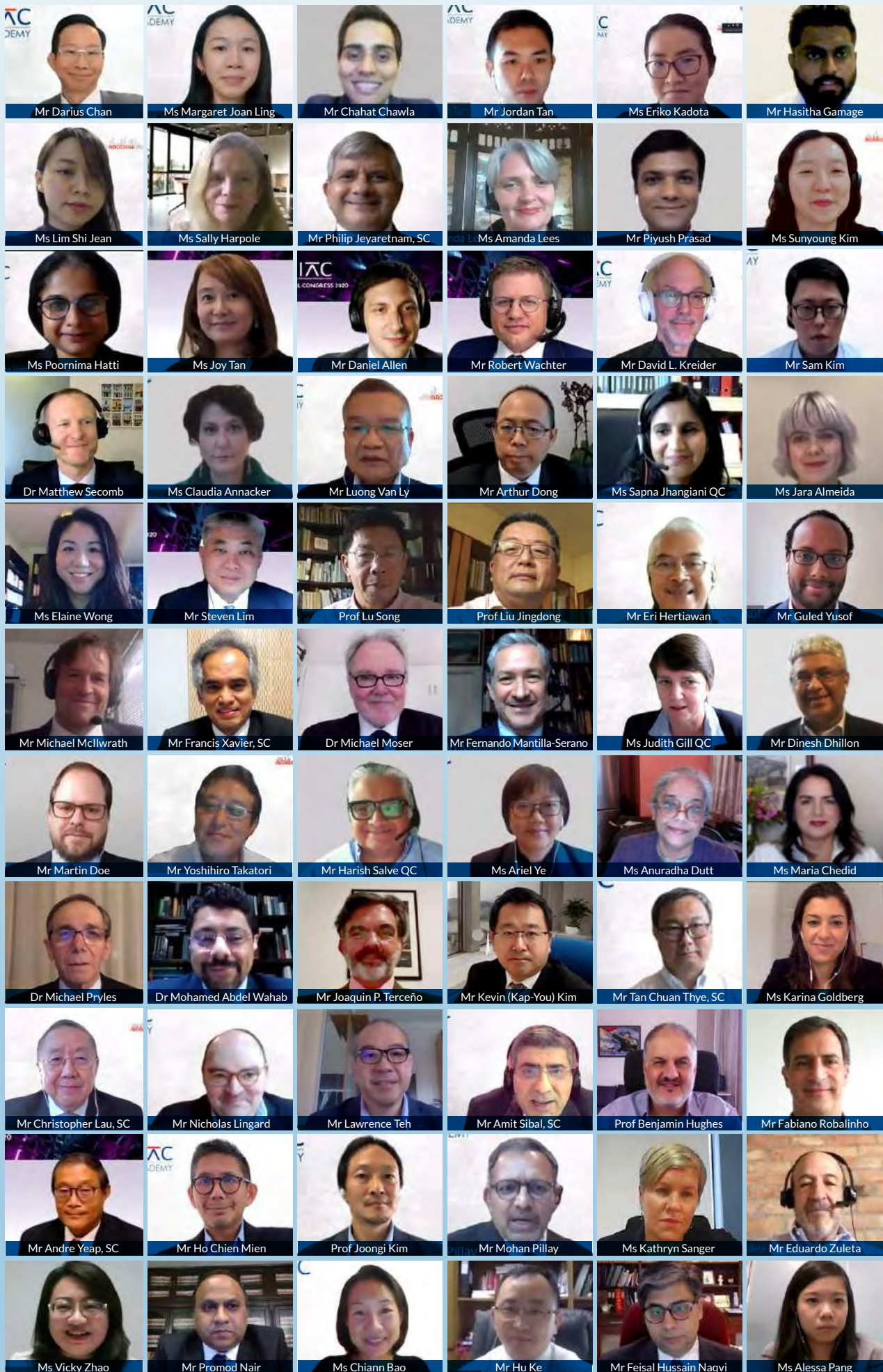
YSIAC also held various webinars under the banner of the SIAC International Arbitration Webinar Series. These webinars included a mock arbitration, a debate on whether artificial intelligence will eventually replace arbitral tribunals, and panel discussions. Panel session topics included “Professional Development and Building Your Brand in Uncertain Times”, and “On Gender Diversity in Arbitral Appointments and Proceedings”.

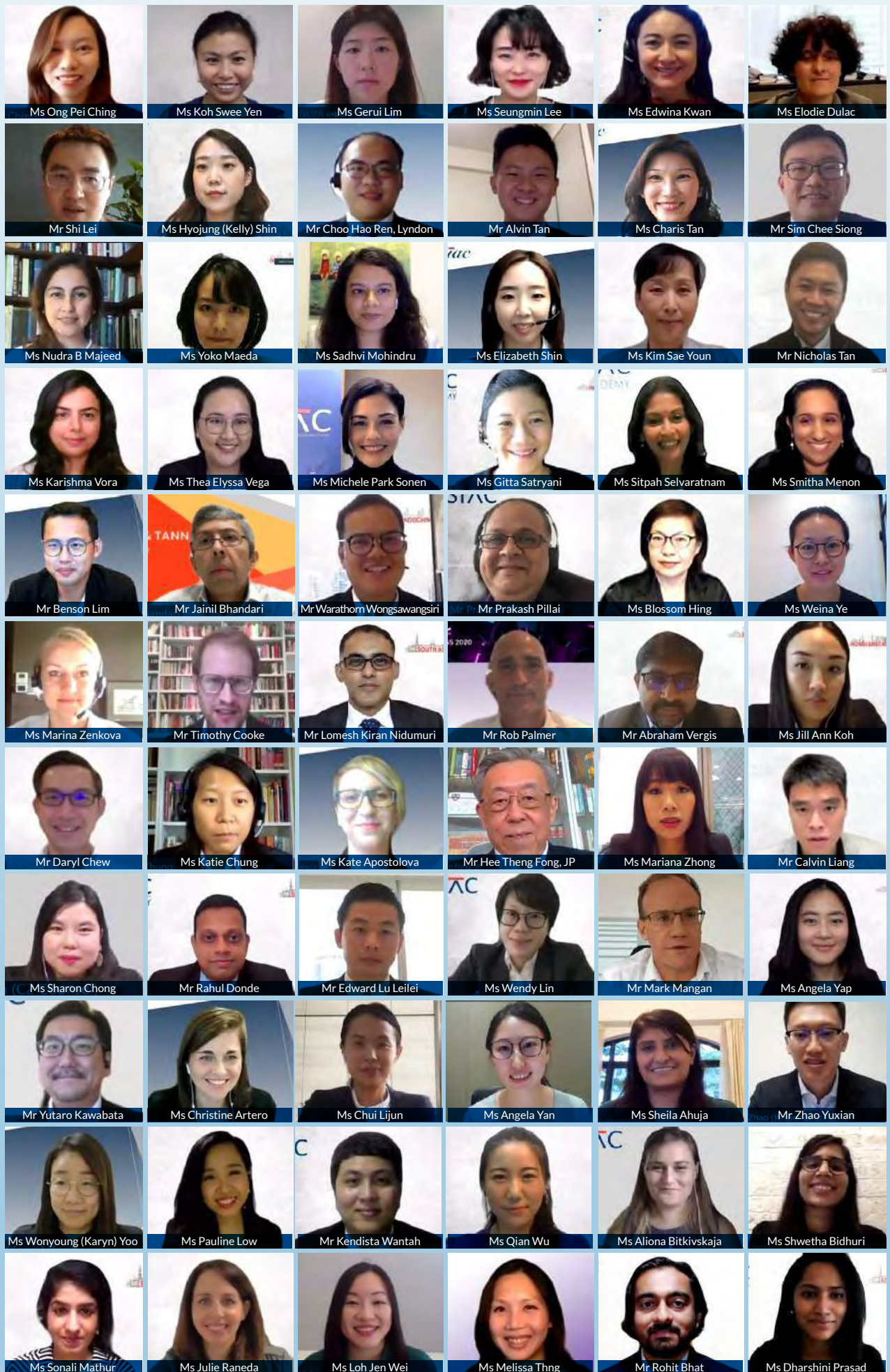


Left to Right: The Honourable Justice Kumar Kamal (Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Fiji), Ms Gloria Lim, Ms Christina Pak, Mr Jonathan Lim and Mr Paul Tan at the YSIAC Webinar titled, “Capacity Building in International Arbitration: The South Pacific Experience”

Joint webinars were held with the Equal Representation in Arbitration (ERA) group, Japan In-House Lawyers Association (JILA), Young ICSID, and the Young Quantity Surveyor (YQS) of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) Quantity Surveyor Division.

In February 2020, the YSIAC-ADGM Advocacy Workshop was held in-person in Abu Dhabi, and featured a mock cross-examination of witnesses.





2020 At a Glance

1,080

new cases handled by SIAC

1,063

SIAC-administered cases

17

Ad hoc appointments

USD8.49 billion

total sum in dispute
(SGD11.25 billion)



2020 At a Glance

5

Early Dismissal (ED) applications in 2020
(2 allowed to proceed
under Rule 29.3 of SIAC Rules 2016)

35

ED applications since 2016
(20 allowed to proceed
under Rule 29.3 of SIAC Rules 2016
(10 granted))

20

Emergency Arbitrator (EA) applications in 2020
(all accepted)

114

EA applications since 2010
(all accepted)

88

Expedited Procedure (EP) applications in 2020
(37 accepted)

622

EP applications since 2010
(361 accepted)

69

Consolidation applications in 2020
(36 granted)

248

Consolidation applications since 2016
(150 granted)

6

Joinder applications in 2020
(2 granted)

36

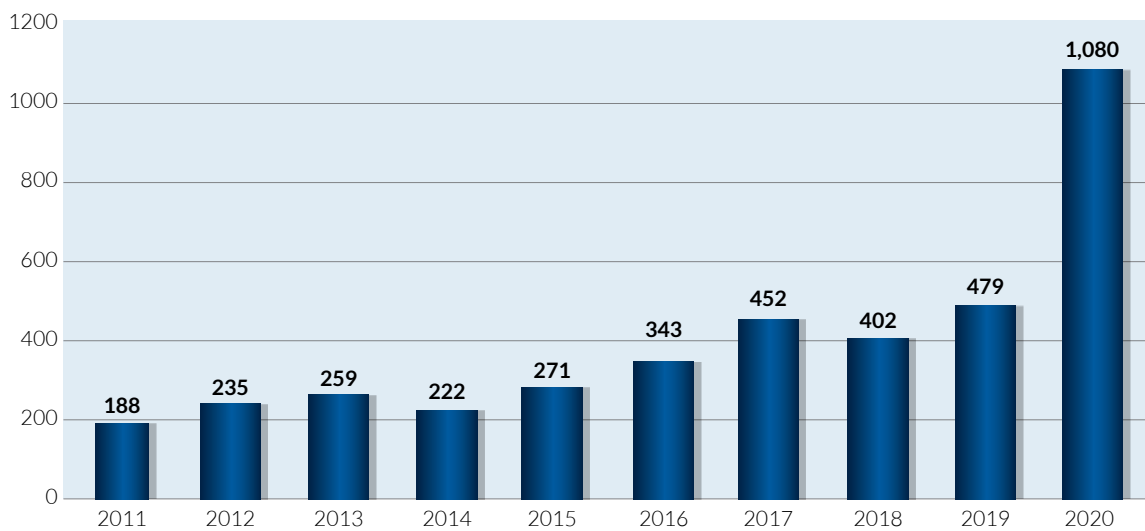
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(20 granted)

New Cases

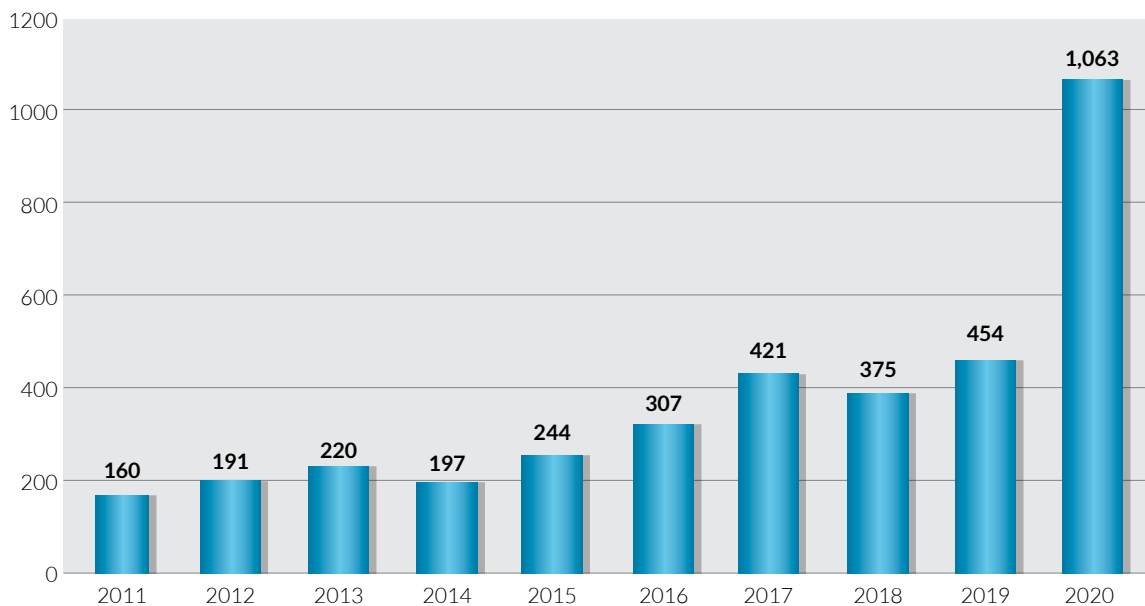
SIAC set a new record in 2020, with 1,080 new case filings, the highest since SIAC commenced operations in 1991. This figure represents a 125% increase from the 479 new cases filed in 2019 and a 169% increase from the 402 new cases filed in 2018. 2020 also saw the highest ever number of administered cases filed with SIAC, with 1,063 such cases registered at the Centre. SIAC has seen new case filings increase by more than 5 times in the last decade.

Of the 1,080 new cases, 1,063 (98%) were cases administered by SIAC, which is also a new record. The remaining 17 (2%) cases were *ad hoc* appointments.

Total Number of New Cases Handled by SIAC (2011-2020)



Total Number of New SIAC-Administered Cases (2011-2020)



Sum in Dispute

The total sum in dispute for all new case filings with SIAC amounted to USD8.49 billion (SGD11.25 billion)*. The total sum in dispute for new SIAC-administered cases amounted to USD8.37 billion (SGD11.09 billion)*.

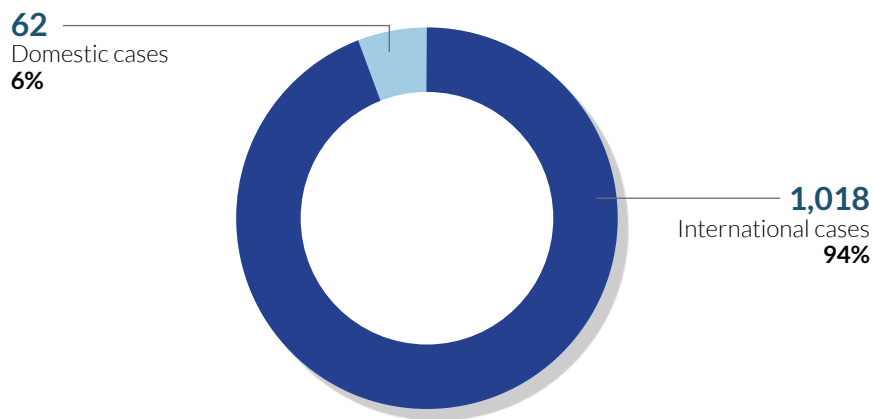
The average value for all new case filings was USD19.26 million (SGD25.51 million)*, and the average value for new SIAC-administered cases was USD19.65 million (SGD26.03 million)*. The highest sum in dispute for a single administered case was USD0.93 billion (SGD1.23 billion)*.

*The currency exchange rate adopted for all USD conversions was the rate as at 31 December 2020.

Geographical Origin of Parties

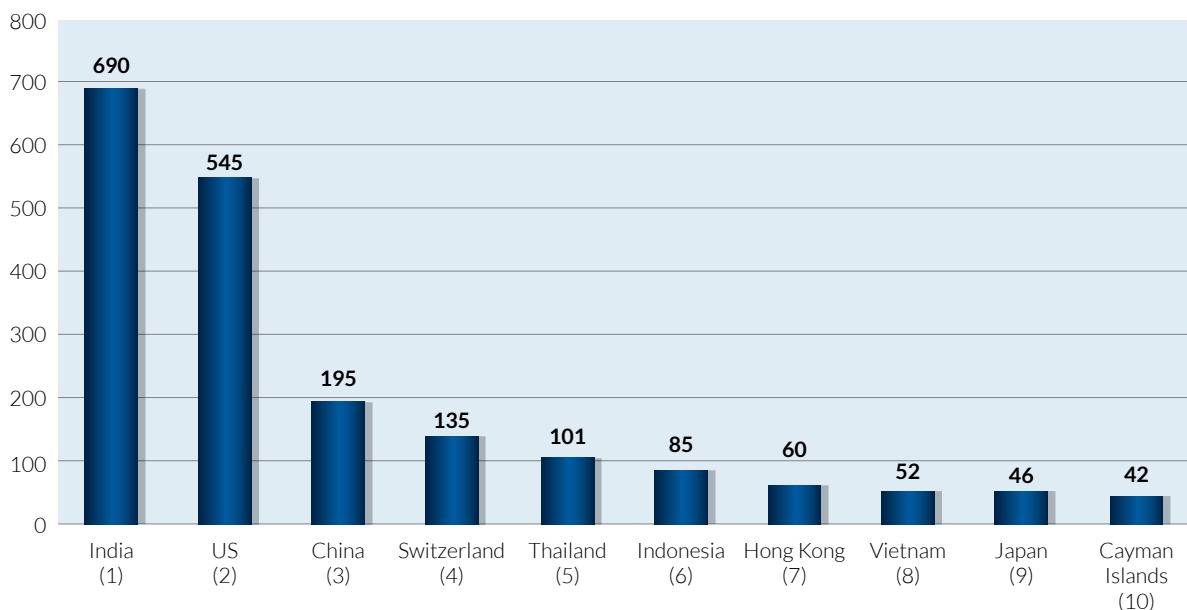
94% (1,018) of new cases filed with SIAC in 2020 were international in nature.

International and Domestic Cases Handled by SIAC in 2020



The following chart depicts the top 10 foreign users at SIAC in 2020:

Top Ten Foreign Users at SIAC in 2020



In 2020, India, US and China topped the foreign user rankings. There was a significant increase in the number of parties from the US, Switzerland, Vietnam and Cayman Islands compared to 2019.

SIAC received cases from parties from 60 jurisdictions, which are detailed below. One of the cases in 2020 involved a sovereign state.

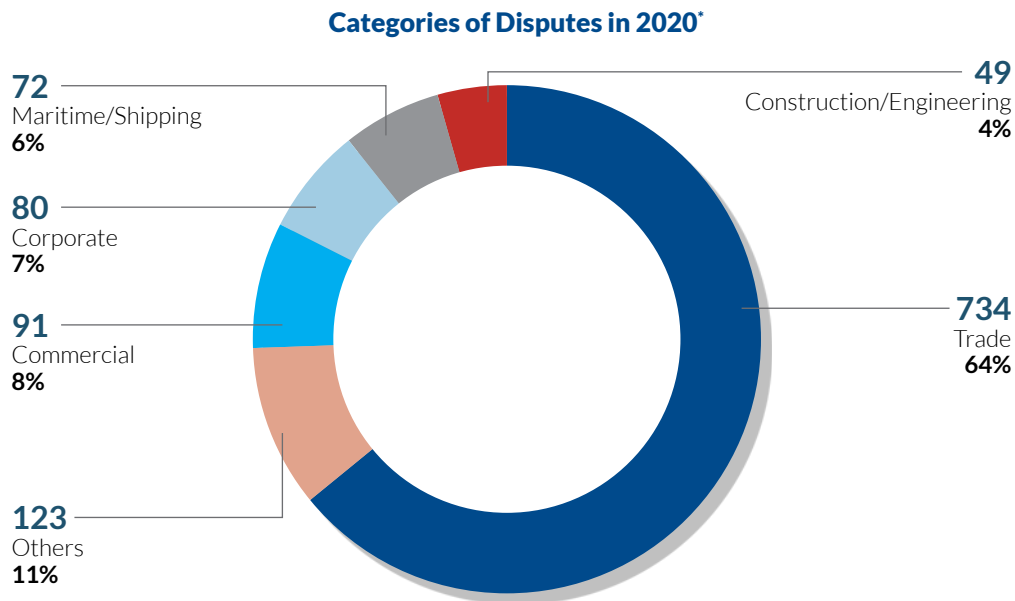
Geographical Origin of Parties for New Cases Handled in 2020

		C	R	Total
Americas				
1	Belize	1	0	1
2	Bermuda	0(+6)	0	0(+6)*
3	British Virgin Islands	17(+1)	9	26(+1)*
4	Canada	1(+2)	1	2(+2)*
5	Cayman Islands	42	0	42
6	Mexico	2	0	2
7	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	0	1
8	US	10(+11)	513(+11)	523(+22)*
Africa				
9	Ghana	0	1	1
10	Mauritius	7	0	7
11	Morocco	0	26	26
12	Mozambique	0	4	4
13	Nigeria	1	0	1
14	Seychelles	0	1	1
15	Uganda	1	0	1
Europe				
16	Belarus	0	1	1
17	Belgium	1	0(+1)	1(+1)*
18	Cyprus	2	4(+1)	6(+1)*
19	Denmark	2(+2)	3	5(+2)*
20	France	1	3(+1)	4(+1)*
21	Germany	5(+1)	7	12(+1)*
22	Greece	0	1	1
23	Italy	0	2	2
24	Monaco	0	2	2
25	Netherlands	3(+1)	3(+2)	6(+3)*
26	Norway	1	0	1
27	Russia	2	1	3
28	Switzerland	4(+1)	5(+125)	9(+126)*
29	United Kingdom	8(+6)	4(+1)	12(+7)*
Asia & Pacific				
30	Australia	15	6(+1)	21(+1)*
31	Azerbaijan	0	1	1
32	Brunei	3	0	3
33	Cambodia	1(+1)	1	2(+1)*
34	China	145(+2)	43(+5)	188(+7)*
35	Hong Kong SAR	18(+8)	32(+2)	50(+10)*
36	India	560(+22)	101(+7)	661(+29)*
37	Indonesia	19(+1)	65	84(+1)*
38	Japan	29(+8)	3(+6)	32(+14)*
39	Macau SAR	1	0	1
40	Malaysia	18(+4)	11	29(+4)*
41	Maldives	3	5	8
42	Marshall Islands	0	2	2
43	Mongolia	1	1	2
44	Myanmar	5	7	12
45	Nepal	0	1	1
46	New Zealand	1	1	2
47	Pakistan	0	4	4
48	Papua New Guinea	0	0(+1)	0(+1)*
49	Philippines	6	8	14
50	Singapore	205(+8)	758(+1)*	963(+9)*
51	South Korea	7(+9)	12(+5)	19(+14)*
52	Sri Lanka	0(+1)	6	6(+1)*
53	Taiwan	10(+1)	4(+1)	14(+2)*
54	Thailand	9	91(+1)	100(+1)*
55	Vietnam	9(+4)	39	48(+4)*
Middle East				
56	Egypt	0	12	12
57	Iran	2	1	3
58	Kuwait	1	0	1
59	Turkey	1	0	1
60	United Arab Emirates	6(+5)	9(+1)	15(+6)*

* Indicates the number of parent companies from this jurisdiction, whose subsidiaries were parties to an arbitration at SIAC but incorporated elsewhere. For example, 1 Australian parent company had subsidiaries which were parties to an arbitration at SIAC.

Sectors

In 2020, parties filed claims across a range of sectors, including, among others, trade, commercial, corporate, maritime/shipping, construction/engineering, agriculture, arts/entertainment, aviation, banking/financial services, commodities, education, employment, energy, healthcare/pharmaceuticals, hospitality/travel, insurance/reinsurance, IP/IT, media/broadcasting, mining, real estate, regulatory, sports, technology/science, telecommunications and treaty interpretation/rights.



* 69 of the cases in 2020 encompassed two categories

Arbitrator Appointments

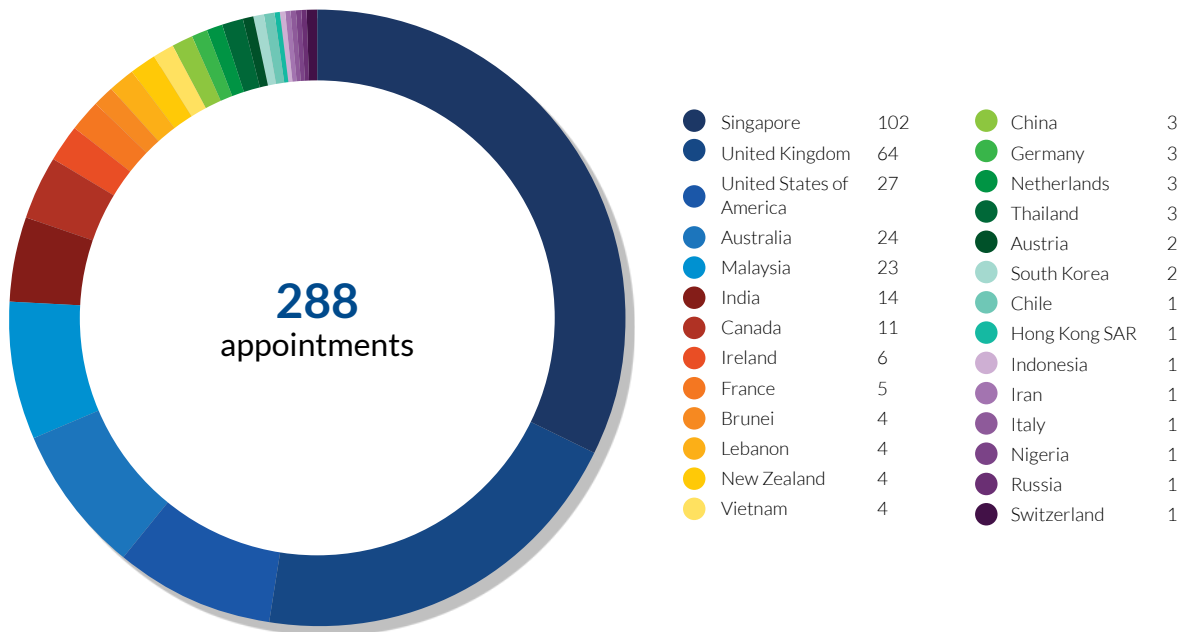
In 2020, SIAC made a total of 143 individual appointments of arbitrators to 126 sole arbitrator tribunals and 17 appointments to three-member tribunals. Of these arbitrator appointments, 127 were appointments made under the SIAC Rules, 1 appointment was made in a case administered under other Rules and the remaining 15 were made in *ad hoc* arbitrations.

Arbitrators appointed by SIAC in 2020 included arbitrators from Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Vietnam.

A total of 145 arbitrators were nominated in 2020 and confirmed by SIAC. They included arbitrators from Australia, Austria, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Lebanon, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Vietnam.

Geographical Diversity in Arbitrator Appointments

The following chart shows the geographical diversity of arbitrators appointed*:



Of the 288 appointments:

- 109 (35%) were non-Singaporean arbitrators appointed by SIAC;
- 84 (27%) were non-Singaporean arbitrators nominated by parties;
- 21 (6%) were non-Singapore arbitrators nominated by co-arbitrators;
- 52 (17%) were Singaporean arbitrators appointed by SIAC;
- 39 (12%) were Singaporean arbitrators nominated by parties; and
- 11 (3%) were Singaporean arbitrators nominated by co-arbitrators.

* The total count of 316 arbitrators takes into account 24 arbitrators with dual nationality and 2 arbitrators with triple nationality.

Gender Diversity in Arbitrator Appointments

Of the 143 arbitrators appointed by SIAC, 46 (or 32.2%) were female.

Of the 32 members of SIAC's Court of Arbitration, 10 (or 31.3%) are women.

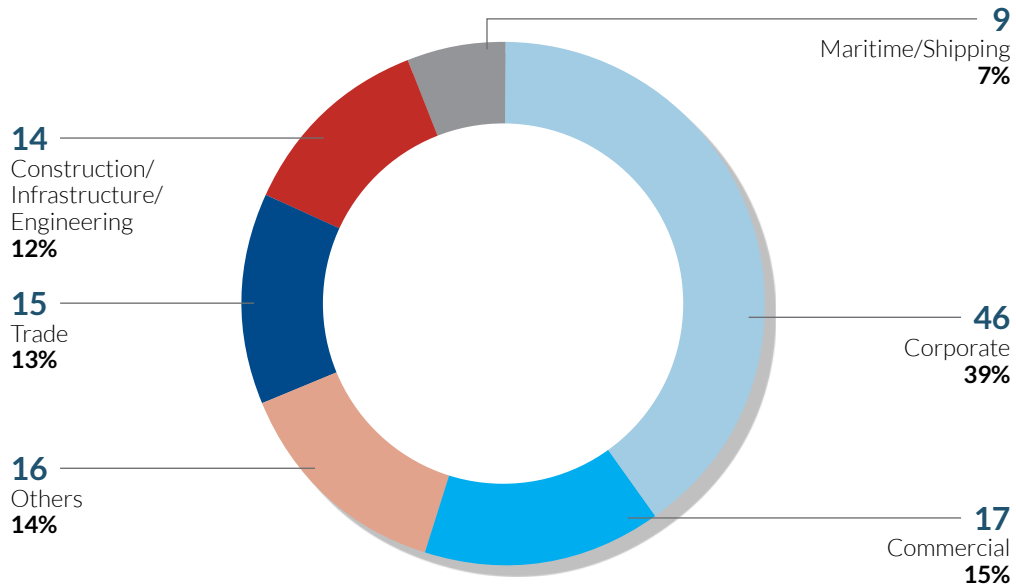
Challenges to Arbitrators

4 challenges to arbitrators were decided by the SIAC Court of Arbitration in 2020. 3 were rejected by the SIAC Court of Arbitration and 1 was upheld.

Emergency Arbitration

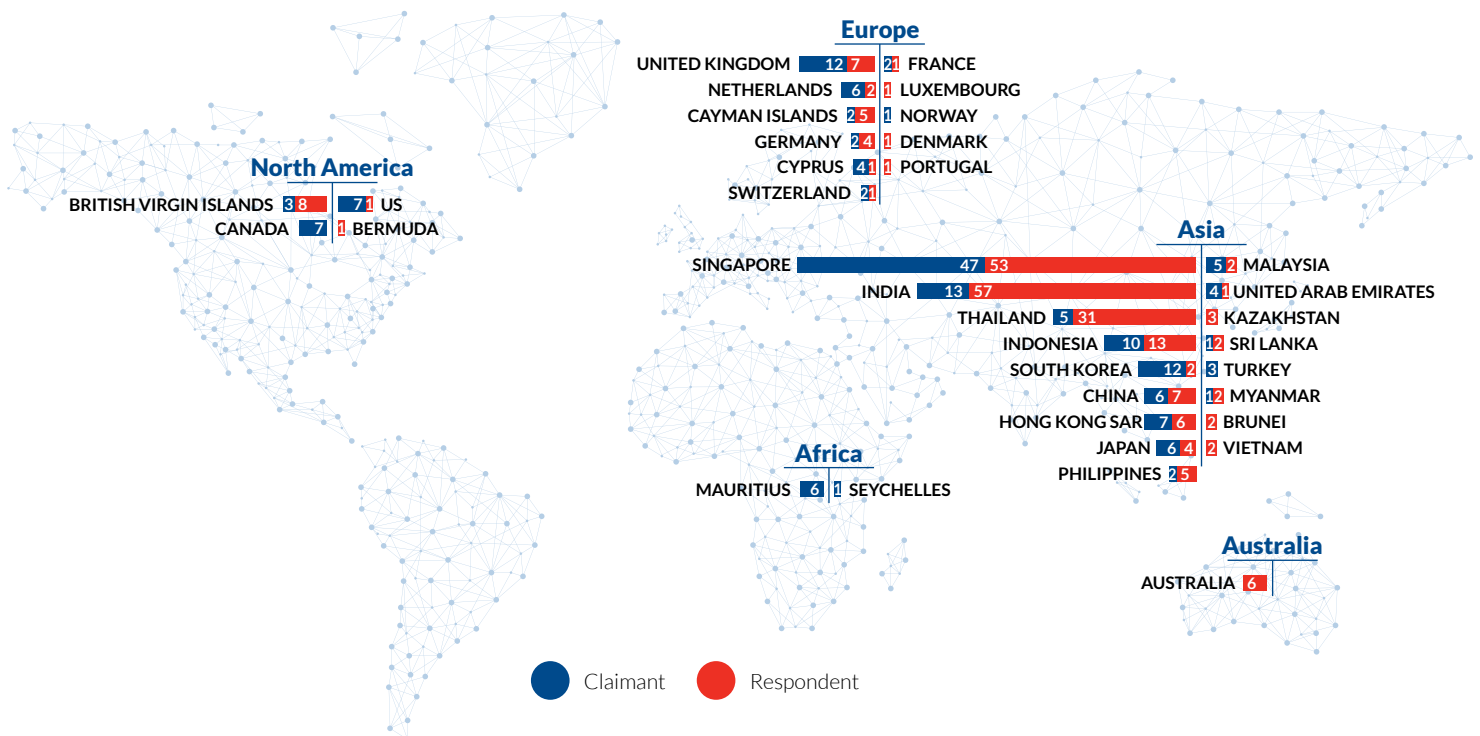
In 2020, SIAC received 20 applications to appoint an Emergency Arbitrator (EA). SIAC accepted all 20 requests, bringing the total number of EA applications accepted by SIAC since the introduction of these provisions in 2010 to 114.

Since the introduction of this procedure in 2020, parties have applied for emergency relief in disputes arising out of the following sectors*:



* 3 of the applications in 2020 encompassed two categories

Geographical Origin of Parties in EA Cases (2010 - 2020)



Expedited Procedure

In 2020, SIAC received 88 requests for Expedited Procedure (EP), of which 37 requests were accepted. SIAC has received a total of 622 EP applications (and accepted 361 requests) since the introduction of these provisions in 2010.

Early Dismissal of Claims and Defences

In 2020, SIAC received 5 Early Dismissal (ED) applications. Of the 5 applications received, 2 applications were allowed to proceed, 1 application was not allowed to proceed and 2 applications were pending under Rule 29.3 of SIAC Rules 2016. Of the 2 applications that were allowed to proceed, both were rejected.

Consolidation and Joinder

Since the introduction of the provisions on consolidation and joinder in 2016, SIAC has received 248 applications for consolidation, and 36 applications for joinder.

In 2020, SIAC received 69 applications for consolidation. Of the 69 applications for consolidation, 65 were made prior to the constitution of the Tribunal and 4 were made after the Tribunal had been constituted. As of 31 December 2020, 36 applications had been granted by the SIAC Court of Arbitration.

SIAC received 6 applications for joinder in 2020. Of the 6 applications for joinder, 2 applications were made prior to the constitution of the Tribunal and 4 applications were made after the Tribunal had been constituted. As of 31 December 2020, 2 applications had been granted by the Tribunal.

Governing Laws

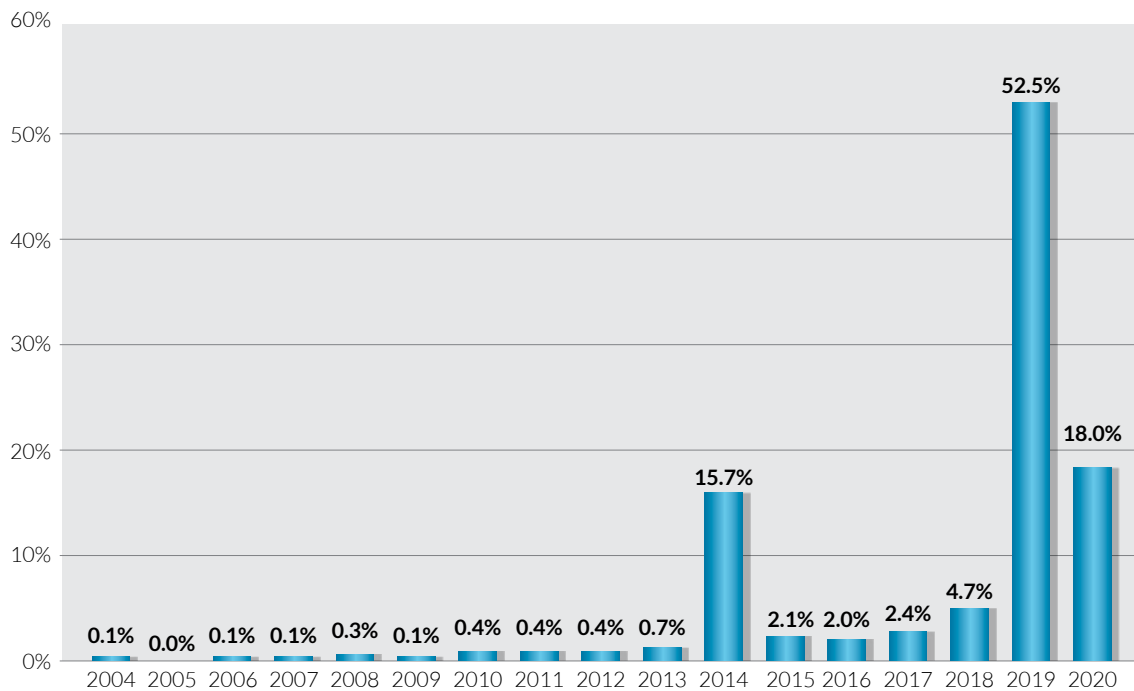
The governing laws of 20 different jurisdictions were applied in disputes referred to SIAC in 2020. The most commonly applied governing laws were Singapore (76%) followed by the United Kingdom (9%) and India (2%):

- Australia
- Brunei
- Cambodia
- Cayman Islands
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Vietnam

Contract Dates

The dates of contracts for new cases filed in 2020 are shown in the chart below. Disputes arising from contracts entered into during the period from 2018 to 2020 accounted for 75.2% of new case filings.

Dates of Contracts for Cases Filed at SIAC in 2020



Awards

179 awards were issued in 2020. These included 14 awards/orders issued by Emergency Arbitrators for urgent interim relief.

All awards are carefully scrutinised by the Secretariat and approved by the Registrar. In addition to matters of form, the Registrar draws the Tribunal's attention to points of substance for the Tribunal's consideration, always bearing in mind that it is the Tribunal which makes the decision. SIAC's scrutiny process enhances the enforceability of awards.

* Of the 20 EA applications in 2020, 14 resulted in 1 EA award/order each. 3 applications were withdrawn and 3 applications were pending as of 31 December 2020.

Services in Ad Hoc Arbitrations

In addition to fully administering arbitrations, SIAC also offers a service for the appointment of arbitrators in *ad hoc* arbitrations seated in Singapore and where SIAC is designated as the appointing authority. The President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration is the statutory appointing authority under the applicable legislation in Singapore.

In 2020, SIAC was called upon to appoint arbitrators in 17 *ad hoc* arbitrations.



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