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## SINGAPORE CHOSEN AS VENUE TO BE THE FIRST OF MORE THAN 30 CITIES HOSTING GPC SERIES

Singapore is proud to be selected by the International Mediation Institute (IMI) to host the inaugural event of the watershed Global Pound Conference (GPC) series.

Launching in Singapore and ending in London, the GPC Series will convene all stakeholders in the field of dispute resolution around the world in 36 cities across 26 countries - to expound upon key challenges in Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) of interest and relevance to all. These Conferences will provoke debate on existing dispute resolution tools and techniques, stimulate new ideas and generate actionable data on the needs of corporate and individual dispute resolution users, both locally and globally. The GPC Conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for dispute resolution users, arbitrators, mediators, lawyers, academics to collectively shape the future of dispute resolution by casting electronic votes on propositions related to ADR. The exchange of knowledge and insights during the GPC Series would also provide guidance to stakeholders in finding the ADR options to best meet their needs.

The inaugural Global Pound Conference Singapore 2016 entitled ***Shaping the Future of Dispute Resolution and Improving Access to Justice*** will be held in the **Supreme Court of Singapore** from **17 to 18 March 2016**.

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Some of the topics at GPC Singapore 2016 include:

- Access to Justice and Dispute Resolution Systems: What do users need and expect?
- The Role of the Courts in Providing and Facilitating the use of ADR
- Time and Cost-Saving Measures in International Arbitration
- Online Dispute Resolution and the Future of Justice
- Applying Neuroscience in Dispute Resolution Processes

The Keynote Address for GPC Singapore 2016 will be delivered by The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon. The Closing Address will be delivered by Senior Minister of State for Law and Finance Ms Indranee Rajah SC. The Conference Faculty comprises experts, practitioners and policymakers in the field of dispute resolution from Singapore and abroad, including the following:

- Deputy Attorney-General Tan Siong Thye
- Judicial Commissioner See Kee Oon, Presiding Judge of the State Courts
- 2 Director-General of the Ministry of Law, Joan Janssen
- International Conflict Resolution Specialist, Professor Nadja Alexander
- Deputy Chairman of Singapore International Mediation Centre, Senior Counsel George Lim
- Chair of International Mediation Institute, Deborah Masucci
- Managing Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution (South East Asia) at Herbert Smith Freehills, Alastair Henderson
- President of Singapore Institute of Chartered Accountants, Gerard Ee
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The Local Organising Committee for GPC Singapore 2016 is chaired by The Honourable Justice Belinda Ang. The organising partners include the Ministry of Law, the Singapore Mediation Centre, the Singapore International Mediation Centre, the Singapore International Mediation Institute, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Law Society of Singapore, the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association and the State Courts of Singapore. Singapore Mediation Centre and Herbert Smith Freehills are the Global Platinum Sponsors of the GPC Series.

### **About Global Pound Conference**

In April 1976, an event now known as the Pound Conference ignited the modern ADR movement in the USA. Forty years later, conceptualised and led by IMI, all stakeholders in the dispute prevention and resolution fields around the world are now being invited to participate in a series of unique thought leadership events around the globe under the auspices of the GPC Series. The GPC Series 2016-2017 has the commendable goal to shape the future of dispute resolution and access to justice in the 21st century at domestic, regional and international levels.

For more information, please see <http://singapore2016.globalpoundconference.org/> or contact the professional conference organisers:

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