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Singapore has first say in shaping future of Dispute Resolution

Singapore kick-starts the Global Pound Conference (GPC) series, on **17 and 18 March 2016 at the Supreme Court of Singapore**, with a myriad of private and public sector individuals and organisations in attendance, to have their say in the future of dispute resolution. In attendance at the opening and the closing of the conference will be the Chief Justice of Singapore and Senior Minister of State for Law, Ms Indranee Rajah.

The GPC series is a series of conferences commencing in Singapore and ending in London in 2017, after visiting 36 cities in 26 countries. It aims to engage all participants to make a positive step forward so that dispute resolution could be used to effectively resolve the commercial and civil disputes of the modern world.

Through a series of interactive voting and discussion sessions, conference participants will be able to express their views on a range of vital issues affecting how disputes are resolved – with results projected instantly and comparing priorities by stakeholder category. Each session will generate valuable and actionable data on what dispute resolution users actually need, and how other stakeholders can help meet those needs. The goal of the Series is to stimulate real impact and effective change.

The Honourable Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, who will be opening the conference, mentioned in his speech during the Opening of the Legal Year that:

“The Series aims to consider the future of dispute resolution and the critical importance of ensuring access to justice”.

“The choice of Singapore to host the Conference that will launch the global series underscores our standing as an international professional services hub and it will afford us an excellent opportunity to weigh in on these important issues.” Said Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon at the opening of the legal year 2016, who is also the President of Singapore Academy of Law.

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As a result of globalisation and the increased connectivity due to technology, it is anticipated that the number of commercial, community and even family disputes could rise not just in the local context, but also extend to cross-border disputes. Thus, it is pertinent for users and practitioners alike from all over the world to come together to consider how they would want dispute resolution to be conducted today and more importantly, in the future.

The Singapore Conference features a stellar line-up of speakers comprising experts, practitioners and policymakers from Singapore and abroad, who will tackle topics from a variety of angles spanning the demand, supply and future of Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR). The keynote address will be delivered by The Honourable the Chief Justice Justice Sundaresh Menon on 17 March 2016. Senior Minister of State for Law and Finance Ms Indranee Rajah, SC will round up the discussions and deliver the closing address on 18 March 2016.

Speakers for the conference comprises of experts, practitioners and policymakers in the field of dispute resolution from Singapore and abroad, including:

- Deputy Attorney-General **Tan Siong Thye**
- **See Kee Oon**, Presiding Judge of the State Courts, Judicial Commissioner
- **Joan Janssen**, 2 Director-General of the Ministry of Law
- **Professor Nadja Alexander**, International Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Senior Counsel **George Lim**, Deputy Chairman of Singapore International Mediation Centre
- **Deborah Masucci**, Chair of International Mediation Institute
- **Gerard Ee**, President of Singapore Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Senior Counsel **Thio Shen Yi**, President of Law Society of Singapore
- **Lim Seok Hui**, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore International Arbitration Centre and Singapore International Mediation Centre
- **Jannet Regalado**, General Counsel, Philipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation

Interested participants can now register for Early Bird rates which closes on 7th Feb 2016. Conference Registration Rates are available for Individuals, Groups and Students. To register, please visit bit.ly/gpcsingaporeregister

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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 the International Mediation Institute (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.

Details on the conference programme, speakers and key facts may be found in the annexes below. Media representatives are invited to register for accreditation to cover the event.

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

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