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ASIA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LAW SUMMIT

- Date:** 4 November 2024 (Monday)
- Venue:** N201, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Time (HK Time):** 9:00 - 17:00
- Mode:** Hybrid (in person and virtual)
- Language:** English
(with simultaneous interpretation in Putonghua and Cantonese)
- CPD Points:** 5.5 CPD points have been accredited by The Law Society of Hong Kong
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Asia-Pacific International Private Law Summit

Springboard to Opportunities: Utilising International Private Law and technology to facilitate access to credit, investment, and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region

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Hong Kong Time (GMT+8)

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Remarks

Mr Cui Jianchun, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Mr Paul Lam SBS SC JP, Secretary for Justice, HKSAR

Professor Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

09:30 – 10:45 Panel 1: Harnessing Opportunities from Digital Assets, Tokenisation and Carbon Credits

Moderator: **Mr Kevin Lau**, Former Legal Officer of UNIDROIT / Barrister-at-law, Des Voeux Chambers

Speakers: **Professor Kelvin Low**, Member of the Working Group on the Legal Nature of Verified Carbon Credits, UNIDROIT / Professor of Private Law, The University of Hong Kong

Professor Ignacio Tirado, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

Mr Ernest Ho, Head of Digital Finance, Hong Kong Monetary Authority

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:15 Panel 2: Unleashing Economic Potential through Secured Transaction Reforms in the Asia-Pacific Region

Moderator: **Professor Anna Veneziano**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

Speakers: **Mr Alberto Ninio**, General Counsel, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Professor Giuliano Castellano, Deputy Director, Asian Institute of International Financial Law / Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong

Mr William Brydie-Watson, Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Panel 3: Gateway to International Investment and Sustainability

Moderator: **Professor Ignacio Tirado**, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

Speakers: **Dr Li Miao**, Legal Director, China Merchants Port Holdings Company Limited

Mr Antony Crockett, Partner, Asia ESG Lead, Herbert Smith Freehills

Professor Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 16:45 Panel 4: Building Bridges by Strengthening Engagement in the Asia-Pacific Region

Moderator: **Dr James Ding JP**, APEC Economic Committee Chair / The Law Officer (International Law), Department of Justice, HKSAR

Speakers: **Ms Solongoo Bayarsaikhan**, First Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary, The Government of Mongolia

Professor Meiling Huang & Mr William Brydie-Watson, Co-directors, UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre (ATLC)

Professor Zhao Yun JP, Representative, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law / Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

16:45 – 16:55 Closing Remarks

Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan SBS JP, Deputy Secretary for Justice, HKSAR