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V K Rajah, SC
Attorney-General of Singapore

Mr V K Rajah, SC is the Attorney-General of the Republic of Singapore. Prior to his appointment as Attorney-General, he was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court on 2 January 2004, and was subsequently appointed Supreme Court Judge on 1 November 2004. He was elevated to Judge of Appeal on 11 April 2007. Mr Rajah assumed office as the Attorney-General of the Republic of Singapore on 25 June 2014.

Mr Rajah will deliver a lecture titled "Whither Adversarial Dispute Resolution" which will explore the challenges faced by adversarial dispute resolution from consensual forums such as mediation and the future of transnational commercial dispute resolution in a changing world.



Tan Sri Dr. Munir Majid
Chairman of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd.

Tan Sri Dr Munir Majid has had an illustrious career in industry, media and academia. He has served the nation in differing capacities over the last few decades, including as Chairman of Celcom and Malaysia Airlines System, founder Executive Chairman of the Malaysian Securities Commission, Executive Chairman of CIMB, one of Southeast Asia's leading investment bank, Group Editor of the New Straits Times (NST), currently as the Chairman of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd and Chairman of CIMB ASEAN Research Institute. He was made an Honorary Fellow of the LSE in 2005 and in 2008, a Visiting Senior Fellow of LSE IDEAS (Centre for the Study of International Affairs, Diplomacy and Strategy) where he heads the Southeast Asia International Affairs Programme. He is also a member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London.

Tan Sri Munir will be moderating the ASEAN Round Table Discussion on whether ASEAN can prosper without an economic union with panellists such as Datuk P. Ravidran of the Ministry of International Trade & Industry Malaysia, Datuk Steven CM Wong of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia and Mr Manu Bhaskaran of the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore.



Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy (Singapore)

Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy is a Judge of the High Court of Singapore, appointed on 24 June 2013. Immediately before that, he was a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court from 1 August 2012 to 23 June 2013. Before appointment to the High Court, he practised as Senior Counsel with Shook Lin & Bok LLP, specialising in complex domestic and international commercial disputes including cross-border insolvency and fraud and asset-tracing matters. He is admitted to practise in England & Wales (winner, first prize 1991), Singapore (1992), New South Wales (2005) and New York (2007).

Justice Vinodh joins Justice Nallini Pathmanathan of Malaysia, Prof Anselmo Reyes of the University of Hong Kong and former Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong SAR and Mr Khory McCormick, Vice President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) in weighing in with their views on hot topics in arbitration in the region such as curial support for arbitrations, integrity, independence and the duty of disclosure and third party funding in arbitrations.



Professor Chester Brown
Professor of International Law and International Arbitration Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

Professor Chester Brown is Professor of International Law and International Arbitration at the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney; a Barrister at 7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, Sydney, and an overseas associate of Essex Court Chambers, London, and Maxwell Chambers, Singapore. He was previously an Assistant Legal Adviser at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, and a Senior Associate in the International Law and International Arbitration Group of Clifford Chance LLP, London. He is a graduate of the Universities of Melbourne, Oxford, and Cambridge.

Professor Chester Brown will be speaking on investment treaty arbitrations with a focused discussion of the content of substantive standards of protection such as "fair and equitable treatment" and expropriation with regional case studies. Panellists Ms Harpreet Kaur Dhillon of the Centre for International Law, Singapore and Mr Hussein Haeri of Withers LLP will join him in discussing the growth and trends of claims by investors in the Asia Pacific region.

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