

Schedule

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome Remarks - Introduction to the Case Study: "Ricepower and its Woes"

Yu Jianlong, *Vice Chairman & Secretary General, CIETAC, Beijing*

Michael Moser, *Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong; Arbitrator, 20 Essex Street Chambers, London/Hong Kong*

09:15 - 10:00 Overview of Dispute Settlement and Options: Negotiation, Mediation and Other Informal Methods [Are there ways for Ricepower to resolve its problems in China short of formal legal action?]

Moderator - Justin D'Agostino, *Partner, Herbert Smith, Hong Kong*

Susan Munro, *Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP*

Danny McFadden, *Director, CEDR, London*

10:00 - 11:00 Arbitration: Part I

[Dispute practitioners advise Ricepower on using arbitration, both inside and outside China, to resolve its disputes.

In this session, we focus on the following issues:]

- Arbitration inside China: Pro's and Con's
- Drafting effective arbitration clauses
- Chinese arbitration practices and procedures
- Provisional remedies and role of the courts in arbitration in China

Moderator - Michael Moser

Meg Utterback, *Partner, King & Wood, Beijing*

Cao Lijun, *Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm, Beijing*

Helen Shi, *Partner, Fangda Partners, Beijing*

John Choong, *Senior Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hong Kong*

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 Arbitration: Part II

[Dispute practitioners advising Ricepower focus in this session on the following issues:]

- Arbitration Options Outside China
- Alternatives to Arbitration in China: Stockholm? Hong Kong? Singapore? ICC?
- Enforcement of arbitral awards

Moderator - Michael Moser

Friven Yeoh, *Partner, O'Melveny & Myers, Hong Kong*

Anne Marie Whitesell, *Of Counsel, Dechert LLP. Washington, D.C.*

Yang Ing Loong, *Partner, Sidley Austin, Hong Kong*

Cameron Hassall, *Partner, Clifford Chance*

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Luncheon Speaker- Yu Jianlong, "The New CIETAC Arbitration Rules"

14:00 - 15:00 Litigation in the People's Courts

How do Chinese People's Courts operate? How are law suits conducted? Can foreign parties win?

Jessica Fei, *Partner, Herbert Smith LLP, Beijing*

George Wang Zhao, *Partner, Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai*

15:00 - 15:45 Dealing With Labour Disputes

Moderator - Jing Liu, *Assistant Secretary General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre*

Isabelle I H Wan, *Senior Partner, TransAsia Lawyers, Beijing*

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 - 17:00 Investor-State Arbitration

Bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and China's accession to the ICSID Convention now allow foreign investors to pursue claims directly against the Chinese government in certain cases. Possibilities for suits by Chinese investors against foreign governments will also be discussed.

Brenda Horrigan, *Partner, Salans, Shanghai*

Nils Eliasson, *Partner, Mannheimer Swartling, Hong Kong*

17:00-17:15 Closing Remarks

17:15 Cocktail Reception