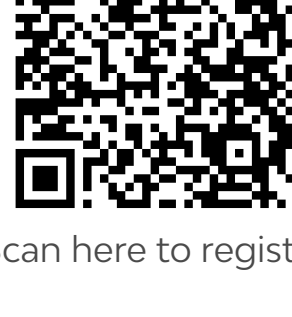


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## Programme (All timings are in SGT / GMT +8)

8.30am - 9.10am	Registration & Networking Morning Coffee
9.10am - 9.20am	Opening Remarks by Ms Gloria Lim, CEO, SIAC
9.20am - 9.30am	Welcome Address by Mr Davinder Singh SC, Chairman, SIAC; Executive Chairman, Davinder Singh Chambers LLC
9.30am - 10.00am	Keynote Speech by Mr Edwin Tong SC, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs
10.00am - 11.15am	Panel Discussion: Reinforcing the Foundations of International Arbitration through Innovation This panel will examine the impact of innovation in strengthening the foundations of international arbitration. The panellists will discuss the ground-breaking mechanisms in the SIAC Rules 2025 including the Streamlined Procedure and the Protective Preliminary Order, the new SIAC Restructuring and Insolvency Arbitration Protocol, and emerging disputes in sectors such as cryptocurrency. Also on the table will be a look at advances in case management techniques, including with the growing use of technology and AI.
11.15am - 11.45am	Networking Break
11.45am - 1.00pm	Panel Discussion: Building Trust in a Fragmenting World: The Role and Development of Ethics in International Arbitration The panel will deal with, discuss, and weigh in on specific fact scenarios presenting ethical conundrums in international arbitration to illustrate the potential divergence in ethical standards and their application.
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Networking Lunch
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Fireside Chat: Panoramas and Perspectives – The Global State of Play In this session, we invite experienced Singapore diplomats to share their insights and perspectives on the state of international relations and affairs, global trade and economy, to examine the implications for the international arbitration community.
2.45pm - 3.45pm	Panel Discussion: Exploring “Pain Points” in International Arbitration with In-House Counsel In-house counsel are critical stakeholders in international arbitration, determining, overseeing and answering for their organisations’ navigation through the dispute resolution labyrinth. Complaints about – or “pain points” – in the dispute resolution process are oft-repeated. In this session, we will take a hard look with in-house representatives at the lifecycle of an international arbitration, with stops to identify “pain points” in international arbitration and solutions and ways around them. What in-house counsel look for when selecting arbitrators and external counsel will also be discussed.
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Networking Break
4.15pm - 5.45pm	Debate: This House believes that Party-Nominated and Party-Appointed Arbitrators enhance the legitimacy and attraction of International Arbitration as the preferred method of dispute resolution There have been several criticisms and calls for the abolition of the practice of party-appointed or nominated arbitrators over the years. However, the rules of major international arbitral institutions, including the SIAC Rules 2025, continue to provide for this claimed – and cherished – right of parties. How do we account for the longevity of this practice? Do party-nominated and party-appointed arbitrators enhance the legitimacy and attraction of international arbitration as the preferred method of dispute resolution?
5.45pm - 5.55pm	Closing Remarks by Mr Vivekananda Neelakantan, Registrar, SIAC
5.55pm - 7.00pm	Cocktail Networking Session

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