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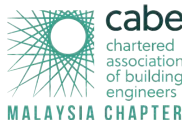
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# PROGRAMME

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| 8:45 am  | <i>Arrival of VIP Guests</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9:00 am  | <b>Opening Remarks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:05 am  | <b>Keynote Address</b><br><b>by THE RIGHT HONOURABLE TAN SRI ABDUL RAHMAN BIN SEBLI</b><br>Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:25 am  | <b>Special Address</b><br><b>by YBRS IR. TS. GS. BR. DR. CASSIDY ANAK MORRIS</b><br>Director of Public Works Sarawak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9:40 am  | <i>Coffee Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:00 am | <b>Session 1: Construction Contract Negotiation – Managing Risk and Obligations for Upstream vs Downstream and Local vs Foreign Contractors/Suppliers</b><br><br><i>In construction projects, managing risks and obligations is vital to ensuring smooth project management and completion, meeting expectations, and minimising disputes. This session focuses on the practical aspects of a construction contract: (a) addressing the relationship between both upstream (employer vs main contractor) and downstream (main contractor vs domestic/nominated sub-contractor and supplier); and (b) key considerations for an employer or a contractor in dealing with foreign contractors/suppliers. The panellists will navigate us through the strategies and best practices in negotiating terms for a construction contract, choosing the right standard forms, and considering the appropriate dispute resolution clauses, etc.</i><br><br><b>MODERATOR</b><br><b>TAN SRI DAVID WONG</b>   Chairman, Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM)<br><br><b>SPEAKERS</b><br><b>SATINDER SINGH SANDHU</b>   Managing Partner, Sandhu & Co.<br><b>SR ISABEL SIM TSEU YU</b>   Senior Principal Assistant Director (Quantity Surveying), Public Works Department, Sarawak<br><b>DR MINLI TANG</b>   Partner, AllBright Law Offices<br><b>LYNNDA LIM</b>   Managing Director, REX C Expert & Dispute Services<br><b>ANDREW MERRILEES</b>   Technical Director – Quantum Services, Asia, Rimkus |
| 11:10 am | <b>Session 2: Latest Development in CIPAA Adjudication</b><br><br><i>Year 2024 witnessed some significant developments in the CIPAA regime. In this session, the panellists will share their views on the CIPAA (Amendment) Bill 2024 and several landmark cases decided by the Court, including but not limited to the following:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Econpile (M) Sdn Bhd v ASM Development (KL Sdn Bhd) and Another Appeal [2024] MLJU 697</i></li><li>2. <i>Anas Construction Sdn Bhd v JKP Sdn Bhd &amp; Another Appeal [2024] CLJU 63</i></li><li>3. <i>JDI Builtech (M) Sdn Bhd v Danga JED Development Sdn Bhd [2024] 4 MLJ 29</i></li><li>4. <i>Bludream City Development Sdn Bhd v Pembinaan Bina Bumi Sdn Bhd [2024] 4 MLJ 67</i></li><li>5. <i>Aspen Glove Sdn Bhd v Tialoc Malaysia Sdn Bhd [2024] 7 CLJ 1</i></li></ol><br><b>MODERATOR</b><br><b>JUSTICE TUAN NADZARIN BIN WOK NORDIN</b>   High Court Judge of Kuala Lumpur (Construction)<br><br><b>SPEAKERS</b><br><b>TAN KEE HENG</b>   Managing Partner, S.K. Ling & Tan Advocates<br><b>ALEX NGU</b>   Managing Partner, Alex Jason & Co.<br><b>IR HARBANS SINGH KS</b>   Principal, HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers<br><b>DR MELISSA CHIA</b>   Judicial Officer (Special Officer 2 to the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak) and Mediator                                                                                                                                                                           |

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12:20 pm **Presentation: A World Without Lawyers: Is Automated Decision Making The Future?**  
by **LAINA CHAN**  
Barrister, Founder & CEO Miai Law Pty Ltd

12:30 pm *Lunch*

2:00 pm **Session 3: Debate**

- **House A:** Mediation Shall Be Made as a Mandatory Dispute Resolution Step in Construction Contract
- **House B:** Party Shall have Their Own Autonomy in Deciding Whether to Mediate Their Dispute or Not

*Mediation fosters relationships between parties through amicable settlements and reduces hostile dispute resolution processes. To promote the effective use of mediation in construction disputes, should we mandate mediation in construction contracts? By mandating it, party autonomy might be compromised, which is against the fundamental principle of ADR, and could it then affect a party's willingness to enter into a settlement? Join us in this debate and cast your vote to your favourite House and debaters.*

## **MODERATOR**

**YB TUAN SENATOR ROBERT LAU** | Member of the Senate (Dewan Negara) and Deputy Chairman, SiADR

## **SPEAKERS**

**GURVIR SINGH SANDHU** | President, Advocates Association of Sarawak and Partner, Sandhu Lee & Co. Advocates

**ABANG IWAWAN** | Partner, Abang & Co

**ADRIAN SEE** | Managing Partner, Belden

**LESLEY LING LYN** | Senior Associate, S.K. Ling & Tan Advocates

3:10 pm *Coffee Break*

3:45 pm **Presentation: The Evolution of Construction Claims in Malaysia: Trends, Challenges & the Role of ADR**  
by **SR YOW KAH LUN**  
Chief Executive Officer, Plus 3 Consultants

3:55 pm **Session 4: ESG and Renewable Energy Arbitration**

*ESG has gained global prominence in recent years, including in Malaysia. The Sabah government is committed to embracing ESG, while the Sarawak government is also committed to instilling ESG principles into economic and industrial policies. Meanwhile, the Malaysian Budget 2025 has introduced several initiatives to bolster ESG implementation. Our panellists will examine the unique challenges of resolving disputes related to ESG and renewable energy in arbitration and offer insights in an increasingly ESG-conscious world.*

## **MODERATOR**

**ANDREW HENG** | Senior Partner, Zain Megat & Murad

## **SPEAKERS**

**GEORGE CHAPMAN** | Senior Vice President, Legal & Compliance, Sarawak Energy

**DR. FIRDAUSI SUFFIAN** | Chief Executive Officer, Invest Sabah Berhad

**KUA LAY THENG** | Partner, Wong Partnership

**PROF DATO' DR RAHMAT BIN MOHAMAD** | Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA and Advisor & Consultant in Sustainability, ESG and Social Justice and International Law

**CHUNG SHEUAN SEEN** | Regional Director, ACX Contract Services

5:20 pm **Closing Remarks**

5:30 pm *End*

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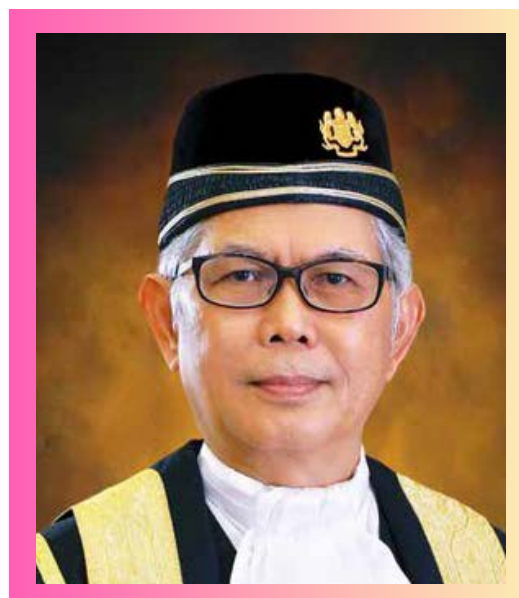
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## THE RIGHT HONOURABLE TAN SRI ABDUL RAHMAN BIN SEBLI

Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak

The Right Honourable Tan Sri Abdul Rahman bin Sebli was born on 25 January 1959 in Sibu, Sarawak. His Lordship obtained his Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) degree from the University of Malaya in 1983. Upon graduation His Lordship joined the Judicial and Legal Service of Malaysia in December 1983. His Lordship had served in various capacities in the Judicial and Legal Service of the Government of Malaysia. Among the posts that His Lordship had held were that of Deputy Public Prosecutor in the State of Sarawak, in the State of Pahang and in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Senior Legal Officer at the Sarawak State Attorney-General's Chambers, Sessions Court Judge at Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Sessions Court Judge at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Sessions Court Judge at Miri, Sarawak, State Legal Advisor to the State of Pahang, and Director, Legal Division of the Royal Malaysian Customs, Putrajaya. On 15 September 2008, His Lordship was appointed as Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. On 9 August 2010, His Lordship was elevated to the position of Judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak. His Lordship then served at the Kota Kinabalu High Court, Sabah, the Shah Alam High Court, Selangor, the Kuala Lumpur High Court, Federal Territory and the Johor Bahru High Court, Johor prior to His Lordship's elevation to the Court of Appeal on 12 September 2014. On 8 August 2019 His Lordship was elevated to the position of Judge of the Federal Court and on 17 January 2023 His Lordship was appointed as the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak. In recognition of His Lordship's service to the State of Pahang, His Lordship was conferred the award of Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (D.I.M.P.) which carries the honorific title "Dato'" by the Sultan of Pahang in 2003. On 5 June 2023, His Lordship was conferred the award of Panglima Setia Mahkota (P.S.M.) which carries the honorific title "Tan Sri" by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. Then, on 12 October 2024, His Excellency, the Governor of Sarawak conferred the award of Panglima Negara Bintang Sarawak (P.N.B.S), which carries the honorific title "Dato Sri" on His Lordship. His Lordship is married to Puan Sri Sarbanun binti Mokhtar and is blessed with seven children.

# SPECIAL ADDRESS



## **YBRS. IR. TS. GS. BR. DR. CASSIDY ANAK MORRIS**

Director of Public Works Sarawak

An engineer by profession, Ir.Ts. Gs. Br. Dr. Cassidy Anak Morris received his Bachelor's Degree (Hons) in Civil Engineering from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and later obtained his Master of Business Administration from Universiti Teknologi MARA. Dr. Cassidy was conferred his Doctorate from Universiti Teknologi MARA. He entered the State Civil Service as a Civil Engineer in Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak in 1998 and served in various capacities throughout a distinguished civil service career until his recent appointment as Director of Public Works Sarawak in May, 2024. He is a member of the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) as Professional Engineer (Ir.), Member of Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) as Professional Technologists (Ts.), Board of Geospatialist, and Association of Certified Construction & Project Development Managers, Malaysia and member of the Board of several Sarawak State agencies and statutory bodies.

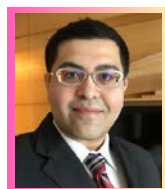
# MEET OUR SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

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- Quantum Services, Asia,  
Rimkus

## SESSION 2: Latest Development in CIPAA Adjudication



**JUSTICE TUAN NADZARIN  
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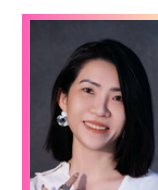
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## SESSION 4: ESG and Renewable Energy Arbitration



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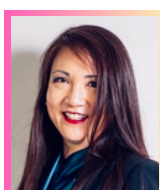


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**JUSTICE TUAN NADZARIN  
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High Court Judge of  
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Justice Nadzarin Wok Nordin is currently presiding at the Construction Court, Commercial Division, of the Kuala Lumpur High Court. Prior to this he was at the Insolvency Court for a period of almost 3 years. Before joining the Bench, he was a practising Advocate and Solicitor in the Malaysian Bar in the areas of commercial and civil matters for almost 33 years where he acted for and advised numerous GLC'S, public utilities, the Stock Exchange, public listed companies, foreign embassies, airport operators, joint venture privatisation consortiums, local and offshore banks, logistic operators, State Economic Development Corporations, local government and universities amongst others. Justice Nadzarin holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from the University of London in 1984 and was called to the degree of an Utter Barrister of Lincoln's Inn, United Kingdom in 1985. He obtained a Diploma in Syariah Law and Practice from the International Islamic University, Malaysia in 1992. Whilst during practice, he was also appointed as a President of the Strata Management Tribunal from its inception in 2015 till his elevation to the bench. He also has held or currently is a Certified Mediator; a registered Adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Kuala Lumpur; a Notary Public; a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators United Kingdom; a fellow of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators; and had regularly sat as the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board, the Chairman of the Appeals Board of the Board of Engineers Malaysia, on the executive committee of the Inns of Court Malaysia, on the executive committee of the Lincoln's Inn Alumni Malaysia, Advisory Editor for the Malaysian Civil Procedure 2024 publication (Malaysian White Book) and a Committee Member of the International Dispute Resolution (JDRN).

# MODERATOR



## **TAN SRI DAVID WONG**

**Chairman, Borneo International Centre  
for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM)**

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima David Wong Dak Wah read law at University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. He also obtained a B.Com (majoring in accountancy) from the same University. From 1978 to 1979, Tan Sri Datuk David was attached to a Public Accounting Firm in Sydney as a qualified auditor. In 1979 he was admitted as a Barrister of the New South Wales Supreme Court in Australia. Tan Sri David was in private practice from 1979 until 2005 in Sabah and Sydney, Australia. On 29 August 2005, Tan Sri David was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak in Kuching and elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak with effect from 11 April 2007. On 15 January 2009, Tan Sri David was transferred to the High Court of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, until his elevation to the Court of Appeal Malaysia on 8 January 2013, where he headed the Construction Court. He was appointed as Judge of the Federal Court on 27 April 2018 and Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak on 11 July 2018. Tan Sri David retired as the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak on 19 February 2020. He is now attached to Chang and Wong Partners, Advocates and Solicitors as the Legal Consultant doing advisory works, especially on court-related matters. He also acts as an Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator. He is also the Chairman of Borneo International Centre of Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM).

# MODERATOR



## **YB TUAN SENATOR ROBERT LAU**

Member of the Senate (Dewan Negara)  
and Deputy Chairman, SiADR

Robert Lau Hui Yew is a seasoned lawyer with over 30 years of legal practice. He was the founding and senior partner at Stephen Robert & Wong Advocates, a Sarawak-based law firm with offices in Kuching, Sibu, Bintulu, and Miri. During his legal career, he played a pivotal role in advancing alternative dispute resolution, organizing mediation courses and establishing the Sarawak Mediation Centre. In June 2020, Robert was appointed as a senator in the Malaysian Parliament by His Majesty the King, and his term was renewed for another three years in May 2024. Beyond law and politics, Robert has been actively involved in local government, serving as a Councillor and Deputy Councillor in the Sibu Municipal Council and the Sibu Rural District Council from 2004 to 2020. His contributions extend to various NGOs, particularly in education and tourism, where he has served on multiple boards. An avid sports enthusiast, Robert has held leadership positions in regional sports organizations, particularly in squash. He was the founding president of the Southeast Asia Squash Federation (2014 - 2019) and remains actively engaged in promoting the sport at national and regional levels. A passionate speaker, Robert frequently shares his insights on the Malaysia Agreement and other legal and governance matters. Outside of his professional and community engagements, he is an avid reader.

# MODERATOR



## ANDREW HENG

Senior Partner,  
Zain Megat & Murad

Andrew Heng is a Senior Partner at Zain Megat & Murad (ZMM), where he leads the Construction & Energy Practice Group. He provides comprehensive litigation and advisory services to clients across various sectors, including construction, infrastructure, renewable energy, environmental, banking and insurance, property development, and manufacturing. Andrew represents clients in a wide range of construction disputes through arbitration, adjudication, and court proceedings. His expertise covers applications under the Arbitration Act 2005 and the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012, as well as restraining demands on performance bonds and handling construction-related tortious claims, such as professional negligence, occupiers' liability, nuisance, and trespass. Andrew has experience managing disputes related to complex infrastructure projects, including airports, highways, rail systems, waste-to-energy plants, large-scale solar facilities, solid waste treatment plants, wastewater treatment facilities, and electrical transmission towers. In addition, he advises both international and local clients on compliance of regulatory requirements set by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). Andrew is empanelled as an arbitrator and adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) as well as a mediator with the Malaysian International Mediation Centre (MIMC). He is also a founding member of the ESG ADR Forum's Steering Committee, serving as the Director of its Professional Advancement and Community Engagement (PACE) Initiative. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of London and a Master of Law from the University of Northumbria. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2006 and subsequently to the Malaysian Bar in 2008. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

# SPEAKERS



## SATINDER SINGH SANDHU

Managing Partner, Sandhu & Co.

Mr. Satinder Singh Sandhu is an Advocate of the High Court of Sabah & Sarawak, with over 22 years of legal experience. He holds a Specialist Master's in Construction Law (Hons) from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and specializes in commercial litigation, particularly in construction, company law, contracts, insolvency, negligence, and property disputes. He is a panel Adjudicator with AIAC and AIADR, a panel Arbitrator with BICAM, and has been appointed as an Adjudicator and Arbitrator in various disputes. Additionally, he serves as counsel for construction projects across West Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak. Beyond litigation, Mr. Satinder is actively involved in drafting construction contracts for roads, hydro-power, telecommunications, and other infrastructure projects. He also advises listed and private companies on corporate legal matters. In mediation, Mr. Satinder is an accredited mediator with the High Court of Sabah & Sarawak, an Evaluative Mediator with RICS, and a panel Mediator for AIAC and AIADR.



## SR ISABEL SIM TSEU YU

Senior Principal Assistant Director (Quantity Surveying),  
Public Works Department, Sarawak

Sr Isabel Sim Tseu Yu is a quantity surveyor by profession, having obtained her Bachelor of Applied Science in Construction Management and Economics from Curtin University of Technology, Australia. She also has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom. Sr Isabel is a CQS registered with the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia, having served as a Board member for the term 2019-2021 and subsequently re-appointed for the current term of 2023-2025. Sr Isabel had served in various capacities including Head of Contract at LAKU Management Sdn. Bhd., Head of Contract at PWD Miri Divisional Office and Head of Procurement at Quantity Surveying Branch, PWD Sarawak Headquarters before her current appointment as the Senior Principal Assistant Director (Quantity Surveying) for Public Works Department, Sarawak where her position supports the entire pre and post contract functions of the Department. She specializes in contract administration for Government works and supplies contracts where she has been involved in the implementation of mega projects under the purview of PWD Sarawak. Sr Isabel is the advisor for the special task force behind the new JKR Sarawak General Conditions of Contract PWD 75 (Ver. 2021), incorporating pertinent clauses to cater for the current slew of issues encountered in the local built milieu and where this new GCC has been endorsed by the Sarawak Government and adopted for use Region-wide. She is also the advisor for the task force responsible for the New Sarawak Tender Evaluation Model, all as part of the revolutionary upstream initiatives/measures undertaken by the Sarawak Government to address any potential issues or risks during the pre-contract phase and to provide the most technically and economically viable conceptual development options before actual project implementation.

# SPEAKERS



## DR MINLI TANG

Partner, AllBright Law Offices

Dual qualified in mainland China and in New York State, Minli has practiced in dispute resolution, especially international arbitration, for years. Minli once was a Regional Representative of the International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (ICC YAAF) and is now a committee member of the Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre (BAIAC, Singapore), a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), on the panel of arbitrators of the Shenzhen International Arbitration Court and the Langfang Arbitration Commission, admitted into the HKIAC List of Arbitrators, and an external master-degree supervisor of the KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiaotong University. Minli has represented and advised clients in arbitration under the AIAC, CIETAC, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, SIAC rules as well as the LMAA Terms. Minli has also frequently represented clients in Chinese domestic arbitration/litigation and handled cases in the English High Court and Court of Appeal. Minli has particularly rich multi-jurisdictional experiences and network. In addition to her overseas study experiences in common law jurisdictions for her master and PhD degrees, she once was a visiting lawyer in a leading commercial set of barristers' chambers in London for around two years.



## LYNNDA LIM

Managing Director, REX C Expert & Dispute Services

Ms Lynnda Lim is a dispute resolution professional with 22 years of working experience in the construction industry. Lynnda is managing dispute resolution proceedings, reviewing and drafting of claims, adjudication/arbitration submissions, and acting as delay and quantum expert witness in adjudication, arbitration and court. She also acts as an advisor to developers, construction and engineering companies, specialist supply trades in providing advice on commercial/construction contracts, delay and extension of time, variations, insurance claims, valuation of work done, formal dispute resolution, Security Payment Act / CIPAA, and other non-contentious matters within Malaysia, Australia, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, China, Vietnam, Japan, Singapore and other jurisdictions. Lynnda holds qualifications in Construction Management, International Arbitration and Law. She is an Accredited Expert Witness of the Academy of Experts UK, a Panel Arbitrator of the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, an Accredited Mediator of the Malaysian Mediation Centre, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, a Member of Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors UK, the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators and the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Building UK, the Malaysian Corporate Counsel Association, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Society of Construction Law Singapore. Lynnda is certified to act as Adjudicator for statutory adjudications under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA) in Malaysia. She is a Chartered Construction Manager and was an accredited NEC3 Project Manager. Lynnda is also a speakers of public seminars and in-house training programmes ranging from general contract administration to detailed studies in time/cost claims and management of standard contract forms.

# SPEAKERS



## ANDREW MERRILEES

Technical Director – Quantum Services, Asia, Rimkus

Andrew Merrilees is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and a practising and testified Expert Witness with over 30 years of experience on major international projects in Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Southeast Asia, the UK, and the Middle East, representing clients, consultants, contractors, joint ventures, and legal representatives. Andrew holds dual qualifications in quantity surveying and law and has experience on international building, engineering, power, petrochemical, and oil and gas projects. During his career, Andrew has held positions including Senior Commercial Manager with Chinese-, Japanese-, Australian-, and UK-owned Tier 1 contractors. Andrew's thought leadership within the profession includes experience of public speaking at seminars and conferences, in-house training, APC assessor for the RICS and CIOB, and the publication of articles. Andrew specialises in the provision of commercial and contracts management, independent advisory and independent opinions, dispute avoidance and resolution, and expert witness services, in particular delay and disruption and quantum matters of loss and expense in arbitration, litigation, mediation, adjudication, and support to dispute boards under the rules of SIAC, AIAC, HKIAC, DIAC, and the courts.



## TAN KEE HENG

Managing Partner, S.K. Ling & Tan Advocates

Mr. Tan Kee Heng is the Managing Partner of S.K. Ling & Tan Advocates in Kuching and has been in active legal practice for over 26 years, with extensive experience in corporate matters, civil litigation, and appeal cases involving various areas of law including corporate & commercial advisory, land disputes, land law (particularly related to land development issues in Sarawak), company law, construction law, arbitration and contract law. In addition, he has been appointed by the Chief Justice of Malaysia as a Commissioner for Oaths and appointed by the Attorney-General of Malaysia as a Notary Public. Notably, Mr. Tan is the author of the 4th Edition of Civil and Criminal Appeals in Malaysia which was launched in Kuala Lumpur on 30 January 2024 by the Chief Justice of Malaysia, Tun Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat. He is also the editor of the Borneo Law Reports (Volumes 1-10) and the advisory editor of the Malaysian Civil Procedure 2024 published by Sweet & Maxwell.

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## ALEX NGU

Managing Partner, Alex Jason & Co.

Alex Ngu Sze Shae is an experienced legal practitioner specializing in civil litigation, arbitration, construction law, and mediation. As the Managing Partner of Alex Jason & Co., he has represented clients in various capacities. Admitted to legal practice in Malaysia and Australia, Alex is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB) and a recognized arbitrator in dispute resolution forums. His expertise spans construction law, estate law, oil and gas law, banking law and contract law. Alex is actively engaged in legal education and professional training, having spoken at major conferences such as Borneo ADR Week, the Arbitration Conference in Colombo, Construction Claim's Conferences and AIAC's Roadshows. Beyond his legal career, Alex is dedicated to pro bono legal services, contributing to organizations like the Sarawak Institute of Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (SIADR), Kuching Simanggang Road Benevolent Society and the AIAC Pro-Bono Mediation Initiative.

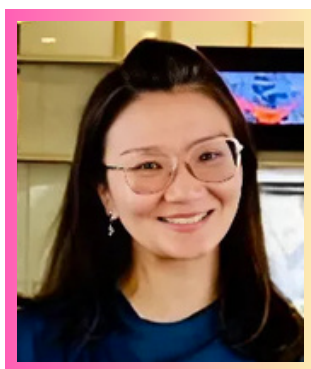


## IR HARBANS SINGH KS

Principal, HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers

Ir. Harbans Singh KS. is a Professional and Chartered Engineer. Chartered Arbitrator, Mediator, and Adjudicator. Called to the Malayan Bar in 1995, he is, at the moment, however, not in active practice as an Advocate & Solicitor. He commenced his career with the Public Works Department (JKR), Malaysia, before joining an international German consultancy practice with whom he worked locally and then in Koblenz as a designer, resident engineer and contract administrator. Later, Ir. Harbans served with a local consultancy firm in various professional capacities and presently is heading HSH Consult Sdn. Bhd and HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers. He is a regular contributor to 'The Ingenieur', 'The Malayan Law Journal', 'The Law Review' and other publications and is the recipient of a number of awards, including IEM's Tan Sri Hj. Yusoff Prize for an outstanding Technical Paper (2001), the Cedric Barclay Award and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrator's Award for the Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration examination (2003). Ir. Harbans is also the author of a series of four books entitled 'Harbans' Engineering and Construction Contracts Management', co-author of 'Construction Law in Malaysia', 'Law and Practice of Mediation' and 'The PAM Contract 2006', a contributor to 'The Malaysian Standard Precedents and Forms (Vol. N)' and is a regular speaker at courses/seminars and conferences both locally and internationally.

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## DR MELISSA CHIA PUI FUNG

Judicial Officer (Special Officer 2 to the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak) and Mediator

Conferred with a Doctorate in Social Science on 15 December 2023, Dr. Melissa Chia is a mediator accredited by the Bar Council Malaysian Mediation Centre since September 2015. She is passionate about alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and is a firm believer that ADR is an integral part of the administration of justice. Known for her collaborative and empathetic approach to resolving disputes, Dr. Chia is committed to fostering positive and constructive communication. In addition to mediation, she is actively involved in the field of arbitration. Her contributions include moderating a hybrid session on mediation organized by BICAM and the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), as well as conducting various research projects in arbitration. She has also served as a judge in arbitration moot competition competitions.



## GURVIR SINGH SANDHU

President, Advocates Association of Sarawak and Partner, Sandhu Lee & Co. Advocates

Gurvir graduated from Bond University in Gold Coast, Australia, and has since been practising principally in Sarawak, Malaysia. Gurvir specializes in the broad spectrum of civil litigation and dispute resolution with a keen interest in the niche area of corporate, commercial and construction disputes. Gurvir also regularly acts as counsel to resolve construction disputes within the framework of the Malaysian Courts and/or Adjudication/Arbitration in Malaysia. Gurvir represents construction industry players ranging from contractors involved in road/bridge construction projects, hotels and hydro dam projects in Sarawak - to landowners, developers and consultants involved in private and government projects throughout Sarawak. In the construction arena, apart from appearing as counsel for construction disputes, Gurvir's work involves drafting turnkey contracts and consultancy in ongoing projects, which include the administration of contracts during the project life. Gurvir was elected as the President of the Advocates Association of Sarawak for the 2022-2024 term and has since been involved in working with stakeholders to further enhance construction adjudication and arbitration in Sarawak.

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## ABANG IWAWAN

Partner, Abang & Co

Abang Iwawan is the Managing Partner of Abang & Co, where his practice focuses on international arbitration and both contentious and non-contentious infrastructure-related matters across Asia. He has acted as counsel or sole arbitrator in complex, high-value matters involving energy (including renewables), water and waste management, utilities, mixed development, transportation, and heavy industry. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Bar Council Arbitration & Construction Law Committee, Deputy Chair of the Bar Council ESG Committee, and sits on the Expert Advisory Committee for AIAC's Standard Form of Building Contracts. Internationally, he is the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) YAAF Regional Representative for South Asia (2024–2026). Iwawan is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and is empanelled as an arbitrator with the AIAC and BICAM. He has represented the Malaysian Bar at the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva and remains active in legal and policy work on sustainability, climate change, and human rights. He was named a Rising Star in Malaysia by Thomson Reuters Asian Legal Business and led Abang & Co to recognition as a "Notable Firm" in Construction by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific and a "Firm to Watch" in Projects & Energy and Construction by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

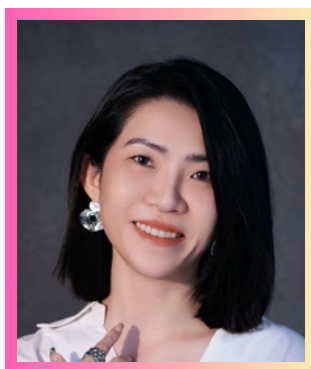


## ADRIAN SEE

Managing Partner, Belden

Adrian is the Managing Partner of Belden Advocates & Solicitors, a boutique legal practice specialising in construction & engineering dispute resolution. He is an accredited AIAC, THAC and AiADR arbitrator, AIAC panel CIPAA adjudicator, mediator and a Fellow of CIArb, MIArb and AiADR. Adrian focuses on the construction, engineering, oil and gas, energy and utilities industries. His practice area involves contract drafting, handling claims and disputes in the construction, engineering and energy sectors as well as servicing these clients' needs when they have industrial relations disputes. Adrian also provides on-project legal advisory and works seamlessly with claims consultants on claims management and early dispute avoidance initiatives. He has appeared at all levels of the Malaysian court system, and in domestic and international arbitrations. Adrian's expertise includes other forms of dispute resolution such as adjudication, mediation, expert determination and early neutral evaluation. Adrian's notable cases include acting for contractors in high-value projects such as the KL main sewerage pipeline project, design, fabrication and installation of specialised steel and sub-sea structures, mixed development projects, professional fee claims and installation of high-voltage distribution lines.

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## LESLEY LING LYN

Senior Associate, S.K. Ling & Tan Advocates

Ms Lesley Ling Lyn has been in active legal practice for about 8 years and has vast experience in civil litigation involving different areas of law. She has appeared at all levels of the Malaysian courts and her experience includes handling banking litigation matters, contractual and commercial claims, compulsory land acquisitions, construction disputes, debt recovery, partnerships and shareholders' disputes as well as matters relating to insolvency and companies' winding up. Lesley is also an active alternative dispute resolution practitioner who is involved in various modes of construction dispute resolution, such as statutory adjudication under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 and arbitration. Lesley reviews corporate documents, including joint venture agreements, share sale agreements and tenancy/ lease agreements. She also advises various financial institutions on all aspects of law related to financial institutions, including banking law, receivership and insolvency, compliance obligations, management and avoidance of legal risk, as well as litigation work including loan recovery, execution proceedings, enforcement of security, receiverships, liquidation and bankruptcy proceedings. Her wealth of dispute resolution experience has enabled her to provide practical sound advice and effective solutions to address complex legal and structural issues to her clients. She is also one of the Contributing Editors to the "Malaysian Civil Procedure 2024 (Vols 1 & 2)" textbooks.



## GEORGE CHAPMAN

Senior Vice President, Legal & Compliance, Sarawak Energy

George Chapman assumed the role of Senior Vice President for our Legal & Compliance Department on 1 December 2023, leading his team and overseeing the legal, corporate secretarial, land & wayleave, as well as integrity & compliance aspects of Sarawak Energy's functions and operations. A seasoned legal professional, George was a legal practitioner from 1995 until he joined Sarawak Energy in 2012. In his previous roles from Senior Legal Officer to General Manager for Legal, he demonstrated legal acumen, strategic decision-making and strong leadership qualities. He is also a certified adjudicator, empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre, Malaysia.

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## DR. FIRDAUSI SUFFIAN

Chief Executive Officer, Invest Sabah Berhad

Dr. Firdausi Suffian is the Chief Executive Officer of Invest Sabah Berhad, the official investment promotion agency of Sabah, Malaysia. Under his leadership, the agency serves as a one-stop center for investment facilitation, driving efforts to enhance Sabah's investment climate, attract high-quality investments, and foster economic transformation through sustainability, digital innovation, and policy development. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Bristol, UK, a Master's in Public Policy (Policy Analysis) from the Australian National University (ANU), and a first-class honours degree in Administrative Science from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia. As recognised expert, Dr. Firdausi has spoken as keynote and panellist at high-powered global forums, government events, and business chambers on investment, economic development & sustainability. He has contributed to policy formulation at both state and federal levels and serves as Chair of the Industry Advisory Board at University of Nottingham Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). He is also a visiting lecturer at Mondragon University, Spain. Firdausi has authored several academic works, including *The Political Economy of Malaysia's Industrial Policy* and a book chapter on social and political deglobalization, both published by Springer.



## KUA LAY THENG

Partner, Wong Partnership

KUA Lay Theng is a Partner in the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice of WongPartnership LLP, Singapore. She is admitted to the Malaysian, English and Singapore Bars and has over two decades of experience in construction and arbitration law. Her area of practice focuses on advising parties over the entire life cycle of projects. This encompasses transactional work such as negotiating and advising on construction contracts; project advisory work during project execution and contentious work arising from the project in the form of arbitration, mediation or litigation. Prior to joining WongPartnership, Lay Theng was a Partner at a leading law firm in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where she handled construction-related disputes. She was the former Deputy Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. She also sits as arbitrator and is on the panel of arbitrators of Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM) and SIAC Reserve Panel. Lay Theng is a Recommended Lawyer in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Guide 2025 for Construction Practice Area (Tier 1).

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## PROF DATO' DR RAHMAT BIN MOHAMAD

Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA and Advisor & Consultant in Sustainability, ESG and Social Justice and International Law

Professor Dato Dr Rahmat Mohamad is an Honorary Professor of Law at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Malaysia and a Fellow of the University of Aberystwyth, United Kingdom. He was the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Dean of Law Faculty at the same university. He formerly served as the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). At the international level, he has served as the Fifth Secretary General of the Asian - African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) for two terms from 2008 till 2016. AALCO is an inter-governmental organization serving as international law consultancy body for 47 governments of Asia and Africa and a permanent observer of the United Nations, with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. While at AALCO among his leading works dealt with sustainability, climate change, marine biodiversity, mediation, arbitration and promoting progressive development of international law. Currently, he sits as advisor and consultant in Sustainability, ESG and Social Justice and International Law.

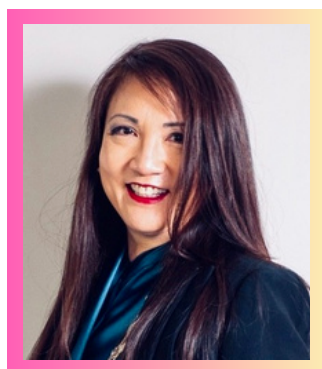


## CHUNG SHEUAN SEEN

Regional Director, ACX Contract Services

Chung has more than 20 years' experience working on mega infrastructure engineering, iconic high-rise, as well as building projects, in the likes of LTA MRT projects, MBS, TPC, Jewel, KL118, DUO, various data centres etc, with sound appreciation of such projects in the areas of (i) project health check assessment and turnaround strategy and execution (ii) claims management (iii) acted as Tribunal/Court appointed testifying expert in delay and cost assessment in arbitration, adjudication and litigation matters. With an extensive regional construction industry experience in claims management as well as performing the duty of testifying delay/quantum expert in formal dispute settings, coupled with Chung being a civil engineer by training as well as coming from a project person background, Chung is able to provide in-depth and precise advisory/assessment insights and support to the parties in construction contract claims and formal disputes. And more importantly guiding the parties towards positive outcomes. In his early career, he too was involved in head office planning function and senior management support, claim defence, performing cash-flows projections studies, logistics planning studies, project-wide manpower projection studies as well as Master Programme development. Chung's project experience includes iconic high-rise, hospitality / commercial (integrated resorts, hotels, malls and service apartments), residential, hospitals, airports, marine works, monorail, LRT, MRT, data centres, offshore and power plants. Chung's predominant geographical experience is in Malaysia and Singapore. His work engagements too brought him to other locations like Australia, Myanmar, Hong Kong/ Macau and India.

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## LAINA CHAN

Barrister, Founder & CEO Miai Law Pty Ltd

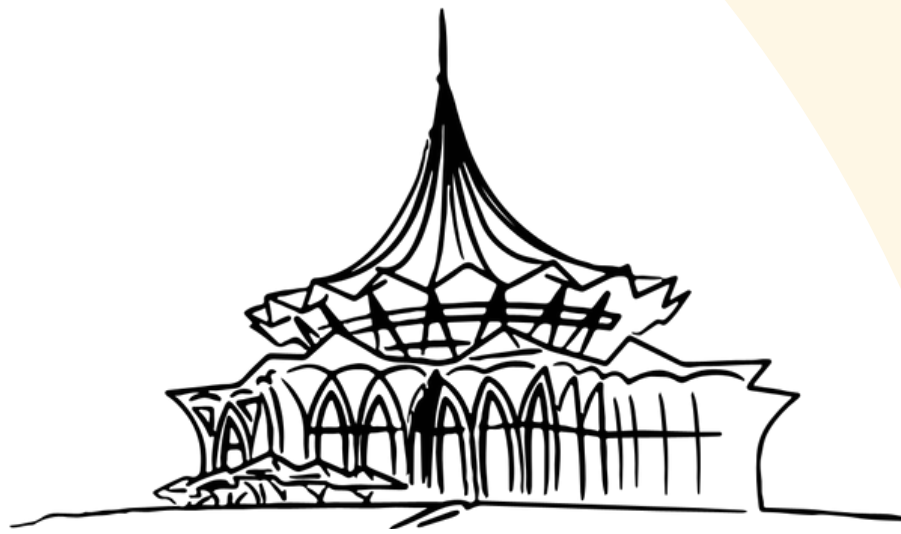
Driven by a desire to leverage AI for creating 'perfect memory' for herself and harnessing her 30 years of accumulated experience, Laina co-founded Miai Law Pty Ltd with Fred Almeida, her Harvard Business School classmate from 2019. Laina's vision for Mi.Ai Law is to revolutionise legal research with AI, delivering unprecedented efficiency and accuracy. Over the years, she has witnessed the evolution of legal research tools, transitioning from laborious manual processes to the rapid, AI-driven capabilities of today. What once took a week in 1994 can now be accomplished in seconds with Mi.Ai Law's cutting-edge AI research tools.



## SR YOW KAH LUN

Chief Executive Officer, Plus 3 Consultants

Sr Yow Kah Lun is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor (MRICS) with over 20 years of experience in the building and infrastructure construction industries across Malaysia and the Middle East. He holds a Master's degree in Construction Contract Management and has established himself as an expert in construction claims, dispute resolution and project management. Kah Lun is also a member of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM), a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) under the Project Management Institute (PMI). Additionally, Kah Lun is accredited as a Mediator with RICS and is empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB). As the CEO of Plus 3 Consultants, a leading construction claim consultancy in Malaysia, Kah Lun oversees operations across Asia Pacific with permanent offices in Malaysia and Hong Kong. He has been instrumental in building strategic partnerships with firms like CCR from Australia and Quantum Global Solutions from Qatar. Throughout his career, Kah Lun has led significant projects and teams, including his role as Contracts Manager, where he handled pre-and post-contract administration, commercial management and claims analysis. Kah Lun is passionate about sharing his knowledge and has spoken at various industry conferences and seminars. He continues to contribute to the industry through leadership and expert services in construction claims and dispute resolution.



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