What’s new?

Japanese laws on private ADR (Arb. and Med.) were updated in 2023 to correspond with the latest international standards. (effective by the end of Apr. 2024)

Arbitration (Arb.) is...

a form of dispute resolution where parties agree to be bound by an arbitrator’s award (arbitral award)

Mediation (Med.) is...

a form of dispute resolution wherein a mediator seeks to facilitate a settlement agreement between parties

What are the standards?

Model Law on Arb. and Convention on Med. adopted by *UNCITRAL

Act amending the Arb. Act

☆ The new act allows a court to order execution based on an order by an arbitral tribunal to preserve rights and evidence until an arbitral award is issued (“interim measure”).

Implementation Act on Med.

☆ The new act allows a court to order execution based on a settlement agreement through int’l Med. (“ISA”) as defined by the Singapore Convention on Med.

What’s more?

User-friendly judicial proceedings for obtaining execution orders for arbitral awards or ISAs necessary for compulsory execution based on int’l Arb. or Med.

Omission of translation

Where a court finds it appropriate, a party may submit an original arbitral award or an ISA to the court without Japanese translation.

Expansion of Jurisdiction

A party may file a petition for execution order in Tokyo/Osaka District Courts, as well as in courts with original territorial jurisdiction.