

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?

*United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

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").



Adopted the latest
UNCITRAL Model Law

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.



Entry into force of 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.