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High-caliber Arbitrators and Professionals

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Training and Qualification

Japan Association of Arbitrators



The Japan Association of Arbitrators (JAA) was founded in 2003 and admitted in 2014 as a Public Interest Corporation by the Cabinet Office.

As interest in arbitration and mediation grows, JAA has expanded since 2003 and now includes about 450 members.

JAA aims to promote the study of law and develop the arbitration and mediation skills of Japanese lawyers, and has contributed to arbitration and mediation practice in Japan.

JAA opened the Japan International Mediation Center (JIMC) in Kyoto in 2018, which provides world-class mediation services for various kinds of cross-border disputes.



CIArb Japan Chapter



CI Arb Japan Chapter is part of a global nonprofit organization of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), the world's leading qualifications and professional organization for dispute management, focusing on international arbitration and mediation.

Established in 1915, and registered as a non-profit charitable organization in the UK, CI Arb currently has over 17,000 members in more than 149 countries, and offers training and certification courses globally, and provides a wealth of professional resources including practice guidelines to members on its dedicated member website.

Joint Training Programs

CI Arb Japan Chapter currently conducts annual Introductory and membership level international arbitration certification courses which are co-sponsored by JAA and the Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (JIDRC), with support from the Ministry of Justice of the Japanese Government.

Mock Arbitration Competition

VIS Moot Japan

This is an event, held mainly in Kyoto, which serves as a domestic training round for university students participating in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. It is organized by the Academy for International Business Transactions (AIBT).

Since the first VIS Japan held in 2008, the number of participants has steadily increased. The 16th VIS Japan in 2023 attracted 145 participants, including 86 students from nine universities. To date, a total of 18 universities have sent teams.

More than 500 VIS Japan participants are actively contributing to society as judges, lawyers, and business experts.



Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition

This is an event for university students, held in Tokyo, with Japanese and English language divisions.

It utilizes richly detailed fact patterns involving transactions and disputes between companies from different nations. For the arbitration round, three judges, often with deep experience in international arbitration, serve as arbitrators for each match and provide valuable feedback to the participants.

In the most recent year, 2022, teams from 7 foreign nations joined teams from 20 Japanese universities. In the past 21 years, over 4000 students have taken part in this event.



What's More?

Business Environment

Japan is a convenient country that is safe and secure. There are many direct international flights, convenient transportation from airports to city centers, and exceptional hotels and restaurants.

Additionally, there are many beautiful tourist destinations that are easily accessible from cities like Tokyo and Osaka.

Safety and Splendid Environment

