

LMAA–SMU 2nd Annual Arbitration Event

Shanghai, 2 July 2019

On the afternoon of 2 July 2019, SMU Continuous Education Institution hosted the second joint annual arbitration event of the Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) and the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) held at the Harbour Campus of SMU in Shanghai. This event extended the innovative program initiated with the LMAA in May 2018, which aims to provide a constructive and substantive legal platform to assist Chinese enterprises in aspects of arbitration which might be encountered during implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.

This event won the strong support of the Shanghai International Shipping Arbitration Court, the Business Committee of Shanghai Pudong New Area (Shipping Service Office), the Shanghai International Shipping Institute, the Shanghai World Maritime University Center and other institutions. It was hosted by Lin Jiang, an associate professor of the Law School of SMU. Gao Shuliang, dean of the SMU Continuous Education Institution, attended and delivered the opening speech.



Maritime arbitration around the world is concentrated in London, with the LMAA being recognised as the pre-eminent body facilitating international maritime arbitration worldwide, having provided efficient dispute resolution services for global shipping and commercial enterprises since its inception in 1960.

In 2018 1561 new arbitration cases were commenced and 508 arbitration awards were published under LMAA Terms and Procedures. Hence, it was our great honour to have with us three officers and top international maritime

arbitrators from the LMAA here with us : Ian Gaunt (LMAA President), Clive Aston (LMAA Immediate Past President), Daniella Horton (LMAA Honorary Secretary), who were joined by Andrew Stevens (barrister at 4 Pump Court in London).

The speakers presented papers on key issues and latest developments in relation to LMAA arbitration, as well as providing guidance on procedural and substantive legal issues to which Chinese shipping companies should pay attention when considering or participating in international maritime arbitration. The presentations involved interactive sections in which the speakers posed procedural questions first to the audience from shipping companies, shipbuilding enterprises, financial institutions and law firms, and then to the arbitrators, were offered their views on procedural points and made suggestions on how to undertake maritime arbitration most effectively.



This event formed part of the series of events organised to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Shanghai Maritime University. In the future, we will continue to strengthen cooperation with international organisations, institutions and think-tanks, provide social support for shipping education and contribute in a small way to the construction of the Shanghai International Shipping Center.

