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Key Experience

Ing Loong Yang is a disputes partner in our Hong Kong office. He counsels clients on international arbitration and complex commercial litigation in Asia, particularly on cross-border disputes involving Greater China.

Biography

Ing Loong is a highly respected international arbitration and cross-border disputes specialist advising clients across Asia and internationally. He is recognized as one of the foremost and top tier international arbitration and cross-border disputes practitioners in Hong Kong and ranked Tier 1 in Chambers Greater China 2023 and Chambers Global 2023 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (International Firms) in China. He also listed as a leading individual in the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023 in Hong Kong for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration and as a global and national leader for Arbitration in Who's Who Legal Global Leader Arbitration 2023, Who's Who Legal National Leader Mainland China & Hong Kong SAR Arbitration 2023.

Ing Loong has significant experience representing clients in international arbitrations including, among others, under the rules of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), International Court of Arbitration (ICC), the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the Hong Kong Courts. He is a Solicitor-Advocate of the Hong Kong Courts, with full rights of audience in the Hong Kong Courts. He is also qualified in England and Wales, Singapore, and New York.

Representative Work - Arbitration

Advising:

- A major conglomerate in Malaysia in two Hong Kong arbitrations against a PRC company arising from joint venture agreement to set up car production facilities in China
- A major Chinese online game company in two arbitrations, seated in Singapore, against a Korean online game company

Areas of Focus

International Arbitration
Complex Commercial Litigation
Disputes & Investigations
International Disputes
Antitrust/ Competition
Securities Enforcement & Litigation

Languages

Cantonese
Mandarin
English
Bahasa Indonesia

Education

LL.M., University of Cambridge, 1990
LL.B., University of Cambridge, 1984

Bar Admissions

Solicitor - Advocate,
Hong Kong

- A key OEM manufacturer of ATM machines in southern China against Hong Kong arbitrations brought by a Japanese ATM manufacturer
- A leading Taiwanese OEM manufacturer in a Singapore arbitration against French and Canadian customers in the navigational systems industry
- A major Chinese real estate company in a multi-million dollar arbitration in Hong Kong against a BVI company controlled by 2 Chinese individuals relating to a large real estate development in Nanjing, China
- An international hotel, casino, entertainment, and gaming group in relation to a dispute regarding a casino development in Laos
- A Chinese state-owned company in respect of a potential dispute arising out of a Sale and Purchase Agreement of a real estate project in Nanjing, China
- A Chinese manufacturer as claimant in a UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Hong Kong regarding an OEM agreement between the Chinese manufacturer and a Japanese company. The Chinese manufacturer was alleged of improper use of intellectual property and reverse engineering of products supplied by the Japanese company
- A Taiwanese company in a dispute against two European companies arising under a memorandum of understanding relating to the design and manufacture of a commercial product by the two companies
- A special purpose vehicle of a world leading private equity firm in a CIETAC arbitration in PRC relating to an investment dispute concerning potential acquisition of three buildings in Shenzhen, China
- A Southeast Asian property investment company as respondent in a HKIAC arbitration under Myanmar law seated in Hong Kong regarding a dispute related to the construction and management of a high-end hotel in Yangon. Claimant (a leading global hotel management group) alleged wrongful termination of a hotel management agreement. The arbitration was settled in favor of our client with the claimant agreed to settle and terminate the process without any claims
- A Chinese state-owned asset management company in a HKIAC arbitration in accordance with UNICITRAL rules in connection with a share sellback agreement between the company and a listed company in Hong Kong and its original controlling shareholder
- A PRC national in an investment dispute administered by HKIAC against two US companies
- A Chinese trading company in a HKIAC arbitration concerning a dispute with its Singapore supplier in relation to an iron ore sale and purchase transaction
- A Chinese State-owned energy company in a joint venture dispute with its Indonesian partner in respect of a project in Indonesia. The dispute arises from a shareholders' contract and a land lease agreement, which includes an arbitration clause stipulating that arbitration shall be conducted in ICC in Singapore
- An Indian company in an SIAC arbitration in relation to its purchase of an aircraft from a Middle East company
- An Egyptian company in relation to the disputes with a PRC company under a development and supply contract in an arbitration administered by SIAC in accordance with SIAC Rules
- A BVI company acting as exclusive prime contractor in relation to its dispute with a Kuwaiti company arising from an EPCM agreement for a mammoth construction project in the Philippines, in an ad hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules
- A Japanese investment funds company in relation to an investment dispute in Fujian, China administered by HKIAC, including successfully arguing for a stay of the Hong Kong Court proceeding initiated by the counterparty in favor of arbitration

- The chairperson of a Chinese-listed company in a multi-million dollar HKIAC arbitration against US and Hong Kong investors in respect of disputes concerning the enforceability of “compensation for share price guarantees” after listing; the language of arbitration is Chinese
- A US company in an arbitration seated in Ecuador against a former executive of the company for breaches of an employment agreement governed by Singapore law
- A listed PRC company in a “bet the company” international arbitration involving hundreds of millions of dollars administered by SIAC in accordance with ICC Rules with a European multinational company in relation to a License Agreement for the licensing of clean technology, and successfully defended the client against a substantial part of the multi-million dollar claim in US dollars; this was also a landmark case concerning “mix-and-match arbitration clauses”, the validity of which was challenged in the Singapore courts
- A Canadian multinational company in an SIAC arbitration held in Singapore against a Chinese state-owned Enterprise in relation to the establishment and management of a joint venture plant in Anhui, China
- A US medical equipment company in an arbitration against a Chinese company in respect of distributorship agreement and potential arbitration
- A Canadian company on a dispute against a state-owned Chinese company based in Tianjin brought by a Chinese-foreign joint-venture

Ing Loong has also served as arbitrator in the following matters:

- Presiding Arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration under Hong Kong law concerning a dispute in connection with a repayment agreement
- Presiding Arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration under Hong Kong law concerning a dispute in connection with a guarantee agreement
- Co-arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration between a US intellectual property solutions company and a Chinese manufacturer of electronics products regarding a patent license agreement
- Co-arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration between BVI companies regarding a project management agreement
- Co-arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration between a project management company and the owner, arising out of a project management agreement to develop a property in Macau
- Co-arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration between Chinese entities relating to a distribution agreement
- Co-arbitrator in a dispute under the UNCITRAL Rules relating to a Promissory Note between a large fund and a PRC businessman concerning breaches of its terms
- Presiding arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration under Hong Kong law concerning disputes in connection with a Settlement Agreement
- Presiding arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Swiss multinational and a Chinese company concerning a contract dispute
- Presiding arbitrator in a SHIAC arbitration concerning a contractual dispute over the alleged theft of intellectual property relating to a component of a PTT polymer production facility
- Co-arbitrator in three ICC arbitrations between Singaporean, Malaysian and Bruneian distributors against their Japanese principal relating to the termination of distributorship agreements
- Sole in a CIETAC Hong Kong arbitration in relation to a dispute involving a large steel company, which owns scrap metal yards throughout the Caribbean, United States and South America

- Co-arbitrator in an KCAB arbitration on a dispute between a famous Korean cosmetic brand and its Chinese distributor
- The Presiding Arbitrator in a CIETAC arbitration between a PRC manufacturer and distributor of food seasonings and a Japanese manufacturer of food products machinery in relation to a dispute arising from the sale of equipment
- Co-arbitrator in an SIAC arbitration between a PRC state-owned energy company and a European developer of cutting-edge wind powered technology relating to a dispute arising from a cooperation agreement in developing and marketing wind turbine technologies
- Co-arbitrator in an CIETAC arbitration on a dispute involving a premium sports brand in China
- Sole Arbitrator in a CIETAC arbitration between a Spanish businessman and a Chinese company in relation to a dispute involving an engineering contract
- One of the three-member Tribunal in an SIAC arbitration between a BVI company and a PRC company relating to disputes arising from a cooperation agreement; the governing law is PRC law and the language of arbitration is Chinese
- Presiding Arbitrator in two related SIAC arbitrations between a US company and a PRC company to determine disputes under two joint venture agreements
- The arbitrator in an SIAC arbitration between a Canadian company and a PRC company relating to disputes under a multi-million dollar film distribution agreement
- Sole Arbitrator in an SIAC arbitration between a Singapore company and a PRC company relating to sale of commodities
- Sole Arbitrator in an SIAC
- arbitration between a US company and a PRC company relating to an equipment sale contract
- Sole Arbitrator in three related HKIAC arbitrations between a Hong Kong company and a PRC company regarding alleged breach of container leasing contracts
- Sole Arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration held in Hong Kong between a Korean bank and a PRC real estate company regarding an indemnification claim involving hundreds of millions of dollars concerning the interpretation of the articles of association of a PRC company
- The Presiding Arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration between two PRC citizens and a BVI company and others relating to disputes under a sale and purchase of shares agreement
- The Presiding Arbitrator in an arbitration held at the CIETAC in Shanghai to determine disputes between a Chinese main contractor and the European owner of a construction project involving some CNY100 million; the governing law is PRC law and the language of arbitration is Chinese
- The Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration held at the HKIAC in Hong Kong to determine disputes between a Chinese company and an Australian company in relation to the sale and purchase of coal; the governing law is the law of Western Australia and the language of arbitration is English
- Chairman of CIETAC tribunal to hear an arbitration between a Samoan company and a Beijing company in relation to a sale of equipment dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Hong Kong company and two Chinese companies relating to a dispute on the distribution of certain television productions
- Sole Arbitrator in a KLRCA arbitration between a Malaysian company and a US company relating to a network communication service agreement

- One of the three arbitrators in a CIETAC arbitration between Singaporean parties and a PRC company relating to a joint venture dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in an HKIAC arbitration in relation to a bank loan dispute valued at US\$400 million

Public Services and Affiliations

Ing Loong sits as an arbitrator—either as sole arbitrator, chair of tribunal, or party-appointed arbitrator—in numerous arbitrations in Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Beijing, Shanghai, and Seoul. He is a Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, with appointments to many panels of international arbitral institutions, namely the:

- HKIAC, including its Financial Services Disputes panel
- SIAC
- CIETAC
- Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)
- Shanghai International Arbitration Centre (SHIAC)
- Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia) (AIAC), formerly known as the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (ADNDRC)
- Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC)
- Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
- Bali International Arbitration & Mediation Center (BIAMC)

Ing Loong currently holds the following roles:

- Council Member and the Chairperson of the Appointments Committee of the HKIAC
- Member of the International Arbitration Committee of the KCAB International
- Advisor to China Academy of Arbitration Law

Ing Loong previously held the following roles:

- Ambassador to the Commission of the ICC International Court of Arbitration on the Belt and Road Initiative
- Director of Maxwell Chambers, Singapore
- Deputy public prosecutor with the Singapore Attorney-General's Chambers
- Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Singapore Exchange (SGX)

Ing Loong is fluent in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Chiuchow, Fujianese, Malay, and Bahasa Indonesia.

Recognition

- *Chambers Greater China Region 2023 - Band 1 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (International Firms) - China. A client says: "I strongly recommend Ing Loong for anything related to international arbitration in Hong Kong and Mainland China."*
- *Chambers Global 2023 - Band 1 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (International Firms) - China*
- *Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023 - Leading individual in Hong Kong for Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration*
- *Chambers Asia Pacific 2022. His peers and clients say: 'Ing Loong remains a standout for his work as an adviser and advocate on a range of major commercial disputes. He also regularly acts as an arbitrator. One source asserts that he is "undoubtedly a leader in his field; he impresses with his ability to manage a heavy caseload, while getting the best out of his team". A client enthuses: "When you have a partner like him taking care of your case you're comfortable to tell your bosses they can sleep soundly at night."'*
- *Who's Who Legal - Global Leader, Arbitration 2023 - Ranking: Recommended*
- *Who's Who Legal - National Leader, Mainland China & Hong Kong SAR - Arbitration 2023 Ranking: Recommended. The guide says 'the "sensible" Ing Loong strikes market sources as "a pleasure to work with" thanks to his "consummate commercial mindset".'*
- *Global Arbitration Review (GAR) 100 2021- 14th Edition - Noted as "Highly respected"*
- *Chambers Asia Pacific 2020 and his clients say: Ing Loong 'Maintains his tremendous reputation as an authority in the Hong Kong arbitration market and interviewees consider him to be "the most senior bilingual arbitration practitioner in Hong Kong."'*

Selected Speaking Engagements

- "International Arbitration in the New World Order - How Should Users Respond?" Akin Gump webinar, June 2022.
- "Protecting Your Interest Through Interim Relief from Mainland Chinese Courts", discussing tools to protect parties' interests in Mainland China and important considerations for the choice of dispute resolution clauses for China-related transactions, California International Arbitration Week, March 2022.
- "The 9th Asia-Pacific ADR Virtual Conference - Innovative suggestions for virtual and remote hearing", November 2020
- "GAR Interactive HK 2020 - Debate this house believes that there is no such thing as a bad challenge", October 2020
- "China Arbitration Week - Hot topics in international arbitration", September 2020
- "HKIAC Roundtable Discussion - Making Virtual Hearings Work (Mainland China)", August 2020
- "SIAC China Webinar - Saving Time and Costs in your International Arbitration Case: A
- "How to" Guide for Users", July 2020
- "HKIAC Webinar: Hong Kong-Mainland China Interim Measures Arrangement: A game changer", April 2020
"HKIAC International Commercial Arbitration Forum - Case Evaluation, Property Search and Emergency Relief", Xiamen, June 14, 2019
- "SIAC-JAA Tokyo Conference", Tokyo, June 4, 2019

- “16th CIETAC CUP International Commercial Arbitration Moot”, Beijing, November, 2018
- “2018 Hong Kong Summit on Commercial Dispute Resolution in China”, Beijing, October 27, 2018
- “HKIAC Pre-arbitration Strategy Seminar: Maximising Recovery in International Disputes”, Hong Kong, October 6, 2018
- “ICC-HK International Commercial Mediation Competition”, Hong Kong, October 12-15, 2018
- “SIAC Overseas Conference”, Beijing, October 12, 2018
- “China Arbitration Week”, Beijing, September 17-21, 2018
- “IPBA Conference in Manila”, Manila, March 13-15, 2018
- “Moot Shanghai 2018”, Shanghai, March 7, 2018
- “4th ICC Asia Conference on International Arbitration”, Hong Kong, January 26-27, 2018
- “Arbitration Law and Practice Talk”, Shenzhen, January 20, 2018
- “IBA Arb40 - Award Writing ToolKit - Training”, Shanghai, December 12, 2017
- “2017 Colloquium on International Law: Common Future in Asia”, Hong Kong, July 7-8, 2017
- “Litigation Seminar”, Hong Kong, April 19, 2017
- “HKIAC Arbitration Clause Negotiation Workshop”, Taipei, March 30, 2017
- “Shanghai Pre-Vis Moot”, Shanghai, March 21, 2017
- “Best Practices in International Arbitration Training Session: Mock Scenario of International Arbitration,” Shenzhen, December 11, 2015
- “China Arbitration Summit 2015 - Judicial Support for Arbitration,” Beijing, September 25, 2015
- “The 4th Asia Pacific ADR Conference - Efficiency and Effectiveness of ADR”, Seoul, November 4, 2015
- “CDR Autumn Arbitration Symposium 2015 - Regional Trends in International Arbitration”, London, November 12, 2015
- “International Malaysia Law Conference 2012 - International Commercial Arbitration: Perspectives from the Four Corners of the Globe,” Kuala Lumpur, September 27, 2012
- “Duelling with Dragons”: Managing Business Disputes in Today’s China, New York, September 20, 2011
- “Resolving Business Disputes in Today’s China: A Case Study,” Stockholm, Sweden, November 8, 2010

All the above matters were presented prior to joining Akin Gump except the first speaking engagement

Selected Publications

- “Foreign institutional arbitration in China”, Practical Law China, September 2020
- “Seat of Arbitration and Enforcement of Awards”, Dispute Digest, September 2017
- “Innovation reinforces HK’s status as a leading international arbitration hub”, China Daily Asia, December 2016
- “The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Business Crime 2015 - Singapore”, The International Comparative Legal Guide, October 2014
- “Hong Kong is a preferred seat of arbitration”, China Daily Hong Kong Edition, October 2014

- “Should you mediate, arbitrate or litigate?”, Asian-Mena Counsel - Dispute Resolution Special Report, June 2014
- “International Commercial Dispute Resolution - How to Execute International Commercial Arbitration in Hong Kong and Singapore,” China Business Press, August 8, 2011
- “Singapore court rules on insolvency,” Global Arbitration Review, 16 June 2011
- “Enforcement of Arbitral Awards: The Taiwanese Perspective,” Asian Dispute Review, April 2011
- “Are Lawyers Ready for the International Commercial Arbitration Era?”, The Legal Daily, June 10, 2010
- “Developments in International Arbitration in Singapore in 2009,” Asian Dispute Review, April 2010
- “Emerging Antitrust Regimes in Asia,” Law 360, December 1, 2008
- Commentary on “Provisional Measures,” 50 Years of the New York Convention, Dublin 2008 (published by Wolters Kluwer, 2008, as part of the ICCA Congress Series, No. 14)
- “An Intellectual Property Project,” Financial Times, June 2006
- “Approach to the Anti-Monopoly Law of the PRC”, CCH China Law Express, March 2006

Thought Leadership

- Taking Stock of Hong Kong as an Arbitral Seat Briefing (Dec 2020)
- Chinese Court Decision Reinforces Need for Clear and Precise Drafting of China-Related Arbitration Agreements London Blog (Oct 2020)
- “International Arbitration: Focus on Chinese Counter-Parties,” Client Alert (October 2019)
- “Hong Kong Enters Mutual Interim Relief Arrangement With Mainland China,” Client Alert (May 2019)
- “Can’t Pay, Won’t Pay — Hong Kong Introduces Third-Party Funding of Arbitration,” Client Alert (January 2019)
- “HKIAC Updates Rules to Strengthen Market Profile and Improve User Experience,” Client Alert (October 2018)
- “6 Key Considerations in China-related Arbitrations,” Client Alert (October 2017)
- “Seat of Arbitration and Enforcement of Awards,” Article (October 2017)
- “International Arbitration Newsletter (Jan 2017),” Newsletter (January 2017)
- “Innovation reinforces HK’s status as a leading international arbitration hub,” Article (December 2016)
- “International Arbitration: Resolving a World of Disputes,” Article (January 2016)
- “International Arbitration Newsletter (Jan 2016),” Newsletter (January 2016)
- “The Ever-Growing Importance of Hong Kong’s Role in China-related Arbitration,” Article (December 2015)
- “Hong Kong: Law Reform Commission Recommends Allowing Third-Party Funding for Arbitration,” Client Alert (November 2015)
- “International Arbitration Newsletter (July 2015),” Newsletter (July 2015)
- “International Arbitration Newsletter (February 2015),” Newsletter (February 2015)
- “Five Key Considerations in China-related Arbitrations,” Client Alert (October 2014)

- “Global Legal Insights: Bribery & Corruption - Singapore,” Article (November 2013)
- “Arbitration in the Asia-Pacific Region,” Q&A (October 2013)
- “The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Business Crime 2014 - Singapore,” Article (October 2013)
- “Chinese Arbitration Award Caught in Arbitration Institute Dispute,” Client Alert (July 2013)

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