

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE CHAMBER OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATION OF MILAN (ITALY)**

AND

THE JAPAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

Being convinced that a wider use of commercial arbitration would lend confidence and stability to commercial transactions between companies and firms in Italy and Japan,

The Chamber of National and International Arbitration of Milan, a special body of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Handcraft and Agriculture of Milan, having its registered seat at Milan, Italy.

and

The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, an independent arbitration institution, having its registered seat at Tokyo, Japan,

have agreed as follows:

1. The parties shall, under the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, cooperate in promoting arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution methods as means of settling commercial disputes.
2. The parties shall exchange information concerning education in and promotion of arbitration in their respective countries.
3. At the request of a party, the other party shall recommend suitable persons for participation in seminars, conferences and training programmes.
4. Each party shall endeavor to provide research trainees recommended by the other party with assistance and supervision to the extent possible from an organizational point of view.
5. The parties shall exchange publications, information materials and reference documents published under their auspices concerning commercial arbitration.
6. At the request of a party, the other party shall recommend suitable persons to act as arbitrator, conciliator or mediator.

7. At the request of a party, the other party shall provide administrative services or any other services necessary for conducting arbitrations or other alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Expenses incurred shall be reimbursed by the party requesting such services.
8. Subject to the above provision, or unless expressly otherwise agreed to by the parties, each party shall assume the costs of carrying out its obligations under this Agreement.
9. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of the last signature.
10. This Agreement may be modified by further agreements between the parties.
11. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, for whatever reasons. The termination shall take effect 30 days from the receipt by a party of a written notice of termination from the other party.

Signed:

For:

The Chamber of National and
International Arbitration of Milan

(signed)
Carlo Sangalli
President

Date: April 16, 1998

For:

The Japan Commercial Arbitration
Association

(signed)
Norihiko Maeda
President

Date: April 3, 1998