



Australasian Forum for  
International Arbitration



## International Arbitration Symposium Tokyo

Monday, 3 December 2012

5:00 – 7:15 pm (registration from 4:30pm)

### Venue

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
Akasaka Biz Tower, 36th floor  
5-3-1 Akasaka Minato-ku Tokyo 107-6336

### Guest speaker

Akira Kawamura, President of the International Bar Association

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**32<sup>nd</sup> AFIA SYMPOSIUM  
TOKYO**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of the Australasian Forum for International Arbitration in Tokyo on **Monday, 3 December 2012**, with guest speaker Akira Kawamura, President of the International Bar Association.

The symposium will be held at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Akasaka Biz Tower, 36<sup>th</sup> floor, 5-3-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku Tokyo 107-6336. The symposium is sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer.

If you would like to attend, please register before **23 November 2012** by using [the online registration form](http://sites.freshfields.vuturvevx.com/69/2065/landing-pages/afia---3-dec-2012---registration-form.asp) (<http://sites.freshfields.vuturvevx.com/69/2065/landing-pages/afia---3-dec-2012---registration-form.asp>). **Attendance is free of charge but seats are strictly limited.**

The success of AFIA Symposia depends on contributions made by participants. As in the past, the symposium will be conducted in an informal atmosphere intended to encourage contributions or questions related to international arbitration from all participants, irrespective of their level of practical experience in international arbitration.

Below is the programme for the symposium:

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| 4:30 pm | Registration opens   |
| 5:00 pm | Presentation by <b>Akira Kawamura</b> (President of the International Bar Association) |
| 5:30 pm | Coffee break   |
| 5:45 pm | Panel Discussion   |
|         | Panellists:  |
|         | Professor Tatsuya Nakamura (Japan Commercial Arbitration Association)                  |
|         | Professor Luke Nottage (University of Sydney)  |
|         | Yoshimi Ohara (Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu)  |
|         | Moderator: Nicholas Lingard (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)                           |

We do hope that you will join us at this event.

**Amanda Lees and Elodie Dulac**  
**AFIA Co-Chairs**



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**Online registration:**

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Please register by **Friday, 23 November 2012**.

If you have questions on the programme, please contact Jesse Kennedy at [jesse.kennedy@nortonrose.com](mailto:jesse.kennedy@nortonrose.com)

If you have difficulties registering using the online website, please contact [yuka.nakao@freshfields.com](mailto:yuka.nakao@freshfields.com)

Participants are encouraged to submit any questions or topics for discussion via the online registration form.

The questions or topics chosen for discussion will be provided to all participants at the symposium. Participants who have submitted questions or topics may be asked to introduce these at the event. If you wish to submit a question or topic for discussion but do not want your name to appear on the topic list, please let us know and one of the conference chairs will introduce the topic on your behalf.

**Directions to the venue:**

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, 36F Akasaka Biz Tower, 5-3-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
<http://www.freshfields.com/en/japan/contactus/>

Direct access from Exit 1, Akasaka Station, Chiyoda Line. Station located within the building.  
5 minutes walk from Believe Akasaka Exit, Akasaka-Mitsuke Station, Ginza Line and Marunouchi Line.

6 minutes walk from Exit 7 or Exit 10, Tameike-Sanno Station, Ginza Line and Namboku Line.



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### About the Australasian Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA)

AFIA provides practitioners, especially younger members, with a forum to discuss issues and developments in international arbitration, with a particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region. AFIA has over 480 members worldwide.

Since its inauguration in 2004, AFIA has held regular symposia in the Asia-Pacific region, where attendees participate in informal discussions and can ask questions and share knowledge based on their international arbitration experience. The discussions are led by an experienced panel and are based on topics suggested by members and circulated to attendees prior to the symposium.

The topics range from current legal developments both in the region and further abroad, to practical hints on the conduct of international arbitration. We welcome attendees from all professional backgrounds, irrespective of their level of expertise or experience in the area of international arbitration.

AFIA provides an important opportunity for the forging of professional relationships amongst young practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region and globally. It also offers opportunities to its members to benefit from AFIA's developing associations with similar organizations around the world.

Membership of AFIA is free. AFIA members receive notices of upcoming international arbitration events and are the first to be informed of AFIA Symposia. Those interested in joining should contact Mr Jesse Kennedy, Secretary of AFIA at [jesse.kennedy@nortonrose.com](mailto:jesse.kennedy@nortonrose.com).

Information about AFIA is available at <http://afia.asia/>

## **GUEST SPEAKER: MR AKIRA KAWAMURA**

Akira Kawamura is serving as the President of the International Bar Association (IBA) until the end of 2012. He is also Councillor to the Japanese Society of International Law, and a member of the Ethics Committee of the Japanese Cancer Association. He is executive director of the Japan Arbitrators Association and a panel arbitrator of CIETAC. Mr Kawamura was formerly a visiting professor of law at Kyoto University and executive director of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations. He has been actively involved in issues involving foreign lawyers in Japan as well as Japan's reform to international arbitration law.

Mr Kawamura is a graduate in law of Kyoto University (1965) and of the University of Sydney (LL.M., 1979). He was admitted to the legal profession in Japan 1967, and also trained at a law firm in Australia. He is currently a partner at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, and has extensive general corporate and litigation/arbitration practices with numerous large multinational domestic and foreign clients. Mr Kawamura specializes in corporate, M&A, international trade, entertainment, publication, energy and real estate law. He is a corporate auditor and board member of a number of Japanese companies such as McDonald's Holding Company (Japan), and is also an experienced arbitrator/mediator. He was awarded the "Best Business Lawyer of the Year" by Chambers Global in 2002.