Established in 1956, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration commission (CIETAC) is China’s most experienced arbitration institution which administers majority of foreign-related arbitration cases in China. CIETAC is also one of the major permanent international arbitration institutions which independently and impartially resolves economic and trade disputes by means of arbitration.

CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center is CIETAC’s first branch established outside the Chinese mainland. According to the 2015 CIETAC Arbitration Rules, CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center accepts and administers cases of which the arbitration agreements stipulate that the disputes will be submitted to “CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center for arbitration” or to “CIETAC for arbitration in Hong Kong”.

CIETAC’s caseload statistics show that among the cases administered, cases involving Hong Kong parties are ranked second. Parties also prefer to refer foreign-related disputes to arbitration in Hong Kong. Therefore, to cater to the needs of the parties CIETAC established the CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center. CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center carries out the functions and handles the responsibilities of a sub-commission of CIETAC, as stipulated in the 2015 CIETAC Arbitration Rules, and accordingly enables parties to settle disputes close to the place where the same have arose.
On 15 April 2018, an international arbitration seminar themed A Tale of Three Seats was successfully held in Sydney by CIETAC. In the seminar, arbitration and dispute resolution experts from government authorities, arbitration institutions and law firms from different jurisdictions had discussions on tropical issues and development trends of international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration in Asia-Pacific Region and analysed on widely discussed cases.

The seminar was consisted of two sessions. The first session focused on the latest developments of international arbitration laws. CIETAC Arbitrator and Partner of KWM Paul Starr discussed on how Hong Kong could give full play of its advantages under the One Belt and One Road Initiative and illustrated why Hong Kong was a preferred seat for dispute settlement. Director of Joint Dispute Resolution Strategy Office of the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Ms. Ada Chen introduced the construction of Hong Kong legal center and the latest Luke Nottage reviewed the investment disputes resolution mechanism from the perspective of policy and legislation as well as in the view of Australia and Sydney. Partner of Dahui Lawyers Arthur Ma analysed how to promote arbitration to parties and shared his experiences on how to shorten arbitration procedural time effectively.

The second sessions placed emphasis on arbitration cases and practical experiences. Senior Partner of KWM Edwina Kwan analysed on common issues such as cultural differences in cross border transactions based on personal practice. CIETAC Arbitrator and Partner of Zhong Lun Sun Wei made a case-based analysis on issues that need to be noticed by parties in the enforcement stage. Managing Counsel of CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center Brad Wang introduced on successful property preservation cases of CIETAC and CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center outside mainland China and Hong Kong respectively. Senior Associate of Hogan Lovells Henry Winter introduced the latest developments of arbitration in Vietnam and investment arbitration. The seminar was held in KWM Sydney Office. Nearly a hundred of professionals attended the seminar.
On 17th and 18th of May 2018, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong organized a two-day conference titled “Dispute Resolution in Asia and Beyond: Progress and Trends”. This conference was one of the events from the series of academic events organized by School of Law, City University of Hong Kong to celebrate the 30th anniversary since its establishment.

The conference provided a platform for leading scholars and arbitrators worldwide to share and exchange their opinions concerning the status quo and the future of international dispute resolution, and for the Asian region in particular. Under the central theme of “dispute resolution in Asia”, the conference was further divided into four sub-themes, namely commercial arbitration, investment arbitration, general trend of dispute resolution and international commercial courts. Thirty speakers coming from different jurisdictions (including Germany, Hong Kong, Netherlands, mainland China, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland and Taiwan) and different professions (including scholars, lawyers, judges, arbitrators and arbitration institution senior personnel) participated in this conference to discuss issues related to these four sub-themes from academic, theoretical, as well as practical perspectives.

Brad Wang, Managing Counsel of CIETAC Hong Kong spoke at the conference and showcased the latest approaches of Mainland and Hong Kong courts to support on-going CIETAC cases.

Invited by the Russian Arbitration Association to participate in the round table discussion on arbitration reform, Brad introduced CIETAC’s history and experience of being the leading international arbitration institution in China and also its unique CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center. The panel also included delegates from other arbitration institutions such as ICC, VIAC, HKIAC, AIAC, SCA, LCIA and SCC.

The conference also delved into the discussion of the newly drafted Prague Rules on the Taking of Evidence being an alternative to the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration.

5-7 May 2018 witnessed the event of Asia ADR Week 2018 organized by Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC). CIETAC was invited to discuss and provide futuristic views on the holistic resolution of disputes in front of more than 100 legal experts from the arbitration industry.
On 29 May 2018, CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center (CIETAC Hong Kong) and the Hong Kong Institute of Patent Attorneys (HKIPA) signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a strategic and cooperative relationship with each other in IP arbitration and mediation.

Dr. Wang Wenying, Secretary General of CIETAC Hong Kong, expressed how CIETAC Hong Kong would be a premium choice for the resolution of IP related disputes as an arbitral institution since it embraces the features of both CIETAC and the Hong Kong legal system. Dr. Lewis Luk, JP, President of HKIPA, believes that with the help of talented IP lawyers and agents from the HKIPA, a cooperative relationship between the HKIPA and CIETAC would result in a better resolution for parties involved in IP related disputes.

On 31 May 2018, representatives from CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center (CIETAC Hong Kong) participated in the 4th ICC-CIETAC Joint Conference titled 'International Arbitration without Frontiers' held in Beijing. Secretary-General of CIETAC Hong Kong, Dr. Wenying Wang, moderated the panel discussion session that dealt with Construction/Infrastructure disputes on International Arbitration. The session covered interesting sub-topics such as expedited procedure/emergency arbitration in construction arbitrations, the role of third parties and the requirement of joinder and consolidation in construction arbitrations, and the use of Dispute Resolution Board in construction projects.

Deputy Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center, Mr. Madhav Kumar, was one of the panellists in the panel discussion session that covered the topic of third-party funding in arbitration. Mr. Kumar briefly spoke on the role of arbitration institutions when there is an involvement of third-party funding in arbitration. He introduced the features of the CIETAC Hong Kong Guidelines for Third-Party Funding in Arbitration and also mentioned the approach adopted by the CIETAC International Investment Arbitration Rules while...
Dr. Raymond P Ho, Director at ARP Engineering Limited Myanmar, and an esteemed Member of the Lighthouse Club, gave the opening remarks. During his opening remarks, Dr. Ho emphasized on the independent and impartial position maintained by the Hong Kong judiciary which has enabled Hong Kong to become one of the most ideal places to resolve disputes arising from cross-border contracts. Dr. Ho also spoke about the important role that Hong Kong plays in the construction industry. The opening remarks by Dr. Ho was followed by a brief presentation Mr. Jacobus Du-Plessis, Associate at VDB-Loi Myanmar, in which he introduced the legal practice of Myanmar and also introduced VDB-Loi’s area of practice in Myanmar.

The panel session was moderated by Mr. Brad Wang, Managing Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong, and the speakers on the panel were Mr. Edwin Vanderbruggen, Senior Partner at VDB-Loi Myanmar, Ms. Suegene Ang, Resident Partner at Wong Partnership LLP Myanmar, Mr. Ho Chien Mien, Partner at Allen and Gledhill Singapore, and Prof. Steve Ngo, Chairman - Arbitration and International Dispute Resolution Practice Group at ASEAN Legal Alliance. The session began with Mr. Edwin Vanderbruggen primarily explaining the role of the Myanmar Courts in resolving construction disputes and their approach towards arbitration. With the help of real-life cases Mr. Vanderbruggen highlighted the effectiveness of Myanmar courts to resolve certain matters pertaining to construction as compared to arbitration. The second speaker of the session, Ms. Suegene Ang spoke briefly about the advantages of arbitration over litigation and explained why arbitration is a better option to effectively resolve cross-border construction disputes. Additionally, she highlighted the importance of avoiding further escalation of the dispute by effectively managing the dispute at its initial stage.

Mr. Ho Chien Mien, the third speaker of the session, spoke on the practical considerations of managing international construction arbitrations. In his presentation, Mr. Ho Chien Mien highlighted on why it is beneficial for the parties to refer construction disputes to arbitration. He also listed out the advantages and disadvantages of institutional and ad-hoc arbitration respectively and stated that it is on the parties to eventually decide on the mode of arbitration that would best suit their interest.

The last speaker of the session, Prof. Steve Ngo, briefly introduced investment arbitration and explained its importance in facilitating the resolution of disputes arising from contracts entered into between a foreign investor and a sovereign State. He also mentioned about the numerous standards of protection available to foreign investors via the Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) and through the help of case he illustrated how the BIT can benefit numerous foreign construction companies.

Mr. Brad Wang while moderating the session highlighted the advantages of institutional arbitration and also pointed CIETAC Hong Kong’s ability to provide services for facilitating the conduct of ad-hoc arbitration. He also shared the vast experience that CIETAC has in administering arbitration cases and further emphasized on CIETAC’s services, such as mediation, that has played a very important role in facilitating the effective resolution of construction disputes.

The seminar concluded with a highly interactive question and answer session during which numerous members of the audience raised questions to get a clearer picture on arbitration practice. Overall, the seminar was a great success, and it was an enriching experience for CIETAC Hong Kong.
On 16 September 2018, CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center (“CIETAC Hong Kong”) successfully organized its Day of Arbitration Field Practice at Beijing Hotel, Beijing. The event was attended by more than 130 attendees and received positive feedback. The event was appreciated for effectively covering a diverse set of important topics relating to the contemporary international arbitration practice.

The event commenced with Mr. Chengjie Wang, the Vice Chairman of CIETAC, delivering the welcome remark. During the welcome remark, Mr. Wang acknowledged the pivotal role played by CIETAC Hong Kong in contributing towards the internationalization of CIETAC’s arbitration practice. He then went on to mention the initiatives taken by CIETAC towards being globally recognized, such as the inclusion of arbitrators coming from different nations into CIETAC’s Panel of Arbitrators, the opening of the North America Arbitration Center and European Arbitration Center in Vancouver and Vienna respectively and through various collaborations with international organizations. Furthermore, he mentioned about the recognition and enforcement of 58 CIETAC awards in United States of America. This basically shows the global recognition that CIETAC has been acquiring in the recent years. Mr. Wang also announced the release of CIETAC’s Panel of Arbitrators for Investment Arbitration. Finally, he introduced the various events that were to follow in the coming few days of the China Arbitration Week and encouraged the audience to attend the same.

After the keynote speech, the event featured five very interesting sessions. Session One dealt with practical issues related to international arbitration. Session Two of the event featured a highly intriguing and interactive debate on the Prague Rules and IBA Rules on taking of evidence. Session Three featured an interactive, informative and interesting role-play that demonstrated a scenario where a party seeking funding to pursue its claim in arbitration negotiates with a third-party funder with the assistance of a legal representative. Session Four, featured a mock Hong Kong court proceeding which dealt with the seeking of interim measures in aid if an ongoing CIETAC arbitration seated in mainland China. In the last session of the event, the speaker briefly interacted with the audience and summarized the earlier sessions of the event and highlighted the importance each session held in the general practice of international arbitration.

The event concluded with the Closing Remarks by Dr. Wenying Wang, Secretary General of CIETAC Hong Kong. Dr. Wang expressed her sincere thanks and gratitude to the speakers, participants, the CIETAC Hong Kong team and the Hong Kong Law Society and the Hong Kong Bar Association for their contribution and support which ensured the success of the event. She emphasized on the constant efforts taken by CIETAC Hong Kong to organize practice-oriented events which over the years have received positive feedbacks. She highlighted how it is the common goal of every stakeholder of alternative dispute resolution practice to work towards cost-effective and efficient resolution of disputes and encouraged that all of us should work together towards achieving that goal.

Overall, the event was a massive success and it is a proud moment for CIETAC Hong Kong to have held an event which extensively dealt with diverse and highly important topics in the area of international arbitration practice.
On 11 October 2018, the Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center (CIETAC Hong Kong), Mr. Madhav Kumar, participated in the Asia Legal Business (ALB) Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Forum 2018 (the ‘Forum’), held in Hong Kong, as Chairperson and panellist. CIETAC Hong Kong was one of the Supporting Organizations of the Forum.

As the Chairperson of the Forum, Mr. Kumar’s primary roles were to deliver the welcome remarks, anchor the entire Forum and deliver the closing remarks. In his welcome remarks, Mr. Kumar highlighted how the upsurge in mediation, combination of mediation with arbitration and the advancement of technology could impact the way in which alternative dispute resolution is perceived in the future.

The panel discussion that Mr. Kumar participated in was moderated by Dr. Christopher To (Adjunct Professor at City University of Hong Kong) and the session was themed ‘Dispute Smart: Exploring Ways to Develop Creative and Innovative Solutions’. The other panellists were Mr. Dennis Cai (Deputy CEO of the eBRAM Centre), Mr. Jason Poon (Managing Director of China Technology Corporation Ltd.) and Mr. Danny McFadden (Regional Representative of CEDR Asia Pacific). The panel discussed on topics that related to mediation, online dispute resolution and the combination of mediation with arbitration. Mr. Kumar focused on the practice of combining mediation with arbitration and highlighted the benefits of the practice. While speaking on the topic, he showcased CIETAC’s success in adopting the practice and introduced the provisions in the CIETAC Arbitration Rules 2015 and the CIETAC International Investment Arbitration Rules respectively that relates to the practice.

The Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic ("Czech Arbitration Court") and the CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center (CIETAC Hong Kong) signed a Cooperation Agreement in order to work together to promote and develop international arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution methods in Europe and Asia.

JUDr. Ing. Miloš Olík (Partner at Rowan Legal) and Mgr. Michal Čáp (Senior Associate at Rowan Legal) being members of the Czech Arbitration Court represented the Court on behalf of Prof. JUDr. Marie Karfíková, the President of the Czech Arbitration Court. During the signing ceremony, JUDr. Ing. Miloš Olík and Mgr. Michal Čáp shared useful data and statistics related to the Czech Arbitration Court and also briefly described its role in assisting and promoting arbitration practice in Europe. Dr. Wenying Wang (Secretary General at CIETAC Hong Kong), Mr. Brad Wang (Managing Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong) and Mr. Madhav Kumar (Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong) briefly introduced CIETAC’s and CIETAC Hong Kong’s practice. They further discussed on how and in what areas CIETAC Hong Kong and the Czech Arbitration Court could work together moving forward.

This signing of the Cooperation Agreement signifies CIETAC Hong Kong’s constant commitment to work with international bodies and organizations to further develop the recognition and status of alternative dispute resolution on an international level.
On 23rd and 24th February 2019, the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (hereinafter referred to as “CIETAC”) successfully organized the first CIETAC Investment Arbitration Moot (hereinafter referred to as the “Moot”) and the CIETAC Investment Arbitration Seminar at Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, Shanxi province, P.R.C. After an exciting and intense competition between teams representing 14 highly reputed Universities, Shandong University tasted victory and was crowned the Champion team. The Best Advocates awards were bagged by Mr. Li Anhua from Shandong University and Ms. Zhang Huanglan from Peking University School of Transnational Law.

Before the commencement of the Moot, the Vice Chairman and the Secretary General of CIETAC, Mr. Wang Chengjie, welcomed the participants and the participating arbitrators. He also emphasized the importance of Xi’an in the context of the ‘Belt and Road’ initiative and highlighted the significance of the Moot under its context. CIETAC in the recent past has taken numerous efforts to contribute in the field of international investment arbitration. In 2017, it released the CIETAC International Investment Arbitration Rules which filled the gap for China’s investment arbitration practice. Mr. Wang Chengjie further stated that the Moot is being organized based on the experience and momentum gained by CIETAC by organizing the CIETAC Cup every year and that the Moot signifies CIETAC’s active involvement in the field of investment arbitration.

The Moot used the case study used for the 12th Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court which is one of the oldest and most reputed moot court competitions dealing with the subject of investment arbitration. More than 70 students showcased their advocacy skills in front of 29 highly experienced legal practitioners, from China and abroad, who sat as arbitrators in the Moot. In addition to grading the teams for their performance, the judges took time to provide useful and constructive feedback to the teams. The Moot also received strong support from reputed law firms based in China.

The two-day event received positive feedback from the participants, participating arbitrators and observers. Both, the students and the legal professionals, expressed their honour and pleasure to be part of the first edition of the Moot. The Moot not only helped the students to improve their linguistic skills but also provided them with the opportunity to get familiar with the concept and practice of international investment arbitration. The Moot was the first and the only competition held in Chinese mainland dealing with international investment arbitration.

The Moot was immediately followed by the CIETAC Investment Arbitration Seminar which was jointly organized by CIETAC and Xi’an Jiaotong University. The seminar was titled “Buckling-up for Road Bumps Ahead” and was attended by legal professionals, students and academics. The welcome remarks were delivered by the Vice Chairman and Secretary General of CIETAC, Mr. Wang Chengjie. In his remarks, Mr. Wang Chengjie. In his remarks, Mr. Wang Youyou, Deputy Director of Investment Law Division, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce of People’s Republic of China addressed the gathering on behalf of the supporting organization of the seminar, the Investment Law Division, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce of People’s Republic of China. During his address, Mr. Wang Youyou highlighted how China has been increasingly active in the field of international investment. He mentioned that the timing of the Moot and the seminar is highly significant considering China’s ever-expanding involvement in international investment related matters. He specifically pointed out that investment arbitration will play a major role in the near future.

On behalf of the co-organizer of the seminar, Xi’an Jiaotong University, Mr. Shan Wenhua, Dean of Faculty of Law, Xi’an Jiaotong University addressed the gathering. Mr. Shan stressed on how investment arbitration practice will play a very major role in China since it is one of the largest investors in other countries and also one of the largest acceptors of foreign investment. He mentioned that the Law Faculty of Xi’an Jiaotong University has been focussing on research and development in the field of international investment law. He proudly mentioned that Xi’an Jiaotong University has been involved in the drafting of numerous national treaties and also the CIETAC International Investment Arbitration Rules. He stated that the University will be committed to make constant academic contributions in the field of international law and will support relevant organizations to improve the quality of international law knowledge and practice.

The seminar later featured a panel discussion which focussed on the contemporary topics of international...
CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center was invited to participate at the 3rd AIAC-ICC Pre-Moot for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (the “Pre-Moot”) and at the ICC YAF – AIAC YPG Conference (the “Conference”) which were organized from 21 March 2019 to 24 March 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Mr. Madhav Kumar, Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center, participated as a panellist in the Conference and sat as a judge for the Pre-Moot.

In the Conference, Mr. Kumar participated in the 4th Session which featured a panel discussion dealing with the topic ‘Careers in International Arbitration’. The other members of the panel were Mr. Ben Olbourne (Barrister at 39 Essex Chambers), Mr. Chaitanya Arora (Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting) and a Mr. Darshandev Singh (Partner at Lee Hishamuddin and Allen & Gledhill). The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Diana Rahman (Case counsel at AIAC). During the panel discussion each of the panel members introduced their respective roles in the field of international arbitration as an arbitrator, expert witness, practitioner and case manager. The panel further discussed on topics such as the role and relevance of social media in international arbitration practice, the importance of networking in international arbitration and the importance of diversity among the arbitration community.

In the Pre-Moot, Mr. Kumar sat as judge in five (5) matches and evaluated the performance of teams representing South China Normal University (China), Airlangga University (Indonesia), Amity Law School (India), National University of Malaysia, University Malaya (Malaysia), Gujarat National Law University (India) and Peking University of Transnational Law (China) respectively.

The closing remarks were given by Mr. Wang Yong, Vice Mayor of Xi’an City. Vice Mayor Wang Yong firstly congratulated CIETAC for the successful organization of the Moot and the seminar. He mentioned that in the past two years Xi’an has experienced good development and progress in a lot of areas and sectors. In 2018, the GDP growth of Xi’an was 8.2% which makes it the highest-ranked city in China in terms of GDP growth. He specified that the growth and development are attributed to the Belt and Road initiative. He further highlighted that as the starting point of the Silk Road, Xi’an is open to accepting different cultures and tradition and welcomed everyone to invest and contribute to Xi’an’s development. He expressed the efforts that will be taken by the Xi’an Municipal Government to support international commercial dispute resolution and affirmed that the Municipal Government will strive to build an environment which will assist in the development of international law and intellectual property law.

CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center is honoured and delighted to have been actively involved in organizing the Moot and the seminar. The successful organization of the events is a sign of the success achieved by the Center in internationalising the practice and knowledge of arbitration in China.
On 24 and 25 April 2019, the Managing Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center (CIETAC Hong Kong), Mr. Brad Wang and the Counsel at CIETAC Hong Kong, Mr. Madhav Kumar visited Macau under CIETAC Hong Kong’s Greater Bay Area outreach programme. Over the span of two days, several meetings with reputed practitioners based in Macau were held.

In the morning of 24 April 2019, Mr. Wang and Mr. Kumar visited DSL Lawyers and met Ms. Julia Herold (Partner at DSL Lawyers). At the meeting, Mr. Wang briefly introduced CIETAC and CIETAC Hong Kong and also mentioned ways in which DSL Lawyers and CIETAC Hong Kong could collaborate to endorse arbitration practice in Macao within the Greater Bay Area. In the afternoon, a visit was made to Rato, Ling, Lei and Cortés Advogados. Mr. Wang and Mr. Kumar met with Mr. Pedro Cortès (Senior Partner at Rato, Ling, Lei and Cortés Advogados), Mr. Lei Wun Kong (Senior Partner at Rato, Ling, Lei and Cortés Advogados) and Ms. Margarida Chambel (Marketing and Communication Manager at Rato, Ling, Lei and Cortés Advogados). The possibility of future collaborations, the role of Macanese lawyers under the context of the Greater Bay Area and the need to further develop the current arbitration ecosystem in Macau, were discussed during the meeting.

The final meeting of the day was held at the office of Manuela António Advogados. The meeting was attended by Dr. Manuela António (Founding Partner at Manuela António Advogados), Mr. Hugo Ribeiro Couto (Partner at Manuela António Advogados) and Mr. Tiago Assunção (Associate at Manuela António Advogados). The lawyers gave a useful insight on the repercussions of some of the recent amendments made to the Macao Civil Procedural law and its effect on arbitration practice in Macau. Some of the discussions also related to the role of the Government in endorsing arbitration in Macau and on how there are more efforts to be taken to make Macao more suitable for arbitration.

In the morning of 25 April 2019, Mr. Wang and Mr. Kumar visited met with Mr. Rui Filipe Oliveira (Partner at Riquito Advogados) and Mr. Bruno Almeida (Associate at Riquito Advogados) at their office, Riquito Advogados. Most of the discussions held during the meeting pertained to CIETAC and CIETAC Hong Kong’s practice in handling arbitration cases. Additionally, there were discussions about the important role lawyers of Macao would play in channelling parties from Portuguese speaking countries having investments in China. The penultimate meeting scheduled was with the lawyers of MdME Lawyers. Mr. Francisco Leitao (Partner at MdME Lawyers), Ms. Fatima Mendez (Senior Associate at MdME Lawyers) and Ms. Elsa Camuamba (Head of Business Development and Administration at MdMe Lawyers) attended the meeting. The lawyers from MdME Lawyers conveyed their keen interest in working with CIETAC Hong Kong to effectively contribute towards the development of dispute resolution within the Greater Bay Area and expressed their willingness to assist CIETAC Hong Kong in its initiative to bring together lawyers within the Greater Bay Area. The final meeting was held at the office of the Macau Lawyers Association (Associação dos Advogados de Macau) where Mr. Wang and Mr. Kumar were received by Dr. Jorge Neto Valente (President of the Macau Lawyers Association), Dr. Paulino Commandante (Secretary General of the Macau Lawyers Association), Dr. Bruno Nunes (Director at the Macau Lawyers Association) and Ms. Lee Kam Iut (Director at the Macau Lawyers Association). Among other things discussed, Dr. Jorge Neto Valente expressed the need and importance for CIETAC Hong Kong and the Macau Lawyers Association to work together to train practitioners through workshops, lectures, seminars and conferences. The Association collectively also conveyed its interest to be a part of CIETAC Hong Kong’s initiative to bring together lawyers within the Greater Bay Area to develop the dispute resolution sector within the region.
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