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# Launching of JIDRC

– The Challenge –

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# BACKGROUND

In 2003, Japan legislated the Arbitration Act based on UNCITRAL Model Arbitration



## Promotion of ADRs, including arbitration and mediation

has been the agenda for years since the Judicial Reform around the turn of the century.



## Compared with other Asian commercial centers

Such as Hong Kong, Singapore and Seoul, Japan is considerably behind in handling international arbitration/mediation cases



# BACKGROUND

The Japanese Government's initiative for promoting international arbitration and mediation in Japan



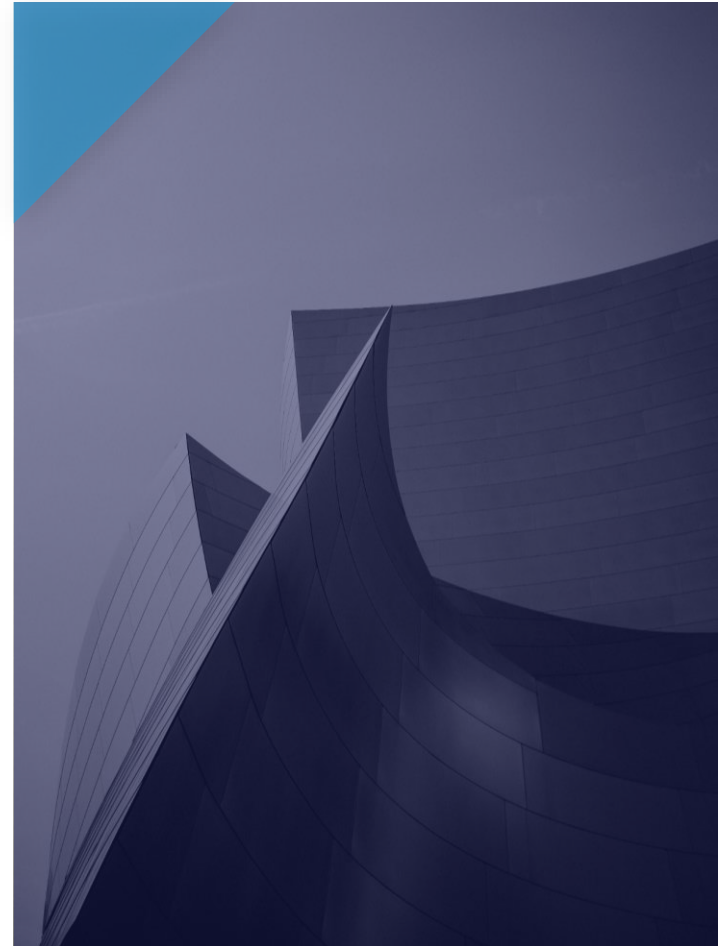
## In the Basic Policy of the Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2017

the Japanese Government identified activation and promotion of international arbitration as one of the Government's important policy objectives (similar objective identification was succeeded in 2018 and 2019)



## Inter-ministry Task Force

was formed and it came up with a report "Conceivable Policies for Invigoration of International Arbitration (国際仲裁の活性化に向けて考えられる施策)" in April 2018 ("Report").



# BACKGROUND

Among various policies proposed the Report



## Legislations

Amendment to Foreign Legal Consultants Law;  
Amendment to Arbitration Act, etc. to reflect UNCITRAL 2006 Model Law;  
Entering into Singapore Convention on International Mediation.



## Facilities



## Promotion and capacity building

The Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (JIDRC) was established for the purpose of coping with B. and C. with certain financial support from the Japanese Government.



**In May 2018, JIDRC-Osaka opened in Nakanoshima, Osaka**



**In 2019, JIDRC started five (5) year research project commissioned by the Japanese Ministry of Justice.**

including operation of an arbitration hearing facility in Tokyo, promotion of international arbitration, capacity building concerning arbitration and mediation.



**On March 30, 2020, JIDRC-Tokyo opened in Toranomon, Tokyo = Toranomon-Hills Business Tower 5F**



**Early April 2020 – May 2020, JIDRC-Tokyo was temporarily closed due to Covid-19 situation.**



# JIDRC

## Facilities



Reception



Breakout Room 1

# JIDRC Facilities



Hearing Room A



Hearing Room B

# JIDRC Facilities



Hearing Room A+B for  
Seminar



Interpreter Room



# JIDRC Facilities



Corridor



Utility Room

# JIDRC

## Services



### JIDRC-Tokyo

Morning Set: from 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Afternoon Set: from 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Evening Set: from 5:00pm to 9:00pm

#### Price

The service charges per four hours for the use of the facilities are:

Main room: 50,000 JPY/

Medium room: 25,000 JPY/

Small room: 20,000 JPY.



### JIDRC-Osaka

Morning Set: from 9:00am to 1:30 pm  
Afternoon Set: from 1:30 pm to 6:00pm

#### Price

The service charges per four and half hours for the use of the facilities are:

Main room: 50,000 JPY/

Medium room: 10,000 JPY/

Small room: 5,000 JPY.



# Challenge

## Promotion and Capacity Building

Promoting international arbitration and mediation in Japan in cooperation with JCAA, JMIC and other arbitration/mediation institutions in Japan as well as international arbitration institutions outside of Japan such as ICC, HKIAC, KCAB, SIAC, VIAC, etc.

Capacity building: Cultivating human resources for international arbitration and mediation, both arbitrator/mediator side and advocate side.

# Challenge

Coping with increasing needs for web-hearings

**Utilizing video-conferencing systems, JIDRC can host “virtual hearings” (hearings and procedural conferences without all participants physically meeting at one place).**

For example:

Arbitrator/Mediator is at JIDRC-Tokyo and other participants are at other places.

One of the participants is at JIDRC-Tokyo and other participants are at JIDRC-Osaka.



# Challenge

Coping with increasing needs for web-hearings  
Available services and equipment:



Video conference system suited  
to virtual hearing



Wifi service enabling the stable  
transmission and receipt of images  
and sound



Use of real-time script  
preparation service



Use of simultaneous  
interpretation service





# Thank you!

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