



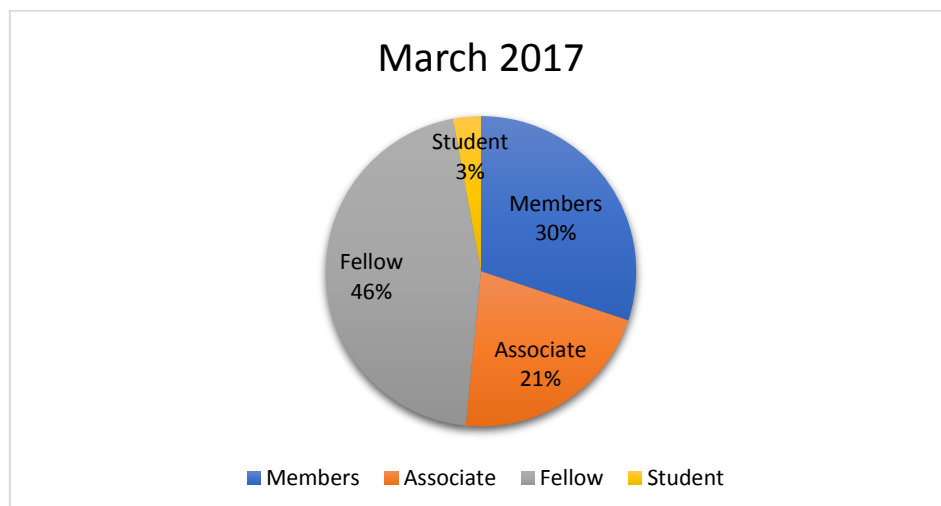
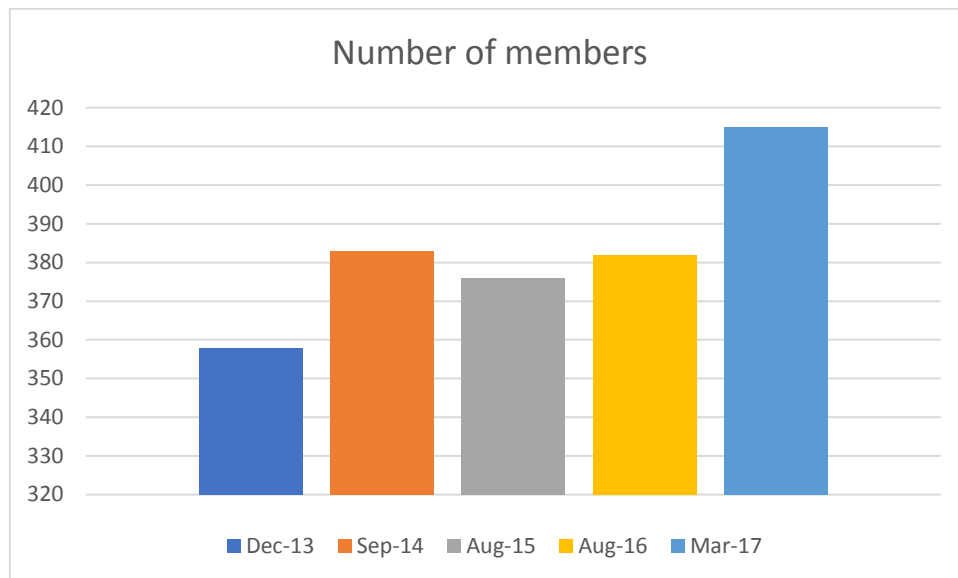
# Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Singapore Branch: 2017 AGM – Directors’ Report

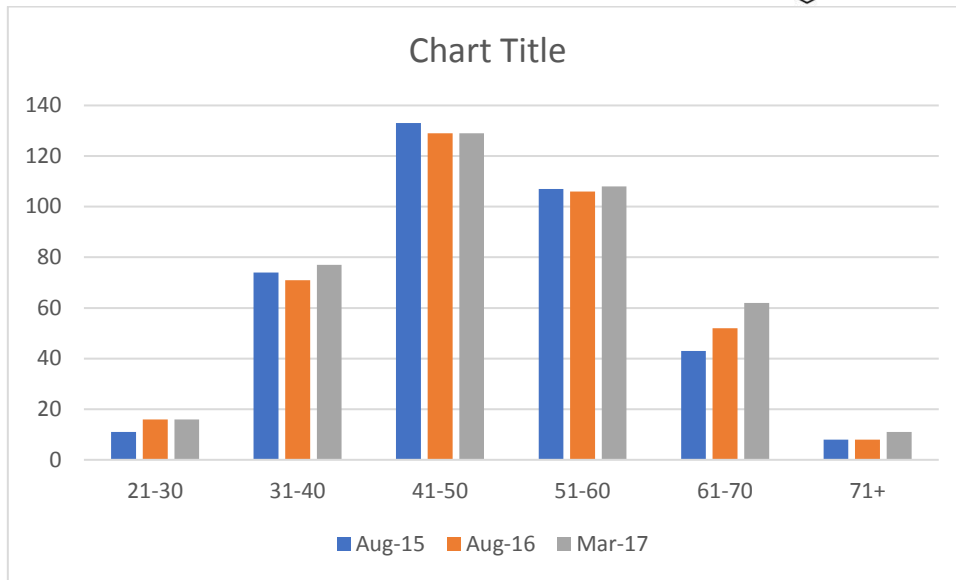
## Introduction

2016 had been a fruitful year for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore Branch. Membership has grown from 382 in August 2016 to 415 as of March 2017, an 8.6% increase of 33 members including 12 new student members in less than 6 months. The Branch also conducted more courses and events in 2016. Significantly, the inaugural CI Arb Asia Pacific Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration Course was successfully launched in Singapore in 2016 as a joint venture between the Australia, East Asia and Singapore branches.

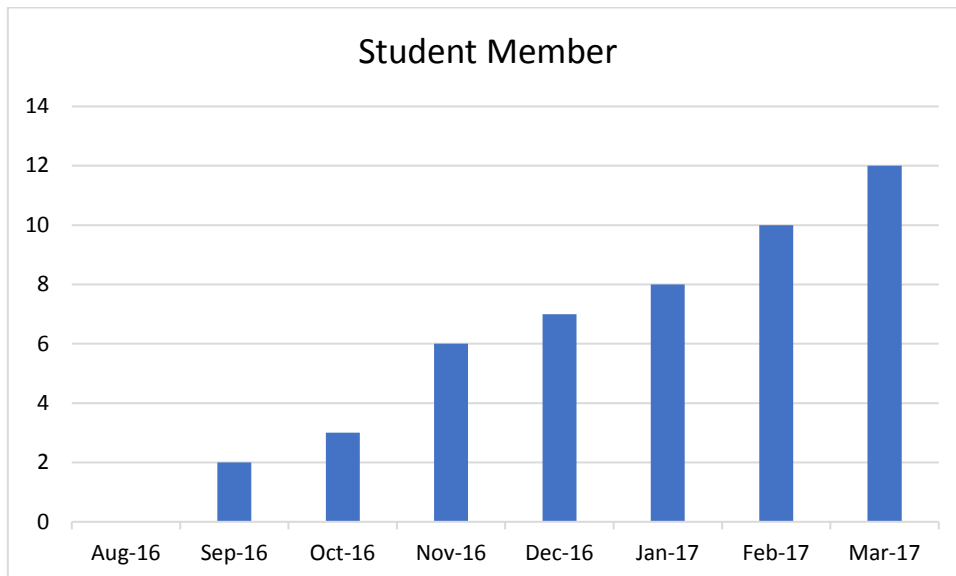
## Membership

As of March 2017, the Singapore Branch has 415 members, namely, 125 Members, 89 Associate, 189 Fellows and 12 students. The Singapore Branch welcomed 50 new members in 2016 and 21 new members in the first quarter of 2017.





The Branch embarked on the student membership recruitment drive in 2016 and had approached the local universities to encourage law students to join as CI Arb student members. The Branch welcomed 12 new student members as at end March 2017.



**Directors**

As of this year's AGM, the Singapore Branch has 16 Directors. They are:

1. Francis Xavier
2. Chou Sean Yu
3. Jonathan Choo
4. Richard Hayler
5. Richard Tan
6. Paul Sandosham
7. Raja Bose
8. Timothy Cooke



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9. Kent Phillips
10. Balasamy Rengarajoo
11. Matthew Wills
12. Andrew Yeo
13. Sapna Jhangiani
14. Amanda Joan Lees
15. Simon Peter Dunbar
16. Mark McGeoch

### Events

Several events were organised in 2016, attracting a total attendance of 454 participants. The events were, namely:

- The 4th ALA(S)-CI Arb-SCCA Golf Triangular Challenge,
- Talks by David Bateson, on "THE GOLDEN AGE OF ARBITRATION OR HAS THE GOLDEN GOOSE BEEN SLAIN?";
- Talk by Ben Giaretta on PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION;
- Talk by Michael Lee on "Managing the uncooperative party";
- The SIAC-CI Arb Debate: "This house proposes that an arbitral award that has been set aside at the seat may, and often should, be enforced abroad."; and
- Talk by David Bailey QC on "Promises to Arbitrate and their Enforcement"

### Professional Development and Courses

We continue to offer arbitration courses at various levels to upgrade the level of knowledge and expertise of our members and members of the public, and have conducted courses not only in Singapore but in other countries in collaboration with professional organizations in those countries and our colleagues from the regional branches and chapters.

The following Courses were held between August 2016 and April 2017:

#### Singapore

- Module 3 Practice and Procedure (5 October 2016 to 17 May 2017)
- Module 4 International Arbitration Award Writing (14 October 2016 to 7 March 2017)
- Peer Interview (1st March 2017)
- Module 2 Law of International Arbitration (10 March to 12 July 2017)
- Introduction to International Arbitration (28 March 2017)
- Accelerated Route to Membership (ARM) (12 April to 13 April 2017)

#### Active Regional Outreach Programme

- Introduction to International Arbitration for Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) (19 January to 20 January 2017)

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Singapore Branch was delighted to receive a delegation from the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) to attend the Introduction to International Arbitration course in Singapore on 19-20 January 2017. This 2-day training was successfully organised and well attended by 47 delegates from the public and private sectors of Bangladesh. The course provided an understanding of the general principles of international (i.e. non-domestic) arbitration and its relationship to other dispute resolution processes, as well as an introduction to the legal framework of, and good practice and procedure in, international arbitration in their jurisdiction.

Led by Mr. Francis Xavier (Chairman, CI Arb Singapore) & Mr. Chou Sean Yu (Vice-Chairman, CI Arb Singapore), the teaching team included Ms. Sapna Jhangiani, Ms. Amanda Lees and Mr Paul Sandosham as well as two guest speakers Ms. Delphine Ho from SIAC and Mr. Abhinav Bhushan from the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Mr. Shahidul Haque, Secretary to the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs division of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary affairs of Bangladesh, graced the inaugural ceremony together with distinguished guests Ms Lim Seok Hui, Chief Executive of Singapore International Arbitration Centre



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(SIAC), Mr. Muhammad A. (Rume) Ali, CEO of BIAC and Mr Ataur Rahman, Secretary General of ICC Bangladesh. The ceremony also witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between BIAC and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) to foster closer alliance and partnership.

Besides being a learning platform, there were ample opportunities for delegates, speakers and guests to meet and network, which was a great takeaway from the event.

The following are the forthcoming courses to be organised from April 2017:

Singapore

- Accelerated Route towards Fellowship (ARF) (25 to 26 April 2017)
- Accelerated Route to Membership (ARM) (20 to 21 September 2017)
- Introduction to International Arbitration (18 September 2017)
- Module 1 Law of Obligation and Civil Evidence (10 October 2017 to 12 June 2018)
- Module 3 Practice and Procedure (6 October 2017 to 25 May 2018)
- Module 4 International Arbitration Award Writing (14 October 2017 to 7 March 2018)

Hong Kong

- CI Arb Asia Pacific Diploma in International Arbitration from 12 – 20 August 2017

We are grateful to all the tutors, moderators, markers and assessors on the Approved Faculty List of the CI Arb who have taken time from their busy schedules to assist in these courses in their respective roles.

We are also grateful to the Professional Development sub-committee, co-chaired by Richard Tan and Chou Sean Yu and its members, and to the Secretariat for assisting with the running of the courses.

In addition, we are also grateful to the SIAC and ICC for sending representatives to speak at some of the courses on institutional arbitration as special guest speakers.

**Finances**

The Singapore Branch's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been circulated to members.

The Branch's financial position remains healthy and at the end of the financial year the Branch maintained a strong positive cash balance. Earnings grew from the revenue obtained from many courses conducted by the Branch, which will sustain the operations of the Branch going forward and allow more programmes, courses and events to be organized.

We are grateful for the work of the Honorary Treasurer, Richard Hayler and the Secretariat, EPC.

Reported by Francis Xavier  
CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the directors of the Singapore branch  
24 April 2017