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East Meets Algorithm: The Future of ADR in Asia's Digital Wave

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About the Summit



Theme: East Meets Algorithm: The Future of ADR in Asia’s Digital Wave

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Venue: Nanning, GuangXi, China

The **Asia ADR Summit** returns for its second edition with renewed vision and momentum. Organized by the **Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)** in collaboration with **Guangxi University** and the **Nanning Arbitration Commission**, the 2025 Summit is set against the backdrop of a rapidly digitizing world and shifting global conflict dynamics.

Themed “**East Meets Algorithm: The Future of ADR in Asia’s Digital Wave**,” this year’s Summit explores how technologies such as AI, blockchain, online dispute resolution (ODR), and smart contracts are reshaping alternative dispute resolution across Asia and beyond. As digital transformation permeates economies and legal systems, ADR must innovate to stay relevant, inclusive, and effective.

Hosted in **Nanning, GuangXi, China**—a strategic city bridging ASEAN and China—the Summit provides a timely platform to foster cross-border cooperation. In an era of rising trade disputes and regional tension, trusted ADR frameworks are essential to promoting stability and economic resilience.

Over four days, international and regional experts, practitioners, policymakers, and academics will gather for keynote speeches, panels, workshops, and networking sessions. The Summit will spotlight both enduring principles and emerging trends in mediation, arbitration, ODR, and hybrid mechanisms, reflecting Asia’s diversity and its growing global influence.

About the Organizers



ASIAN INSTITUTE OF
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

Delivering Excellence in ADR

The **Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)** is the first not-for-profit, member-based Asian center dedicated to advancing Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). **Established in April 2018**, AIADR was launched by His Excellency Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn, former Secretary General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO), and Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, President of the AIADR Council.

AIADR is committed to promoting ADR through **accessible** and **affordable** education, capacity building, and professional development. With a primary focus on Asia and Africa—expanding to Central and South America—the Institute serves as a global platform for fostering best practices, enhancing dispute resolution expertise, and supporting economic growth by minimizing conflicts.

Unlike traditional ADR institutions that are often regional or national-centric, AIADR is designed to be an inclusive think-tank, bridging gaps and creating opportunities for emerging economies. By emphasizing cultural sensitivities in business and dispute resolution, AIADR champions a truly international approach, empowering underrepresented regions through training, networking, and collaboration.

As Asia, Africa, and Central America increasingly drive global economic growth—further propelled by initiatives like the Belt & Road Initiative—AIADR is at the forefront of supporting businesses, investors, and stakeholders in navigating disputes efficiently and ensuring the success of cross-border projects.

AIADR's mission is to accelerate the global adoption of ADR by fostering international cooperation, strengthening dispute resolution frameworks, and enhancing access to justice through innovative and practical solutions.

About the Organizers



廣西大學法學院
LAW SCHOOL OF GUANGXI UNIVERSITY

The predecessor of the **Law School of Guangxi University** was the Law Department of the former Guangxi University School of Liberal Arts and Law. Established in 1937, the department began enrolling students in February of that year.

The school was granted the authority to confer master's degrees in the first-level discipline of law in 2007, along with the LL.M. degree. In 2011, it was selected as part of the Ministry of Education's first batch of bases for training applied and interdisciplinary legal talents. In 2019, its law program was recognized as a national first-class undergraduate program. In 2021, it was included in the Ministry of Education's first cohort of "New Liberal Arts" initiatives.

Currently, the Law School has **41 full-time faculty members, 648 undergraduate students, and 567 master's students**. It hosts three key research platforms: the Guangxi Autonomous Region Key Base for Humanities and Social Sciences, the Legislative Research Base of the Standing Committee of the Guangxi Autonomous Region People's Congress, and the Procuratorial Theory Research Base of the Guangxi Autonomous Region People's Procuratorate.

Over the past five years, the school has undertaken 36 provincial and ministerial research projects, including major initiatives funded by the National Social Science Foundation, the China Law Society, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, and the Guangxi Philosophy and Social Sciences program. Faculty members have published over 40 academic papers in Chinese Social Sciences and other leading law journals.

In the last four decades, **the school has trained more than 7,500 graduates at both bachelor's and master's levels**. Many alumni have gone on to excel in legal practice and education, with a number rising to prominence in the legal field.

About the Organizers



Established in 1996, the Nanning Arbitration Commission (also known as the Nanning International Arbitration Court, or NIAC) is the sole civil and commercial arbitration institution in Nanning, authorized by the Nanning Municipal People's Government in accordance with the Arbitration Law of the People's Republic of China and under the unified deployment of the State Council. In July 2020, with the approval of the Nanning Municipal People's Government and for the record of the Department of Justice of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Nanning International Arbitration Court was formally established to undertake international commercial arbitration functions.

NIAC is comprised of experts and distinguished professionals from various fields, including law, economics, trade, construction, and finance. Its panel of arbitrators includes esteemed professors, researchers, senior economists, certified public accountants, engineers, lawyers, and judges, as well as specialists with extensive experience in arbitration, litigation, and economic governance. The team also includes scholars and experts from sectors such as banking, securities, real estate, international trade, and science and technology. This highly qualified roster ensures the fair, efficient, and impartial handling of a wide range of arbitration cases.

In recent years, NIAC has achieved steady growth, with a year-on-year increase in the number of cases handled, placing it among the leading arbitration institutions in China in terms of caseload. The scope of cases includes disputes involving real estate transactions, construction projects, commodity trading, equity transfers, finance, transportation, property management, manufacturing, and service contracts.

Parties to these cases originate not only from mainland China but also from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, as well as international jurisdictions such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Australia, Canada, Japan, and the British Virgin Islands. NIAC's commitment to professional excellence and high-quality service has earned widespread recognition and trust from its clients, contributing to its strong reputation and positive image in the legal and commercial communities.

Platinum Sponsor



Chung Ting Fai & Co. is a boutique law firm based in Singapore, recognized for its commitment to delivering high-quality legal services across multiple jurisdictions including Singapore, Malaysia, Japan and China. With a reputation for professionalism and integrity, the firm has built a strong foundation in both local and international legal arenas, offering strategic counsel and tailored solutions to clients worldwide. Specializing in a wide range of legal fields, including civil and commercial law, dispute resolution, and cross-border probate and family office. The firm has become a trusted partner for individuals, businesses, and multinational corporations alike. The firm's multi-jurisdictional expertise allows it to navigate the complexities of cross-border transactions and international legal frameworks with precision and insight.

A key strength of the firm lies in its team of highly qualified bilingual lawyers. Our lawyers are efficiently bilingual, and some lawyers are multilingual. The firm is known not only for its technical expertise but also for its client-centric approach, prioritizing clarity, responsiveness, and long-term results. Whether representing clients in court, advising, or assisting with regulatory compliance, the firm consistently upholds the highest standards of legal excellence.

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Regional Partners



Supporting Organizations & Media Partner



Media Partner



The Programme

21st August 2025 - Day 1

6.00pm – 10.00pm — Welcome Reception @ Landmark Hotel

(118 East Daxue Road (Daxue Dong Lu), Xixiangtang District, Nanning, Guangxi)



The Programme

22nd August 2025 - Day 2

9.00am – 9.30am — Registration

9.30am – 10.00am — Summit Official photograph

10.00am – 10.45am — Opening Ceremony

10.45am – 11.15am — Keynote Address : *The Future of ADR in Asia's Digital Wave*

11.30am – 12.00pm — AIADR ODR System Launching Ceremony

Lunch Break

1.15pm – 2.30pm — Roundtable Session: *ODR in Asia: Boom or Bubble in E-Commerce Disputes?*

2.30pm – 3.45pm — Panel Discussion: *The New Playbook: How AI is Reshaping ADR*

Coffee Break

4.30pm – 5.45pm — Oxford Style Debate: *Institutional vs. Ad-Hoc Arbitration: Which Fits Asia's Digital Economy?*

The Programme

23rd August 2025 - Day 3

- 9.00am - 10.00am — Guangxi University Campus Tour
- 10.00am - 10.15am — Special Address
- 10.15am - 11.30am — Roundtable Session: *Regulating AI in ADR: Who Writes the Rules?*
- 11.45am - 12.45pm — Townhall Session: *The Tribunal Secretary's Evolving Role: From Note-Taker to Tech Facilitator*

Lunch Break

- 2.00pm - 3.15pm — Panel Session: Expert Witnesses in Asia's Digital ADR Landscape
- 3.15pm - 4.30pm — Oxford Style Debate: Virtual Hearings and E-Mediation: The New Normal or a Passing Phase?

Coffee Break

- 5.15pm - 6.00pm — MoU Signing Ceremony & Certification Handouts
- 6.00pm - 6.30pm — Closing Ceremony
- 7.00pm... — Networking Cocktail Reception

The Programme

24th August 2025 - Day 4

10.00am – 6.00pm — **City Tour - Discovering Nanning: A Cultural and Strategic Insights**



25th August 2025 - Day 5

10.00am – 6.00pm — **Visit to Local Law Firms, Networking & Business Opportunities**

CACACC

中国—东盟商事仲裁协作中心
China-ASEAN Commercial Arbitration Cooperation Center

NIAC

南宁仲裁委员会
Nanning Arbitration Commission

南宁国际仲裁院
Nanning International Arbitration Court

Past Event Highlights

Some snapshots from the previous Asia ADR Summit held in Kuala Lumpur



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Contact Us



The 2nd Asia ADR Summit promises to be a remarkable and unforgettable gathering of global minds in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. However, this Summit will only reach its full potential with the strong support of the international ADR community.

We are currently seeking supporting organizations to help us:

- Spread the word about the Summit,
- Send representatives to participate,
- And explore opportunities to sign Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with like-minded institutions during the event.

We are also welcoming sponsors, whose invaluable contributions will enable us to deliver the Summit on the scale and impact we envision. Without your generous support, this ambitious initiative cannot be fully realized.

If your organization is interested in collaborating, sponsoring, or being part of this landmark event, please contact us at:

 thesecretariat@aiadr.world

Let's work together to make the 2nd Asia ADR Summit a resounding success.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Registration Instruction

1

Visit our website at :
<https://aiadr.world/asia-adr-summit-2025/>

2

Fill out the registration form & proceed with payment

3

Confirmation & Hotel details email will be send to you
within 7 working days.

4

Revert back to us with your preferred hotel rooms

5

Registration is Complete & you are set to attend the
2nd Asia ADR Summit 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the 2nd Asia ADR Summit taking place this year?

The 2nd Asia ADR Summit will be held at the vibrant city **Nanning, Guangxi, China**

Are airport transfers provided for international delegates?

No. Airport pick-up upon arrival and transportation back to the airport after the Summit are not provided by the organizers. Delegates are encouraged to use:

- Ride-hailing (recommended)
- Taxi
- Public transport

How can I book a ride-hailing in Nanning?

Download the “**DiDi Ride-Hailing**” app (recommended to download and register **before arrival**).

- Estimated fare: **RMB 44 – 90**
(subject to peak hours & weather condition)



Will transportation be provided during the Summit?

Yes. Daily transportation **between the recommended hotel (Landmark Hotel) and the Summit venue** will be arranged by the organisers.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where should I stay during the Summit?

The recommended accommodation is the **Landmark Hotel**, which is conveniently located near the Summit venue.



How do I book the hotel room?

Kindly email to thesecretariate@aiadr.world. The AIADR team will assist with the booking arrangements.

Please indicate your intended Check in & Check out date.

Are hotel expenses covered by the organizers?

No. All accommodation expenses are to be **borne by the delegates**. However, AIADR will assist in room booking. Payment can be made directly at the hotel concierge upon arrival.

What payment methods are accepted at the hotel?

Cash: RMB only 

Card: Visa and MasterCard accepted 

Can I stay at a hotel other than the Landmark Hotel?

Yes, delegates are free to stay at any hotel of their choice. However, official transportation to and from the Summit venue will only be provided from the Landmark Hotel. Delegates staying elsewhere will need to make their own transport arrangements.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should i do upon check in Hotel?

Upon arrival, a registration booth will be available at the hotel lounge. All participants **must** register at the booth for the Welcome Reception and the Summit.

Note: A mandatory facial recognition scan will be conducted during registration, as required by Guangxi University (the venue host) for security reasons.

What time does the Summit start on the first day?

9:00 AM – Registration

9:30 AM – Official Group Photo

10:00 AM – Summit Commences...

How will I get to the Summit venue from the hotel?

Daily transport will be provided by the organizers.

Are meals provided during the Summit?

Yes. Lunch and tea breaks will be provided.
Breakfast is included in the hotel reservation and advise to take beforehand.

Will Halal food be served during the Summit?

While meals served during the Summit are not **Halal-certified** due to local certification limitations in China. However, there will be pork-free meals provided.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is scheduled during the “Free & Easy” session?

Volunteers will be assigned to assist delegates in exploring the city and discovering local attractions and restaurants.

What can I expect from the Nanning City Tour (24 August 2025)?

Join a relaxed and enjoyable tour of Nanning’s cultural and historic attractions.

- Full itinerary to be released soon
- Transportation will be provided

What is planned for the Law Firm and Arbitration Institution visits?

Delegates will visit selected local law firms and arbitration institutions, including **Nanning International Arbitration Court (NIAC)** and **China-ASEAN Commercial Arbitration Cooperation Center (CACACC)**.

- Roundtable discussions will be held
- Institutions will present insights into their work and the regional ADR landscape

Is the City Tour & Visitation mandatory ?

Participation is voluntary, and delegates may attend at their discretion. However, prior reservation to these events is required.

Frequently Asked Questions

 Are there any tourist attractions nearby?

Yes. Volunteers will assist in recommending and guiding delegates to notable tourist spots around Nanning.

 Are there recommended food options?

Yes. A list of recommended local dishes and restaurants will be available at the registration booth.

 Are convenience stores and pharmacies nearby?

Yes. Volunteers will be available to guide you to the nearest convenience stores and pharmacies.

 Is laundry service available at the hotel?

Yes. The designated hotel offers laundry services for guest convenience.

 How can I obtain an official letter for visa application purposes?

Please email your request to thesecretariat@aiadr.world.

Frequently Asked Questions

 Is the Summit a hybrid event?

No. The Asia ADR Summit 2025 is a fully physical event.

 Is internet/Wi-Fi easily accessible in Nanning, China?

It is highly recommended to purchase international roaming or a local SIM card before arriving in Nanning for seamless communication and navigation.

 What is the official language of the Summit?

The Summit will be conducted in English. Simultaneous translation devices (English ⇌ Chinese) will be available upon request.

Note: These devices only support English and Chinese.

 How do I contact the organiser for further information?

For any queries or clarifications, kindly email thesecretariate@aiadr.world

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