Freshfields – HKU Annual Arbitration Lecture

Why Good Arbitration Cannot Compensate for Bad Courts

by

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6:15pm for registration
6:30pm for presentation
7:30pm for drinks

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Professor Paulsson observes that it may seem paradoxical that the legal systems that have the best courts are the most likely to defer to arbitration, while those whose courts are riddled with incompetence and arbitrariness tend to insist on imposing them on the populace. Still, it would be a mistake to think that arbitration could ever function for long as an enclave of superiority. The ideal of complementarity is attained through constant, tireless, and respectful dialogue.

Professor Jan Paulsson, former head of Freshfields’ international arbitration group, is president of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, president of the Administrative Tribunal of the OECD, vice-president of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and former president of the London Court of International Arbitration and the World Bank Administrative Tribunal. He has acted as counsel or arbitrator in hundreds of international arbitrations as well as in cases before the International Court of Justice.

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