

# EDITORIAL

This issue of *Asian Dispute Review* commences with Guanglei Zhang and Jinhui Zhang's article on the gradual acceptance of *ad hoc* arbitrations in China. The commentary that follows it, on improvements in Vietnam's International Dispute Settlement facilities, is written by Leif Schneider, Minh Nguyen and Truong Le.

This is followed by Konstantin Voropaev's interesting article on the existence and use of religious tribunals as ADR mechanisms, and their relationship with rules of arbitration in the secular world.

For the In-house Counsel Focus article, Emmanuel Jacomy, Edward Taylor and Eric Li give practical insights into the development of emergency arbitration in Mainland China. This is followed by Jane Willems' discussion on the arbitration landscape of Laos for the Jurisdiction Focus article.

The book review is by Arthur (Xiao) Dong, who reviews *China and International Dispute Resolution in the Context of the 'Belt and Road Initiative'* (edited by Wenhua Shan, Sheng Zhang, and Jinyuan Su), which highlights the numerous legal and political issues discussed by its contributors.

Finally, this issue concludes with the News section written by Robert Morgan.

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