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Livingstons Legal brings ICC Arbitration Seminar to the UMFCCI (26 August 2016)



Livingstons Legal Managing Director Mark Livingston delivers remarks at the August arbitration seminar.

Livingstons Legal, in cooperation with the [International Chamber of Commerce](#) (ICC), sponsored and organized a public seminar on international commercial arbitration that was held on August 20th at the [Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry](#).

The Myanmar government became party to the [Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards](#) (New York Convention) in 2013 and in 2016 enacted the [Myanmar Arbitration Act](#).

The public seminar provided a forum for commentary from [Robert S. Pé](#), who spoke about the importance of [establishing a Myanmar arbitration centre and a commercial court system](#) that would facilitate investment and ensure disputes are settled equitably. Abhinav Bhushan, South Asia Director for the ICC, also provided comments for local media on the importance of Myanmar establishing itself as a neutral arbitral forum for potential foreign investors.

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Robert S. Pé and Abhinav Bhushan giving interviews following the mediation seminar.



The ICC two-day arbitration training workshop for young Myanmar lawyers.

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The seminar was preceded by a [two-day arbitration training workshop](#) provided to a group of young Myanmar lawyers and businesspeople by international arbitration experts travelling to Yangon for the purpose at the invitation of the ICC.



Benjamin Wagner conducting arbitration training for Myanmar lawyers.

The ICC workshop was the culmination of pro bono eight-week international commercial arbitration training program begun in 2015 by Livingstons Legal Special Counsel Benjamin Wagner. With the benefit of prior training and coursework in international arbitration, twenty Myanmar lawyers were able to benefit from this specialized training. Their interest and expertise in arbitration has grown and has led to the formation of the International Arbitration Club of Myanmar.

Livingstons Legal will continue to sponsor and promote events of this kind as part of our commitment to participating in training and development programs for the betterment of the legal profession in Myanmar.

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